

15th INTERNATIONAL BLITZ CHESS FESTIVAL (23/10)

ORGANIZERS: Protypi Chess Academy of Thessaloniki with the support of the Chess Club Union of Thessaloniki-Halkidiki.

PLAYING HALL: [Philippion Hotel](#)

TIME CONTROL: 3'+2". The tournament is valid for FIDE Blitz rating.

TIEBREAKS: 1. Buchholz cut-1 2. Buchholz 3. Direct Encounter 4. Average rating of opponents 5. Greater number of victories

ROUNDS: 11-round Swiss.

ENTRY FEE: General fee 15 euros. For those who also participate in Rapid, the total fee for both events is 30 euros. Players with disabilities pay 50% less. Chess players with FIDE Blitz rating over 2300 free of charge. Holders of GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles do not pay an entry fee.

REGISTRATION: By completing the following participation form <https://chess-venue.vercel.app/tournaments/cmsssyppoa000004jrs5m0bryt>. The deadline for registration is Thursday 22/10 at 23:00. Entries beyond this deadline will not be accepted as the form will be closed. The maximum number of players allowed is 100.

Confirmation of participation and entry fee payments **in cash** from 15:45 to 16:45 at the playing hall. Those who do not confirm their participation in time will enter the tournament from the 2nd round. Please inform us in time in case of cancellation of your participation by mail at proacademy2023@gmail.com.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 23/10	
1st ROUND: 17:00	7th ROUND: 19:10
2nd ROUND: 17:30	8th ROUND: 19:30
3rd ROUND: 17:50	9th ROUND: 19:50
4th ROUND: 18:10	10th ROUND: 20:10
5th ROUND: 18:30	11th ROUND: 20:30
6th ROUND: 18:50	CLOSING CEREMONY 21:00

PRIZES (€350):

1st €150	2nd €100	3rd €60
1st woman €40		

Prize money is not shared in the event of a tie. In case a player is eligible for multiple prizes they only get the higher one. Cup for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the final standings and the 1st female. Medals for the first three in general standings and the first girl in the age categories U12 and U10.

19th INTERNATIONAL RAPID CHESS FESTIVAL (24-25/10)

ORGANIZERS: Protypi Chess Academy of Thessaloniki with the support of the Chess Club Union of Thessaloniki-Halkidiki.

PLAYING HALL: [Philippion Hotel](#)

GROUP A (Valid for FIDE rapid rating):

- All players with FIDE rating (regardless of age)
- All players over 12 years old (born in 2013 and before) with or without FIDE rating
- Players 12 years old and below (born 01/01/2014 and after) with a FIDE rating can choose whether to compete in Group A or B

GROUP B (Not valid for FIDE rating)

- Players 12 years old and below (born 01/01/2014 and after) with or without FIDE rating

TIME CONTROL: GROUP A: 10'+5''. Group B: 7'+5''.

TIEBREAKS: 1. Buchholz cut-1 2. Buchholz 3. Direct Encounter 4. Average rating of opponents 5. Greater number of victories

ROUNDS: 9-round Swiss for Group A and 7-round Swiss for Group B.

ENTRY FEE: Group A general fee: 20 euros. For those who also participate in Blitz, the total fee for both events is 30 euros. Players with disabilities pay 50% less. Chess players with FIDE Rapid rating over 2300 free of charge. Holders of GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles do not pay an entry fee. Group B general fee: 15 euros.

REGISTRATION: By completing the following participation form: <https://chess-venue.vercel.app/tournaments/cmssypoa000004jrs5m0bryt> The deadline for registration is Thursday 22/10 at 23:00. The maximum number of players allowed is 100.

Confirmation of participation and entry fee payments **in cash** from 15:45 to 16:45 for Group A and from 09:15 to 09:45 for Group B at the playing hall. Those who do not confirm their participation in time will enter the tournament from the 2nd round. Please inform us in time in case of cancellation of your participation by mail at proacademy2023@gmail.com.

GROUP A PLAYING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 24/10	SUNDAY 25/10
1st ROUND: 17:00	6th ROUND: 10:00
2nd ROUND: 17:50	7th ROUND: 10:50
3rd ROUND: 18:40	8th ROUND: 11:40
4th ROUND: 19:30	9th ROUND: 12:30
5th ROUND: 20:20	CLOSING CEREMONY 13:45

PRIZES (€800):

1st €200	2nd €150	3rd €100
4th €80	5th €80	6th €80
1st woman €60	1 st veteran S50 €50	

Prize money is not shared in the event of a tie. In case a player is eligible for multiple prizes they only get the higher one. Cups for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the final standings and the 1st female, medals for the 4th, 5th and 6th in the final standings and the first veteran (50+). Medals for the first three in general standings and the first girl in the age categories U16, U14, U12 and U10. Each player is eligible to get an award only in the category that he belongs according to his birthday year and not in any category above.

GRAND-PRIX PRIZES (€450): Those who participate in both Blitz and Rapid compete for the following prizes by adding up the points they earned in both tournaments. In the event of a tie, the prizes are not shared, and the prize goes to the player who finished higher in Rapid.

1st €200	2nd €150	3rd €100
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GROUP B PLAYING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 24/10	
1 st ROUND: 10:00	5 th ROUND: 12:20
2 nd ROUND: 10:35	6 th ROUND: 12:55
3 rd ROUND: 11:10	7 th ROUND: 13:30
4 th ROUND: 11:45	CLOSING CEREMONY 14:15

Group B: Cups for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the final standings and the 1st girl. Medals for the first three and the first girl not in the final standings in the age categories U12, U10, U8. Each player is eligible to get an award only in the category that he belongs according to his birthday year and not in any category above. All of the participants will be awarded a participation diploma.

ACCOMMODATION AT HOTEL PHILIPPION

Double room: €51
Triple room: €48
Single room: €71
Children up to 12 years old as a third person in a room: €33

The above prices are **per person** and **include full board**. The accommodation tax (5 euros per room per night) is not included. Meals start with dinner and end with lunch.

Hotel reservations only through the e-mail proacademy2023@gmail.com

TERMS FOR TITLED PLAYERS: After contacting the organizer through e-mail at proacademy2023@gmail.com

GMs and WGMs are offered free accommodation with full board in double rooms while IMs and WIMs are offered 50% discount in the above prices (for a limited number of players).

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Georgios Diamantopoulos

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For anything not mentioned in the announcement, the tournament director is responsible.

