

Bambuchess Chess Festival

(VI Festival Escuela de Ajedrez Bambuchess)

26-30 December 2026

1.- EVENTS

- **Bambuchess Masters:** valid for IM, WGM and WIM norms.
- **Open IRT Under 2400:** FIDE-rated, open to players with a FIDE rating below 2400.
- **Open IRT Under 1800:** FIDE-rated, open to players with a FIDE rating below 1800.
- **Bambuchess Christmas Blitz:** FADA-rated.

2.- ELIGIBILITY

Spanish players must hold a valid federation licence. Foreign players must have a **FIDE ID**. The tournament is limited to **120 participants**. Places will be allocated on a first-paid, first-served basis.

3.- VENUE, DATES AND SCHEDULE

Nave Municipal de Eventos, Severo Ochoa Street, Villablanca (Huelva), Spain					
TORNEO	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec	30 Dec
Bambuchess Masters	16.30 h	10.00 h 16.30 h	10.00 h 16.30 h	10.00 h 16.30 h	10.00 h 16.30 h
Open IRT Under 2400 (60' + 30'')	16.30 h 19.45 h	9.00 h 12.15 h 17.00 h	9.00 h 12.15 h		
Open IRT Under 1800 (30' + 30'')	16.30 h 19.00 h	9.00 h 12.00 h 16.00 h 18.30 h	9.00 h 12.00 h		
Christmas Blitz (3' + 2'')			17.30 h		

The prize-giving ceremony will take place on 28 December at 4:30 pm at the Nave Municipal de Eventos.

4.- FESTIVAL INFORMATION & MASTERS CONDITIONS

✉ Email: escuelabambuchess@gmail.com

☎ Contacts: +34 650 59 64 67 (Jairo) and +34 639 11 16 56 (Raquel).



5.- TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- **Bambuchess Masters.** 10-player Round Robin (9 rounds).
- **Open IRT Under 2400.** 7-round Swiss System.
- **Open IRT Under 1800.** 8-round Swiss System.
- **Bambuchess Christmas Blitz.** 9-round Swiss System.

6.- TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

MASTERS	UNDER2400, UNDER1800 & BLITZ
Direct Encounter	Direct Encounter
Most Wins	Buchholz-1
Sonneborn-Berger	Total Buchholz
Koya System	Most Wins
Rapid Games	Greater number of games with black
Armageddon	Sonneborn-Berger

7.- FORFEITS

Any unjustified forfeit may result in exclusion from the tournament and from future Bambuchess Chess Festivals, at the discretion of the Organising Committee. The default time is **30 minutes**.

8.- BYES

Players in the Under 2400 FIDE Rated Open and Under 1800 FIDE Rated Open may request up to two half-point byes until Round 5 (inclusive). From Round 6 onwards, all byes will score 0 points. Requests must be submitted in writing before the tournament or before the end of the previous round.

9.- REGULATIONS

The tournament shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Code of Ethics and these Regulations. The Spanish version published in the playing hall shall prevail. Participation implies acceptance of these Regulations. Players authorise the publication of their personal data and results for the promotion of the event.

10. INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY

Players who require assistance due to a disability (such as moving the pieces, recording moves or operating the clock) may request it in writing at the time of registration. The Organising Committee will provide this service free of charge, subject to availability.

11.- OFFICIAL TRANSPORT

The Festival offers an official transport service provided by Taxi Rodrigo Ayamonte, available for local transfers, railway stations and airports. Advance booking is recommended.

 **Contact:** +34 686 08 87 57 (calls and WhatsApp).



12.- REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES

• How to Register

To enter the tournament, please send an email to:  escuelabambuchess@gmail.com

Including:

- ❖ Full name
- ❖ Date of birth
- ❖ Club
- ❖ Tournament to be entered (**IRT Under 2400, IRT Under 1800 or Blitz**)
- ❖ A recent photograph of the player, preferably taken during a tournament, to be used for name cards and accreditation badges.

 The tournament is limited to **120 participants**. Places will be confirmed upon receipt of payment. The applicable entry fee will be the one in force on the date the payment is received. **Registration is not considered complete until payment has been received.**

• Entry Fees

Open U2400 and Open U1800 – 26-28 December				
DEADLINE	GENERAL	RETURNING ¹	TITLED PLAYERS ²	1 st ESP/AUT ³
Until 29 Nov	35€	30€	30€	Free
Until 13 Dec	40€	35€	30€	Free
From 14 Dec	45€	40€	30€	Free

¹Participants in the **V Bambuchess Chess Festival (2025)**

²GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM, WFM

³2026 Spanish or Regional Youth Champions (Under 8–Under 18)

Bambuchess Christmas Blitz – 28 December 17:30				
DEADLINE	GENERAL	NON-FED	LOCAL PLAYERS ⁴	MASTERS
Until 27 Dec	10€	12€	7€	Free

⁴Residents of Villablanca

• Payment

Payment must be made by bank transfer to IBAN: **ES50 0049 6226 0526 1001 6133**

Banco Santander **CDA Costa de la Luz** – Reference: *Player's Name + Tournament*



13.-PRIZES

OPEN IRT U2400 (2300€)		OPEN IRT U1800 (700€)	
1 st PLACE	600* + TROPHY	1 st PLACE	200 + TROPHY
2 nd PLACE	400* + TROPHY	2 nd PLACE	150 + TROPHY
3 rd PLACE	300 + TROPHY	3 rd PLACE	120 + TROPHY
4 th PLACE	200	4 th PLACE	80
5 th PLACE	150	5 th PLACE	60
6 th PLACE	100	6 th PLACE	40
7 th PLACE	70	7 th PLACE	30
8 th PLACE	60	8 th PLACE	20
9 th PLACE	50	BEST SENIOR + 50	TROPHY
10 th PLACE	40	BEST FEMALE	TROPHY
11 th PLACE	30	BEST BAMBUCHESS	TROPHY
12 th PLACE	20	1 st COSTA DE LA LUZ	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U2100	100	BEST U18	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U1900	80	BEST U16	TROPHY
BEST SENIOR + 50	50	BEST U14	TROPHY
BEST FEMALE	50	BEST U12	TROPHY
BEST BAMBUCHESS	TROPHY	BEST U10	TROPHY
BEST U18	TROPHY	BEST U8	TROPHY
1 st CLUB TEAM	HAMPER	1 st CLUB TEAM	HAMPER
2 nd CLUB TEAM	HAMPER	2 nd CLUB TEAM	HAMPER
BAMBUCHESS CHRISTMAS BLITZ (400€)			
1 st PLACE	100 + TROPHY	BEST FEMALE	TROPHY
2 nd PLACE	70	BEST SENIOR + 50	TROPHY
3 rd PLACE	50	BEST BAMBUCHESS	TROPHY
4 th PLACE	40	BEST LOCAL PLAYER	TROPHY
5 th PLACE	20	BEST U16	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U2000	30	BEST U14	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U1800	30	BEST U12	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U1600	30	BEST U10	TROPHY
BEST PLAYER U1400	30	BEST U8	TROPHY
MASTERS			
1 st PLACE			TROPHY
2 nd PLACE			TROPHY
3 rd PLACE			TROPHY

*Cash prizes exceeding €300 are subject to the tax deductions required by Spanish law. Prizes are not cumulative, except in exceptional cases determined by the Organising Committee.

The Club Team prizes are awarded based on the four highest-scoring players from the same club. Ties will be broken by the combined Buchholz score of those four players. Hampers consist of local products.



14.- OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL RURAL TERRABLANCA		
2 km from the playing venue Special rates 26-30 December		
ROOM TYPE	(≥4 Nights)	1-3 Nights
Single Room	50€	60€
Double Room	50€	60€
Family Room (2 adults + 1 Child <18)	60€	70€
Family Room (2 adults + 2 Children <18)	70€	80€
Triple Room (3 adults)	70€	80€
Pet Supplement	Free	Free
PENSIÓN VILLABLANCA (500 m from the playing venue)		
ROOM TYPE	PRICE PER NIGHT	
Single Room	30€	
Double Room for Single Use	40€	
Single Room + Extra Bed	50€	
Double Room	50€	
Double Room + Extra Bed	70€	
HOSTAL SAN SILVESTRE (10 km from the playing venue)		
ROOM TYPE	PRICE PER NIGHT	
Single Room	35€	
Double Room	35€	
Double Room + Extra Bed	45€	

Payment. Accommodation must be paid by bank transfer to: **ES50 0049 6226 0526 1001 6133.**
Banco Santander – CDA Costa de la Luz | Reference: *Player's Name + Accommodation Name*
Advance booking is recommended. Reservations: +34 650 59 64 67 or escuelabambuchess@gmail.com

15.- OTHER NEARBY ACCOMMODATION

ALT. CAMPER PARK NIRVANA <u>2.3 km</u> Parcela 74, polígono 13 21590 VILLABLANCA 633 23 55 41 Website hola@casaruralnirvana.com	ALOJAMIENTO COVADONGA <u>12 km</u> Finca Covadonga 21591 SAN SILVESTRE DE GUZMÁN 663 85 08 09
HOTEL PUERTA SALINAS <u>13 km</u> C/ Carretera, 2 21420 ISLA CRISTINA 629 18 60 34 Website	PARADOR DE AYAMONTE <u>15 km</u> Avda. de la Constitución 21400 AYAMONTE 959 32 07 00 Website

16.- ORGANISATION

Organisers: Escuela de Ajedrez Bambuchess y Ayuntamiento de Villablanca.

Partners: Diputación de Huelva, Club Deportivo de Ajedrez Costa de la Luz, Hotel Rural Terrablanca, Pensión Villablanca, Delegación Onubense de Ajedrez y Federación Andaluza de Ajedrez, Taxi Rodrigo Ayamonte y BambuStream.

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A festival with heart. A tournament with soul.

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