

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

5TH INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT – OPEN HVAR 2026

Article 1.

Chess Club Hvar organizes the **5th International Chess Tournament – Open Hvar 2026** in Arsenal Hvar from **19 to 25 October 2026**.

Article 2.

The **Tournament Director** is Pavle Palić (FIDE ID: 14515237).

Article 3.

The tournament is open to all players who have a **FIDE ID number, provided that neither they nor their federation is under FIDE suspension**.

Players must **register in person on 19 October 2026 between 10:00 and 14:00** and pay the entry fee in accordance with the tournament announcement.

According to the tournament announcement, entry fees paid by **31 August 2026** are:

- **70 €** for all players other than cadets
- **50 €** for cadets (players born in 2010 or later)
- **Entry fees paid after 31 August 2026 are €90, or €60 for cadets.**

Entry fees shall be paid to Chess Club Hvar, Fabrika 13, 21450 Hvar.

IBAN: HR04 2340009 1110838434, Privredna banka Zagreb, **SWIFT:** PBZGHR2X

Entry fees are refundable until 15 September 2026.

Players who do not register for the 5th Open Hvar 2026 **by 14:00** on 19 October 2026 may participate in the tournament only with the consent of the organizer and the Chief Arbiter.

Article 4.

The tournament is played **over 9 rounds according to the Swiss system, using the FIDE variant (pairings generated by Swiss-Manager)**. The time control is 90 minutes per player for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting as of move 1.

Players are required to record their moves until the end of the game. The default time is 30 minutes. A player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time shall lose the game. Games are played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Article 5.

The tournament is registered with FIDE, and players may **gain rating points** (FIDE standard rating) and achieve norms for international titles.

Article 6.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

The opening ceremony will take place on 19 October 2026 at 15:20.

Round I – 19 October at 15:30	Round II – 20 October at 09:00	Round III – 20 October at 16:00
Round IV – 21 October at 15:30	Round V – 22 October at 09:00	Round VI – 22 October at 16:00
Round VII – 23 October at 15:30	Round VIII – 24 October at 15:30	Round IX – 25 October at 09:00

The closing ceremony and prize-giving will take place on 25 October 2026, 20 minutes after the end of Round IX.

Article 7.

Postponement of games is not permitted. A player who fails to appear for a round without prior notice and does not justify their absence to the arbiters during that round will not be paired in subsequent rounds and will be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament.

The arbiters will also not pair a player who has announced in advance that they will be absent from the next round due to illness or another valid reason. The player will receive 0 points for that round.

Article 8.

The tournament arbiters are: Chief Arbiter IA NENAD DORIĆ (FIDE ID: 14501694), Deputy Chief Arbiters FA MATEO PETRIČEVIĆ (FIDE ID: 14553295) and NA ILIJA KNEZOVIĆ (FIDE ID: 14538466), and Arbiters NA IVAN POTREBICA (FIDE ID: 14596024), NA DUŠANKA BLAGOJEVIĆ (FIDE ID: 9242257), NA ANTE LJUBIČIĆ (FIDE ID: 14538482) and NA NENO SIMUNIĆ (FIDE ID: 14515709).

Article 9.

The decisions of the Chief Arbiter are final and binding.

Article 10.

The total prize fund is €20,000, of which €11,800 is allocated to the main prizes and €8,200 to the special prizes. Prize payments will be made to the winners' bank accounts within 7 days after the end of the tournament.

The main prizes (prizes based on final ranking) are as follows:

1) 3.000 €	2) 2.200 €	3) 1.700 €
4) 1.300 €	5) 1.000 €	6) 800 €
7) 700 €	8) 600 €	9) 500 €

Special prizes:

- Best-ranked players aged 60 and over (born in 1966 or earlier): 1) 600 € 2) 400 € 3) 250 €
- Best-ranked women: 1) 600 € 2) 400 € 3) 250 €
- Best-ranked players under 20 (born in 2006 or later): 1) 600 € 2) 400 € 3) 250 €
- Best-ranked players under 16 (born in 2010 or later): 1) 600 € 2) 400 € 3) 250 €
- Best-ranked players under 14 (born in 2012 or later): 1) 300 € 2) 200 € 3) 100 €
- Best-ranked player under 12 (born in 2014 or later): 1) 200 €
- Best-ranked players with a FIDE standard rating of 2101–2300: 1) 300 € 2) 200 € 3) 100 €
- Best-ranked players with a FIDE standard rating of 1901–2100: 1) 300 € 2) 200 € 3) 100 €
- Best-ranked players with a FIDE standard rating of 1701–1900: 1) 300 € 2) 200 € 3) 100 €
- Best-ranked players with a FIDE standard rating of 0–1700: 1) 300 € 2) 200 € 3) 100 €

Prizes are awarded according to final ranking (Article 10 of these Regulations applies).

All prizes, in all categories, are cumulative.

The winner of the 5th Open Hvar 2026 will receive a commemorative non-monetary prize.

Article 11.

A player who does not participate in the final round, whether by withdrawing from the round or by failing to appear, forfeits the right to receive a prize. This provision does not apply to a player who receives a pairing-allocated bye in the final round.

Article 12.

In the event of a tie, the final ranking shall be determined according to the following tie-break criteria:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1 (excluding the lowest score);
- b) Buchholz;
- c) Sonneborn-Berger;
- d) Direct encounter(s);
- e) Greater number of wins;
- f) Arranz system;
- g) Drawing of lots.

Article 13.

Chess Club Hvar, the organizer of the 5th Open Hvar 2026, will provide chess sets of the prescribed dimensions and properly functioning digital chess clocks.

Article 14.

The player who wins the game is required to report the result to the arbiter. In the event of a draw, the same applies to the player with the white pieces.

The result is reported by submitting both **signed original scoresheets**.

Article 15.

During play, players are prohibited from having any electronic device in the playing venue unless it has been approved by the arbiter.

Such a device may be brought into the playing venue if it is kept in the player's bag, provided that it is completely switched off. The bag must be placed in a location designated by the arbiter.

Neither player is permitted to access the bag during the game without the permission of the arbiter.

During a game, a player may not leave the playing venue, which includes the tournament hall, the designated smoking area and the toilet.

A player who fails to comply with this provision loses the game.

Article 16.

Smoking or the use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted in the playing area (tournament hall) and is permitted only in the designated smoking area within the playing venue.

Article 17.

Personal Data Protection (GDPR): By registering for the 5th International Chess Tournament – Open Hvar 2026, players consent to the publication, on the organizer's official websites and in the media, of personal data necessary for the conduct of the tournament (name, age, chess rating and title, club or team affiliation, and similar information), as well as photographs and chess games from the tournament.

Article 18.

By participating in the 5th Open Hvar 2026, players agree to these Regulations.

Article 19.

In all matters not covered by these Regulations, the applicable FIDE and Croatian Chess Federation regulations shall apply.

Article 20.

The right to interpret these Regulations rests exclusively with the organizers, in cooperation with the Chief Arbiter of the tournament.

**ORGANIZER
CHESS CLUB HVAR**

Pavle Palić

