# TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

## 2nd International Chess Tournament “Busovača Open 2026”

*“Hrasno-Busovača” Chess Club, Busovača*

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| **Organizer** | “Hrasno-Busovača” Chess Club, Busovača |
| **Venue** | Hotel “Tisa”, Busovača |
| **Dates** | 12–15 November 2026 |
| **System** | Swiss system, FIDE variant, 7 rounds |
| **Time control** | 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move from move one |
| **Rating** | FIDE standard rating list |

### Article 1 General provisions

These Regulations govern the organization, competition system, eligibility, playing rules, final standings, prizes and other matters relevant to the 2nd International Chess Tournament “Busovača Open 2026”. Any matter not expressly covered herein shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and other applicable FIDE regulations in force at the start of the tournament.

### Article 2 Organization and officials

The organizer is “Hrasno-Busovača” Chess Club, Busovača. The Tournament Director is Boro Vujica, the Chief Arbiter is IA Vlado Stojanović, and the Deputy Arbiters are NA Dino Marković and NA Damir Salibašić.

### Article 3 Eligibility

Players from Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad with a FIDE standard rating not exceeding 2399, as well as unrated players, are eligible to participate. Each participant must provide accurate data required for registration and FIDE rating submission.

### Article 4 Competition system and scoring

The tournament shall be played as a seven-round Swiss system event using the FIDE variant. Pairings shall be produced by a FIDE-approved pairing program. A win scores 1 point, a draw ½ point and a loss 0 points. Pairing decisions are made by the Chief Arbiter; published pairings shall not be changed except to correct an evident administrative error. In first 3 round player can only once take bye where he gets 0,50 points.

### Article 5 Time control and recording moves

The time control is 60 minutes per player for the entire game, with a 30-second increment after every move starting from move one. Players must record their moves throughout the game in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

### Article 6 Default time and absence

The default time is 30 minutes from the official start of the round. A player who is not at the board by that time shall lose the game unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise before the default time expires due to justified circumstances. A player absent without notice may be excluded from subsequent rounds. Any absence or withdrawal must be reported to the Chief Arbiter in due time.

## Article 7 Final standings and tie-breaks

Final standings shall be determined by the total number of points scored. If two or more players have the same score, the following tie-breaks shall apply in this order:

- 1. direct encounter, where applicable;
- 2. Buchholz Cut 1, i.e. the sum of opponents' scores with the lowest opponent score discarded;
- 3. cumulative score, i.e. the sum of the player's running score after each round;
- 4. greater number of wins.

## Article 8 Player conduct and electronic devices

Players must act in a sporting manner, avoid disturbing others and comply with arbiter instructions. During play, the use of notes, sources of information, advice or unauthorized aids is prohibited. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be completely switched off and stored as instructed by the arbiter. Bringing, carrying or activating a device contrary to the arbiter's instructions shall be sanctioned under the applicable FIDE rules.

## Article 9 Prizes

The total prize fund is BAM 5,050.00, consisting of BAM 3,800.00 in main prizes and BAM 1,250.00 in special prizes, as set out in the official tournament announcement. Prizes are not cumulative. If a player qualifies for both a main and a special prize, the player shall receive the main prize when it is greater than or equal to the special prize. Prizes shall be transferred to the winners' bank accounts after the tournament.

## Article 10 Entry fee and equipment

GMs and IMs are exempt from the entry fee. The fee for players from Bosnia and Herzegovina is BAM 45.00, or BAM 30.00 for players under 16. The fee for players from outside Bosnia and Herzegovina is EUR 45.00, or EUR 30.00 for players under 16. Every participant must bring a chess set and a functioning digital chess clock.

## Article 11 Arbiter decisions

The Chief Arbiter is responsible for applying the FIDE Laws of Chess and these Regulations. A player seeking an arbiter decision must stop the clock when permitted by the Laws and summon an arbiter immediately. The Chief Arbiter's decision on matters arising during the event is final for the conduct of the tournament, without prejudice to any rights available under applicable FIDE regulations.

## Article 12 Rating and competition integrity

The tournament shall be submitted to FIDE for standard rating. All participants agree to reasonable identity checks and measures protecting the integrity of the competition. Any suspicion of cheating or another serious breach must be reported immediately and confidentially to the Chief Arbiter, without public accusations.

## Article 13 Schedule

| Event | Date and time |
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| Opening ceremony | 12 November 2026 at 16:30 |
| Round 1 | 12 November 2026 at 17:00 |
| Round 2 | 13 November 2026 at 10:00 |
| Round 3 | 13 November 2026 at 15:00 |
| Round 4 | 14 November 2026 at 10:00 |
| Round 5 | 14 November 2026 at 15:00 |

| Event | Date and time |
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| Blitz “In Memory of Jozo Leutar” | 14 November 2026 at approximately 20:00 |
| Round 6 | 15 November 2026 at 09:00 |
| Round 7 | 15 November 2026 at 13:00 |
| Closing ceremony | 30 minutes after Round 7 ends |

## Article 14 Final provisions

By participating, each player confirms having read and accepted the official announcement and these Regulations. The organizer may make a reasoned amendment before the tournament begins to ensure compliance with FIDE regulations or operational requirements. Participants shall be informed of any amendment in due time.

**Tournament Board**