

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

2nd International Blitz Chess Tournament "In Memory of Jozo Leutar"

"Hrasno-Busovača" Chess Club, Busovača

Organizer	"Hrasno-Busovača" Chess Club, Busovača
Venue	Hotel "Tisa", Busovača
Date and time	14 November 2026 at approximately 20:00
System	Swiss system, 9 rounds
Time control	3 minutes + 2 seconds per move from move one
Rating	FIDE blitz rating list

Article 1 General provisions

These Regulations govern the conduct of the 2nd International Blitz Chess Tournament "In Memory of Jozo Leutar". Any matter not expressly covered herein shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess, the provisions for blitz 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 NA Dino Marković, and the Deputy Arbiter is NA Damir Salibašić.

Article 3 Eligibility

Male and female players from Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad with a FIDE ID, as well as domestic players without a FIDE ID, are eligible to participate. The event is a combined tournament for male and female players.

Article 4 Competition system and scoring

The tournament shall be played as a nine-round Swiss system event without a break. Pairings shall be produced by a FIDE-approved pairing program. A win scores 1 point, a draw $\frac{1}{2}$ point and a loss 0 points. Pairing decisions are made by the Chief Arbiter.

Article 5 Time control and blitz rules

The time control is 3 minutes per player for the entire game, with a 2-second increment after every move starting from move one. The applicable FIDE provisions for blitz chess shall apply. Players are not required to record their moves.

Article 6 Start of a round and default time

A player must be at the board at the start of the round. The default time is 0 minutes. A player who is absent when the arbiter announces the start of the round shall lose the game unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise due to justified and exceptional circumstances.

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. Median Buchholz, i.e. the sum of opponents' scores after discarding the highest and the lowest opponent score;

- 2. Buchholz, i.e. the full sum of all opponents' scores;
- 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 and follow arbiter instructions. Advice, notes, external sources of information and unauthorized aids are prohibited. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be completely switched off and stored as instructed by the arbiter. Breaches shall be sanctioned under the applicable FIDE rules.

Article 9 Prizes

The prize fund is BAM 1,000.00. Main prizes total BAM 800.00: 1st place BAM 300.00, 2nd place BAM 200.00, 3rd place BAM 150.00, 4th place BAM 100.00 and 5th place BAM 50.00. Special prizes total BAM 200.00: best female player BAM 50.00, best veteran aged 65+ BAM 50.00, best U16 player BAM 50.00 and best player of "Hrasno-Busovača" Chess Club BAM 50.00. Prizes are not cumulative.

Article 10 Entry fee

The entry fee is BAM 10.00 per participant and must be paid before the tournament begins.

Article 11 Arbiter decisions and integrity

The Chief Arbiter is responsible for applying the FIDE Laws of Chess and these Regulations. The Chief Arbiter's decision is final for the conduct of the tournament. Any suspicion of cheating or another serious breach must be reported immediately and confidentially to the Chief Arbiter, without public accusations.

Article 12 Schedule and rating

The opening ceremony and start of play are planned for 14 November 2026 after Round 5 of the standard tournament, at approximately 20:00. Nine rounds shall be played without a break. The closing ceremony shall take place 15 minutes after Round 9 ends. The tournament shall be submitted to FIDE for blitz rating.

Article 13 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, provided participants are informed in due time.

Tournament board