
MARIENBAD OPEN 2026

24th International Chess Festival

part of CZECH TOUR 2026 Series

17th – 24th January 2026, Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic

Place: Continental hotel, Hlavní třída 230/88, Mariánské Lázně

Organizer: AVE CHESS z. s.

Festival director: Petr Lausman

Chief arbiter: IA Martin Dobrotka (SVK)

ANNOUNCED TOURNAMENTS

A) 17th – 24th January 2026: round-robin GM tournament

- **GM norm**, rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- 10 players in the group, average rating ≥ 2400
- **participation** of players with ELO FIDE ≥ 2350 (the organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament, starting fee is marked with *)
- round system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 5 000, 3 000, 2 000

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
ELO FIDE ≥ 2500	250	271
ELO FIDE ≥ 2450	291.5	312.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2400	333.5	354
ELO FIDE ≥ 2350	375	396
ELO FIDE < 2350	500*	521*

IM discount of 10 %

A discount for previous participation in Czech Tour series cannot be applied to the tournament

B) 17th – 24th January 2026: round-robin IM tournaments

- **IM norm**, rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- 10 players in the group, average rating ≥ 2250
- **participation** of players with ELO FIDE ≥ 2200 (the organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament, starting fee is marked with *)
- round system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 3 000, 2 000, 1 000

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
ELO FIDE ≥ 2350	166.5	187.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2300	208.5	229
ELO FIDE ≥ 2250	250	271
ELO FIDE ≥ 2200	291.5	312.5
ELO FIDE < 2200	416.5	437.5

FM, WFM and WIM discount of 10 %

A discount for previous participation in Czech Tour series cannot be applied to the tournament

C) 17th – 24th January 2026: Marienbad Open

- **rating tournament** with rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- **participation** of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
GM, IM, WGM and WIM	0	0
ELO FIDE ≥ 2200	41.5	62.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2000	50	71
ELO FIDE ≥ 1850	58.5	79
ELO FIDE ≥ 1700	66.5	87.5

ELO FIDE < 1700 and without ELO FIDE	75	96
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- **discounts on starting fee:** 25 % for FM, players over 65 years of age and women
- players registered after 6 January 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 8 000, 6 000, 4 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, best woman 1 000, best youngster up to 12 years of age 1 000, best player with ELO FIDE 1900–1999, 1800–1899, 1700–1799, 1600–1699, 1500–1599 and under 1500 1 000 (30 000 altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

D) 17th – 24th January 2026: Open Seniors Tournament 50+

- **rating** for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- **participation** of players born in 1976 and older
- Swiss system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival

Starting fee (EUR)

players accommodated through the organizer	Others
62.5	83.5

- **discounts on starting fee:** 25 % for FM, players over 65 years of age and women
- players registered after 6 January 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 6 000, 4 000, 3 000, 2 000 and 1 000, best players born in 1959 and older 1 500, 1 000 and 500, best woman 1 000 (20 000 altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

E) 18th January 2026: Open tournament in rapid chess

- participation of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 7 rounds, 2 x 10 min + 5s / move
- **rating** for rapid ELO FIDE
- **starting fee:** 8.5 EUR
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 1 500, 1 000, 500
- material prizes for other players

- **applications** for this tournament are not registered in advance and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

F) 22nd January 2026: Open blitz tournament

- participation of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 11 rounds, 2 x 3 min. + 2s/move
- **rating** for blitz ELO FIDE
- **starting fee** 6.5 EUR
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 1 000, 700, 500
- material prizes for other players
- **applications** for this tournament are not registered in advance and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

Fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in A, B, 30+ (2.5 EUR per player), C and D (0.5 EUR per player) charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic, **are included in the starting fee.**

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution

- A and B tournaments: 1. number of points, 2. S.-B., 3. mutual game, 4. lot
- C, D, E and F tournaments: 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1, 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. the greater number of games played with black
- prizes in tournaments A and B are divided equally among first 3 players with the same number of points; in tournaments C and D are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes; prizes in tournaments E and F are not divided

ACCOMMODATION

The Continental hotel ****

(the playing hall is situated in the hotel, swimming pool and sauna for accommodated persons free of charge)

- single rooms STANDARD with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 75 EUR/room and night
- double rooms STANDARD with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 87.5 EUR/room and night
- single rooms DELUXE with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 87.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms DELUXE with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 100 EUR/room and night
- triple rooms with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 104 EUR/room and night
- 4-bed family rooms with a shower and WC, price including breakfast 125 EUR/room and night

Apartments Central Park ***

(1 km from the playing hall, apartments with a kitchenette, breakfast available at the Continental hotel for symbolic price 4 EUR / person)

- single rooms with a kitchenette, shower and WC shared for 2 rooms, price without breakfast 41.5 EUR/room and night, price including breakfast 45.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms with a kitchenette, shower and WC shared for 2 rooms, price without breakfast 50 EUR/room and night, price including breakfast 58 EUR/room and night
- 2-bed studios with a kitchenette, shower and WC, price without breakfast 58.5 EUR/room and night, price including breakfast 66.5 EUR/room and night
- triple rooms with a kitchenette, shower and WC, price without breakfast 75 EUR/room and night, price including breakfast 87 EUR/room and night
- 4-bed rooms with a kitchenette, shower and WC, price without breakfast 92 EUR/room and night, price including breakfast 108 EUR/room and night

The Devin hotel ****

(250 m from the playing hall, full spa services under one roof)

- single rooms SUPERIOR with a shower and WC, price including half board and 2 medical spa procedures daily 83.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms SUPERIOR with a shower and WC, price including half board and 2 medical spa procedures daily 125 EUR/room and night
- single rooms DELUXE with a shower and WC, price including half board and 2 medical spa procedures daily 96 EUR/room and night
- double rooms DELUXE with a shower and WC, price including half board and 2 medical spa procedures daily 150 EUR/room and night

Municipal fee in the amount of 50 CZK is already included in the accommodation prices.

SCHEDULE

Fri 16/1	17.00–20.00	Attendance A, B, C, D
Sat 17/1	10.00–14.00	Attendance A, B, C, D
	15.00	Drawing lots A, B
	16.00	1 st round A, B, C, D
Sun 18/1	8.30–9.15	Registration E

	9.30–13.30	Tournament E
	16.00	2 nd round A, B, C, D
Mon 19/1	16.00	3 rd round A, B, C, D
Tue 20/1	9.00	4 th round A, B, C, D
	16.00	5 th round A, B, C, D
Wed 21/1	16.00	6 th round A, B, C, D
Thu 22/1	9.15–9.45	Registration F
	10.00–13.00	Tournament F
	16.00	7 th round A, B, C, D
Fri 23/1	16.00	8 th round A, B, C, D
Sat 24/1	9.00	9 th round A, B, C, D
	15.30	Solemn conclusion

OTHER INFORMATION

Complete your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 6 January 2026 on <http://www.czechtour.net/applications/> or by e-mail to office@avechess.cz, alt. ave-kontakt@outlook.cz.

All foreign players must have an assigned FIDE identification number (abbreviation FIDE ID or FID) at the time of the submission of the application form. If they do not have it, they have to apply their national chess federation for it.

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), **CZK** (in the rate 24:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) **or USD or by debit and credit cards:** Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Attendance before starting the tournament is mandatory for all participants.

Discount on starting fee and accommodation price - 5% discount in 2nd start in the tournament held within the frame of this year CZECH TOUR Series, or 10% in 3rd start, 15% in 4th start etc. (only starts from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move except for Sunny Beach Open are counted)

By participating in the tournament, the player gives the organizer the right to take photos and videos with his person and to use them.

Interesting things and photos: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Zonerama](#)

Festivals arranged within the frame of **CZECH TOUR International Chess Festivals Series Autumn 2025 and Winter 2026:**

1–8 Nov 2025	15 th HRADEC KRALOVE OPEN
8–15 Nov 2025	14 th BRNO OPEN
9–16 Jan 2026	24 th PRAGUE OPEN
17–24 Jan 2026	24 th MARIENBAD OPEN
28 Mar – 4 Apr 2025	14 th PILSEN OPEN
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24 Feb – 6 Mar 2026	8 th PRAGUE INT. CHESS FESTIVAL

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