
PRAGUE OPEN 2026

24th International Chess Festival
part of CZECH TOUR 2026 Series
9th – 16th January 2026, Prague, Czech Republic

Place: Olympik hotel Tristar, U Sluncove 14, Praha 8

Organizer: AVE CHESS z. s.

Festival director: Petr Lausman

Chief arbiter: IA Martin Dobrotka (SVK)

ANNOUNCED TOURNAMENTS

A) 9th – 16th January 2026: Prague Open A

- **open master tournament with IM norm**, rating for 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 \geq 2200	50	71
ELO FIDE \geq 2000	62.5	83.5
ELO FIDE \geq 1850	83.5	104
ELO FIDE \geq 1700	104	125
ELO FIDE < 1700 and without ELO FIDE	125	146

- **discounts on starting fee:** 25 % for FM, players over 65 years of age and women
- players registered after 1st January 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 20 000, 15 000, 10 000, 7 000, 5 000, 3 000, 2 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, best woman 1 000, best senior over 60 years of age 1 000, best youngster up to 16 years of age 1 000, best youngster up to 12 years of age 1 000 (70 000 CZK altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

B) 9th – 16th January 2026: Prague Open B

- **open rating tournament** with rating for FIDE and DWZ
- **players with ELO FIDE < 2000 and players without ELO FIDE**
- 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
ELO FIDE 1700 – 1999	50	71
ELO FIDE < 1700 and without ELO FIDE	62.5	83.5

- **discounts on starting fee:** 25 % for players over 65 years of age and women
- players registered after 1st January 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, 500, 500, best woman 1 000, senior over 60 years of age 1 000, best youngster up to 12 years of age 1 000, best player with ELO FIDE 1600–1699, 1500–1599, 1400–1499 and without ELO FIDE 1 000 (15 000 altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

30+) 9th – 16th January 2026: Prague Open 30+

- **open rating tournament** with rating for FIDE and DWZ
- **players born in 1996 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

- players registered after 1st January 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 5 000, 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, best woman 1 000, senior over 65 years of age 1 000, best player with ELO FIDE 1700–1999 and 1400–1699 each 1 000 (15 000 altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

C) 11th January 2026: Open tournament in rapid chess

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

D) 14th 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** 8.5 EUR
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 2 000, 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

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

- 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1, 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. greater number of games played with black.
- prizes in tournaments A, B and 30+ are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes; prizes in tournaments C and D are not divided

ACCOMMODATION

Olympik Artemis hotel **+**

(the playing hall is situated here)

- single rooms, price including breakfast 73 EUR/room and night
- double rooms, price including breakfast 87.5 EUR/room and night
- triple rooms, price including breakfast 108.5 EUR/room and night

Olympik Congress hotel ****

(the playing hall is situated here)

- single rooms, price including breakfast 60.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms, price including breakfast 69 EUR/room and night
- triple rooms, price including breakfast 96 EUR/room and night

Olympik Tristar hotel ***

(the playing hall is situated here)

- single rooms, price including breakfast 58.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms, price including breakfast 66.5 EUR/room and night
- triple rooms, price including breakfast 91.5 EUR/room and night

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the municipal fee in the amount of 50 CZK / night (~ 2.1 EUR) upon arrival at the reception.

SCHEDULE

Thu 8/1	18.00–20.00	Attendance A, B, 30+
Fri 9/1	10.00–14.00	Attendance A, B, 30+
	16.00	1 st round A, B, 30+
Sat 10/1	9.00	2 nd round A, B, 30+
	16.00	3 rd round A, B, 30+
Sun 11/1	8.15–9.15	Registration C
	9.30–13.30	Tournament C
	16.00	4 th round A, B, 30+
Mon 12/1	16.00	5 th round A, B, 30+

Tue 13/1	16.00	6 th round A, B, 30+
Wed 14/1	8.45–9.45	Registration D
	10.00–13.00	Tournament D
	16.00	7 th round A, B, 30+
Thu 15/1	16.00	8 th round A, B, 30+
Fri 16/1	9.00	9 th round A, B, 30+
	15.30	Solemn conclusion

OTHER INFORMATION

Complete your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 1st January 2025 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)

Transport connection: The hotel is situated near the city centre (4 metro stations) at a distance of ca. 100 m from the metro station, line B “Invalidovna”

The **parking place** is situated directly next to the Olympik hotel, the price for accommodated participants is 250 CZK (~ 10.5 EUR) / day.

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 15th 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

24 Feb – 6 Mar 2026	8 th PRAGUE INT. CHESS FESTIVAL
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