

PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2025 DON GIOVANNI

7th International Chess Festival

25th February – 7th March 2025, Prague, the Czech Republic

Venue: Don Giovanni Hotel Prague, Vinohradská 157a, Praha 3

Organizer: 1. Novoborsky Chess Club, z.s.

Festival Director: Petr Boleslav

Deputy Festival Director: Petr Lausman

Chief Arbiter: IA Pavel Votruba

Announced Tournaments:

A) 26 February – 7 March 2025: MASTERS – round-robin super GM tournament

- confirmed participants: last year's Challengers winner GM Ediz Gurel or GM David Navara (names of other participants will be gradually announced)

B) 26 February – 7 March 2025: CHALLENGERS – round-robin GM tournament

- confirmed participants: (names of participants will be gradually announced)
- winner of the tournament obtains the right to participate in MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2026

C) 26 February – 7 March 2025: FUTURES – round-robin youth tournament

- round robin tournament for youths under 12 y.o.
- winner of the tournament obtains the right to participate in OPEN TOURNAMENT 2026

D) 27 February – 7 March 2025: open master tournament with GM norm

- 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- tournament rated to FIDE rating
- participation of players without age and rating limitations
- default time 1 h in case of late arrival
- winner of the tournament obtains the right to participate in CHALLENGERS TOURNAMENT 2026
- financial prizes in CZK:
 1. 30 000, 2. 20 000, 3. 15 000, 4. 10 000, 5. 8000, 6. 6000, 7. 4000, 8. 3 000, 9. 2 000, 10. 2 000 (100 000 CZK altogether)
- material prizes for other players
- starting fee in EUR:

	Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
GM, IM, WGM and WIM	0	0
FM, WFM, FIDE rating \geq 2300	41.5	62.5
FIDE rating \geq 2200	62.5	83.5
FIDE rating \geq 2000	83.5	104
FIDE rating \geq 1800	125	146
FIDE rating < 1800 and without FIDE rating	166.5	187.5

- a fee of 2.5 EUR per player for rating their results to FIDE rating is not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration, the organizer pays these fees for players with GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles
- players registered after 12th February 2025 will pay a surcharge of 13 EUR

E) 27 February – 7 March 2025: round-robin rating tournaments

- rated to FIDE rating
- for players with FIDE rating < 2000
- 10 players per group, 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- default time 1 h in case of late arrival
- division into groups according to FIDE rating valid as of 1st February 2025 (if possible, max. of 2 players without FIDE rating in a group, the estimated difference between the highest and lowest rating in the group about 100–150 points)
- material prizes
- starting fee: players accommodated through the organizer 62.5 EUR, other players 83.5 EUR
- refundable deposit: 40 EUR for finishing the tournament
- a fee of 2.5 EUR per player for rating their results to FIDE rating is not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration

F) 28 February 2025: a solving competition

- participation without age and rating limitations
- material prizes for participants
- **starting fee:** 5 EUR

G1) 1 March 2025: Sachy.biz open rapid tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min + 5 s/move
- rated to FIDE rapid rating
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 3 000, 2 000, 1 500, 1 000, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 10.5 EUR
- **a fee of 0.5 EUR (or 10 CZK) per player for rating their results to FIDE rapid rating is not included in the starting fee** and will be paid by participants during the registration
- registration in advance is not possible

G2) 1 March 2025: Sachy.biz open rapid tournament

- for players with FIDE rapid rating < 2000 (or FIDE rating < 2000 for those not having the FIDE rapid rating) or players without both FIDE rating and FIDE rapid rating
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min + 5 s/move
- rated to FIDE rapid rating
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 5.5 EUR
- **a fee of 0.5 EUR (or 10 CZK) per player for rating their results to FIDE rapid rating is not included in the starting fee** and will be paid by participants during the registration
- registration in advance is not possible

H) 2 March 2025: open blitz tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- 11 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 3 min + 2 s/move
- rated to FIDE blitz rating
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 3 000, 2 000, 1500, 1 000, 500, material prizes for other players
- starting fee: 8.5 EUR
- **a fee of 0.5 EUR (or 10 CZK) per player for rating their results to FIDE blitz rating is not included in the starting fee** and will be paid by participants during the registration

- registration in advance is not possible

I) 3 March 2025: open Basque chess tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min+ 5 s/move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 7 EUR
- registration in advance is not possible

J) 4 March 2025: open Fischer random chess (Chess960) tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min + 5 s/move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 7 EUR
- registration in advance is not possible

K) 5 March 2025: open pair blitz tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- 11 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 3 min + 2 s/move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 2 000, 1 500, 1 000, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 13 EUR / pair
- registration in advance is not possible

L) 6 March 2025: open Bughouse tournament

- participation without age and rating limitations
- playing system will be determined on site, 2 x 2 min + 2 s/move (Bronstein)
- **financial prizes in CZK (for a pair):** 1 000, 600, 400, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 13 EUR / pair
- registration in advance is not possible

GRAND PRIX PICF 2025

The GRAND PRIX overall score will be calculated from results of tournaments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L and daily quiz. A player reaching the highest score becomes the winner. Special prizes will be awarded at the closing ceremony on 7 March 2025 at 17.30.

Scoring system:

Tournament A – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 30$

Tournament B – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 25$

Tournament C – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 20$

Tournament D – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $z - y + 1$

Tournament E – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 15$

Tournament F – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$

Tournament G – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $z - y + 1$

Tournament H – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $z - y + 1$

Tournament I – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$

Tournament J – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$

Tournament K – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$

Tournament L – player earns the following number of points to the overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$

Correctly solving the daily quiz– 20 points for each quiz

where [z] is the number of players (pairs) in a given tournament and [y] is final ranking of a player / pair in the tournament.

Criteria used for ranking and prizes division:

Tournament E: 1. number of points, 2. direct encounter, 3. Sonnenborn-Berger, 4. the greater number of games played as black, 5. drawing of lots.

Tournaments D, G, H, I, J, K: 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1 (the result of an opponent with the worst result is deducted), 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. the greater number of games played as black

- prizes in tournament D are divided according to the Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of prizes

Accommodation:

Don Giovanni Hotel **** (the playing hall is situated in the hotel)

single room – price including breakfast 96 EUR/room and night

double room – price including breakfast 100 EUR/room and night

triple room – price including breakfast 125 EUR/room and night

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the city tax of 50 CZK (2 EUR) / night upon arrival at the reception.

Board-meals: at the Don Giovanni Hotel Prague according to their own choice, a discounted menu for festival participants can be optionally purchased.

Time schedule:

Tuesday	25 Feb	19.00	Opening ceremony A, B, C
Wednesday	26 Feb	15.00 17.00 - 20.00	1 st round A, B, C Registration D, E
Thursday	27 Feb	10.00 - 13.00 15.00 15.00	Registration D, E 2 nd round A, B, C 1 st round D, E
Friday	28 Feb	08.45-09.00 09.00-13.00 15.00 15.00	Registration F – solving competition F – tournament 3 rd round A, B, C 2 nd round D, E
Saturday	1 Mar	08.00-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00 15.00	Registration G – rapid tournament 1 st – 7 th round G – rapid tournament 4 th round A, B, C 3 rd round D, E
Sunday	2 Mar	08.30-09.15 09.30-13.00 15.00 15.00	Registration H – blitz tournament 1 st – 11 th round H – blitz tournament 5 th round A, B, C 4 th round D, E
Monday	3 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration I – Basque chess 1 st – 7 th round I – Basque chess 5 th round D, E free day A, B, C
Tuesday	4 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration J – Fischer random chess 1 st – 7 th round J – Fischer random chess 6 th round A, B, C, D, E
Wednesday	5 Mar	08.45-09.15	Registration K – pair blitz tournament

		09.30-13.00 15.00	1 st – 11 th round K – pair blitz tournament 7 th round A, B, C, D, E
Thursday	6 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration L – Bughouse chess tournament L – Bughouse chess tournament 8 th round A, B, C, D, E
Friday	7 Mar	11.00 17.30	9 th round A, B, C, D, E Closing ceremony A, B, C, D, E

Complete your binding applications for D and E tournaments together with accommodation orders by 12th February 2025 on <https://praguechessfestival.com/registration> or by e-mail to registration@praguechessfestival.com.

Starting fee and accommodation payments:

Starting fee for D and E tournaments and additional payment for accommodation will be made during the registration either in cash in EUR (in the amount given by these regulations) or in CZK (from the prices given by these regulations using the exchange rate of 24:1), or by debit or credit cards: Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Registration before starting the tournament is mandatory for all participants.

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