

BUDA GP-4

**seven-round open international chess tournament
in three groups**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



what is this tournament?

Budapest hosts the 2024 Chess Olympiad. The Olympic movement brings about various new initiatives, such as this tournament series. We hold it five times before the Olympiad, according to the five Olympic Rings. This tournament is BUDA GP-4, and there follows BUDA GP-5 in June 2023.



Our tournament is a four-day major event in Inner Buda, at one of the largest hotel event halls of Budapest. Participants will enjoy a pleasant environment, high-quality chess equipment, friendly atmosphere, and professional tournament management.



Our aim is to give chess players the opportunity to raise their ratings, enjoy the chess community, meet challenges, and for the youth to prove their talents, to the elderly to make the most out of their experience.

why GP?

The prize fund of the tournaments is higher than the Budapest average and, at the end of the fifth edition, the overall best performer of the five tournaments will be awarded an extra monetary prize in two categories (Grand Prix).

For GP details (eligibility, points calculation) please consult Appendix 1.

when and where?

From 2 to 5 February 2023

Thursday afternoon – Sunday evening

in the 520 m² air-conditioned
event hall of Hotel Bara

34–36 Hegyalja út, District XI, Budapest

how do I get there?

From North and South:

Trams no. 17 or 61 to BAH csomópont, and then a few minutes' walk or one stop by the bus lines listed below.

From East and West:

Buses no. 8E, 108E, 110 or 112 to Mészáros utca bus-stop right next to the hotel. (Should the game (or anything else) last till night time, night bus no. 908 also passes by.)

but I go by car!

The hotel's underground garage accommodates 80 cars. Guests not residing in the hotel can park there for HUF 1,500 (≈EUR 4) per day, but parking is possible in the surrounding streets as well.

To enter the garage you first have to call at the hotel reception – for this short time you can park in front of the hotel entrance.

what groups are there?

- “Master” group** For players above 2000 rating points
- “Club” group** With ratings between 1600 and 1999
- “Future” group** Under 1600 rating points (mostly for the young)



Entry to a higher group with a lower rating is possible only with the discretionary consent of the organiser, for extra charge, and – as a general rule – with maximum 100 ELO rating difference from the higher group's lower rating bound.



Players without rating may enter also for extra charge, and as a general rule only to the “Future” group, in a very exceptional case and for further extra charge to the “Club” group.

when do the rounds start?

Schedule of the Master and Club groups

Payment of entry fees	2 February Thursday	from 14:30 to 16:00
Opening ceremony	2 February Thursday	from 16:15 to 16:30
Round 1	2 February Thursday	16:45
Round 2	3 February Friday	9:00
Round 3	3 February Friday	14:30
Round 4	4 February Saturday	9:00
Round 5	4 February Saturday	14:30
Round 6	5 February Sunday	9:00
Round 7	5 February Sunday	14:00
Prizegiving ceremony	5 February Sunday	In 30 minutes after the last game is finished

Schedule of the Future group

Payment of entry fees	2 February Thursday	from 14:30 to 16:00
Opening ceremony	2 February Thursday	from 16:15 to 16:30
Round 1	2 February Thursday	16:45
Round 2	3 February Friday	10:00
Round 3	3 February Friday	14:30
Round 4	4 February Saturday	10:00
Round 5	4 February Saturday	14:30
Round 6	5 February Sunday	10:00
Round 7	5 February Sunday	14:00
Prizegiving ceremony	5 February Sunday	In 30 minutes after the last game is finished

what about time control and default time?

Master group	2 × 90 minutes + 30 seconds bonus
Club group	2 × 90 minutes + 30 seconds bonus
Future group	2 × 45 minutes + 30 seconds bonus

Default time is 30 minutes in all groups.

registration: how, how many, how much?

We receive registrations at the budachess@wir.hu e-mail address until **midnight 31 January 2023**. List of entrants will be published on www.chess-results.com on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Consent to registrations on the spot may be given by the Tournament Director according to the number of free places in the group in question. Entry fee is to be paid on the spot in cash, before Round 1, between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.



The tournament hall can host a maximum of **220 players**. Only a quarter of the Future Group can be unrated. Entry is conditional upon having valid FRD or Hungarian playing license for 2022. The cost of FRD is EUR 5 or HUF 2,000, and is valid for 1 year.

Entry fees (HUF):

Master Group	
Titled players	5000
Above 2000 ELO	8000
1900–1999 ELO	10000
Club Group	
1600–1999 ELO	8000
1500–1599 ELO	10000
Future Group	
1000–1599 ELO	8000
Unrated players	10000

We take GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs, FMs, and WFMs as titled players.

what if I win?

The prize fund in the Master group is
HALF A MILLION FORINTS NET (≈ EUR 1350)

Winner	HUF 100,000	≈ EUR 250
Runner-up	HUF 85,000	≈ EUR 210
3 rd place	HUF 70,000	≈ EUR 175
4 th place	HUF 55,000	≈ EUR 135
5 th place	HUF 40,000	≈ EUR 100
<i>Category Prizes (in order)</i>		
Best U2200 player	HUF 35,000	≈ EUR 85
Best senior player (60+)	HUF 35,000	≈ EUR 85
Best female player	HUF 35,000	≈ EUR 85
Second best female player	HUF 25,000	≈ EUR 60
Third best female player	HUF 20,000	≈ EUR 50

The winner and the best female player gets a trophy, the top 3 receive medals. Players finishing in top 5 are not entitled to category prizes. In such a case they pass the category prize to the next in line in the given category.

For category prizes to be paid it is necessary to have at least 5 players in the relevant category. For the second best female player prize there need to be at least 8, for the third best female player prize there need to be at least 10 females players in the Master group.

Prizes of the Club group

- ✘ Players finishing in top 3 shall be exempt from paying entry fee to our next tournament (BUDA GP-5) and may choose to enter either the Master or the Club group, irrespective of their rating.
- ✘ The group winner gets a trophy, the top 3 receive medals.
- ✘ Players finishing in top 5, the best non-top-5 female player, and the best non-top-5 senior player (60+) will be free to choose from quality books, premium wines, and fine desserts.

Prizes of the Future group

- ✘ The group winner gets a trophy, the top 3 receive medals.
- ✘ Players finishing in top 5, the best non-top-5 U12 player, and the best non-top-5 U10 player will receive various non-monetary prizes.
- ✘ The “Best Girl” prize (non-top-5 and not best U10/U12) will most probably be a toy lion named LUIGI.

what about tie-breaks?

<i>Tie-break of rankings</i>	<i>Distribution of monetary prizes</i>
1. Direct encounter	Hort system
2. Buchholz score	(see details in Appendix 2)
3. TPR score	

what do we expect from the players?

Beyond complying with the general principles of fair-play we kindly ask the players to keep in mind the followings:

- ✘ Neat personal appearance and polite behaviour are expected at the tournament venue, including a handshake with the opponent before and after the game.
- ✘ Eating at the chessboard is not allowed, alcohol-free drinks may be consumed in a way that does not disturb the opponent's contemplation.
- ✘ Players who do not play a certain round should inform the Chief Arbiter in time before the pairings of the round is published. Delayed notice on missing out a round leaves the already paired opponent with one round less to play that is not in line with fair-play principles. Players missing out a round without giving any notice to the arbiters or to the Tournament Director shall be expelled from the tournament and brought under disciplinary procedure!
- ✘ While their game is on, the players
 - ☠ may talk to nobody except the arbiters,
 - ☠ may leave the tournament hall without the consent of the arbiter only if it is their opponent's turn, and only for purposes of using the toilet, visiting the buffet, or smoking,
 - ☠ must not have on them a mobile phone, other communication device or any electronic device that is capable of producing chess moves, even if it is switched off; if they bring such a device to the tournament venue, they may keep it switched off in a bag or coat to which they have no access without the permission of the arbiter until their game ends.

where to eat and sleep?

Buffet is available at the tournament venue during the full time of the tournament. Presumably, between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. a **lunch menu** will be served at the hotel restaurant. With regards to rising food prices, the price of the menu will be published right before the tournament, together with sending the menu card to the participants. Lunch bookings for all days and payment in cash are to be made along with paying the entry fee.



Accommodation at Hotel Bara is for HUF 18,000 (≈EUR 45) per head per night, including breakfast. For guests coming by car, the parking fee is EUR 10 per night.

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**We wish all our chess friends a fair and successful
competition, and inspiring games!**

APPENDIX

1. GP prize eligibility and the calculation of GP points

The calculation of the overall winner is done in two categories. Players are eligible to the title “**Champion of Buda**” if they played all rounds in at least three GP-tournaments in the Master Group (they may skip the other two tournaments, or can play them in weaker groups, thus players getting stronger dynamically do not lose the opportunity if they play the first 1-2 tournaments in a weaker group).

Similarly, eligibility to the title “**Buda Club President**” is conditional upon the player having played all rounds of at least three GP-tournaments in the Club Group (the player may skip the other two tournaments or play them in the Future Group).

GP-scores are the sum of scores reached in the individual tournaments. There are a total of 35 rounds in the five tournaments, the one who scores most points, wins the Grand Prix. In case of a tie, it is broken by the following criteria (in order):

- ✘ direct encounter (if relevant)
- ✘ more games with black
- ✘ more wins
- ✘ more wins with black
- ✘ Buchholz Cut 2

2. The prize-distribution mechanism of the Hort system

The Hort system is meant to split the money prizes in a fair way in case of a tie among awardees. In the Hort system neither the tie-break scores are dominant (which would give too much ground for luck), nor there is a complete split of prizes, as long-established tie-break scores still show something. The Hort system distributes half of the originally allocated prize money evenly among the players in tie, leaving the other half with them according to the tie-break scores. The formula of the distribution mechanism is

$$H_1 = P_1 / 2 + \Sigma P_n / 2 / n$$

where

H_1 is the prize money of the given player in tie

P_1 is the originally allocated prize money to the given place

ΣP_n is the sum of the prize money originally allocated to the places in tie

n is the number of players in tie.

For instance, if there is a tie at the first four spots, the three possible prize-money distribution mechanisms are as follows:

<i>Place</i>	<i>Tie-break (original)</i>	<i>Hort system</i>	<i>Complete prize split</i>
1st place	100,000	88,750	77,500
2nd place	85,000	81,250	77,500
3rd place	70,000	73,750	77,500
4th place	55,000	66,250	77,500

If the tie “hangs out” of the awarded spots, e.g., there is a tie from the 5th to the 8th spots, then just the 5th gets the prize (according to the tie-break scores), that is, the number of awardees does not increase (as, first, that could fritter away the prize, and, second, from an organisational point of view it is important to be know the number of awardees in advance).