

XI. Berecz Memorial

Goal of the tournament:

- to commemorate Dr. Árpád Berecz prominent, honoured representative of chess life in Szeged
- to provide opportunity to gain FIDE ratings in a 4-day tournament
- popularizing chess, strengthening connection between chess players

Date and Venue of the tournament:

2025. December 27-30. Novotel Hotel Szeged, 6721 Szeged, Maros u. 1.

Organizers: Maróczy Géza Sport Club



and



Csongrád-Csanád County Chess Federation

Sponsors:



Szeged Megyei Jogú Város



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Participants:

Players having FIDE ID and valid Hungarian license for 2025. Foreign players who don't have valid Hungarian license still can play with buying a HPL (valid 365 days from the tournament) for 8000 HUF (or actual fee of Hungarian Chess Federation).

System of play:

7 round Swiss tournament, 90-90 min + 30 sec/move, within 3 groups (if 15 players are at least in each group):

Group „A”: rating above 2050 FIDE rating, but some players with at least 1950 rating might play as well

Group „B”: FIDE rating between 1650-2099

Group „C”: below 1750 FIDE rating

Arbiters:

IA Péter Szamosközi (Chief Arbiter), FA Rebeka Kiss, NA Buri Kata, NA László Csizmadia

Determine the rankings:

1. More points from the games
2. Modified Buchholz (excluding lowest and highest)
3. Progressive score
4. TPR performance
5. Drawing of lots

Winner prize list:

Prize list (HUF)	Group "A"	Group "B"	Group "C"
1 st place	250 000	75 000	45 000
2 nd place	190 000	55 000	33 000
3 rd place	140 000	45 000	27 000
4 th place	100 000	35 000	22 000
5 th place	75 000	30 000	20 000
6 th place	60 000	25 000	-
7 th place	50 000	-	-
Best U18 (2007.12.27-)	30 000	20 000	object
Best S60 (-1965.12.27)	30 000	20 000	object
Best woman	30 000	20 000	object
Best low ranking	30 000	20 000	object

Prizes are net and will not be shared.

Prizes are guaranteed if the number of participants reaches 50 at group „A”, 40 in group „B” and 35 in group „C”. In case of less players the prizes can be decreased proportionally. Youth, senior and woman special prizes are given if at least 5 category players are in that group. Special prizes are awarded in the above order. Best low ranking special prizes are awarded in group „A” to players below 2200, in group „B” below 1850, in group „C” below 1550. One player can get only one prize.

There will be additional youth special prizes (object rewards), where the age limits (e.g. U16, U14, U11, U8) – aligned to the number and composition of the participants – will be determined latest before the start of the 3rd round.

Players shall be present at the closing ceremony to receive their prizes!

Application for the tournament:

Players shall apply to the tournament on the following e-mail address: chess07me@gmail.com (László Csizmadia). The application shall include the name of the player, FIDE ID, country or club, chosen group (A/B/C).

Only paid and approved application is considered as accepted. The registration fee is payable to the bank account of the organizer Maróczy Géza Sportegyesület: 57400107-11128980 (IBAN: HU59574001071112898000000000). If the registration fee payment does not arrive in five days after the application, the date of the application is postponed based on the payment date and so a new registration fee category can be applied. We can issue an invoice only for the one who transferred the registration fee. If a player wants to receive an invoice to his club, then the club shall do the payment. If a player cannot participate in the tournament and notifies the organizer before December 15th (or the reason is accepted by the organizer), the registration fee will be refunded, with a reduction of 4000 HUF administration fee.

If the total number of applications exceeds 130 players or one group size exceeds 60 players, organizers may limit further applications to the tournament. Applications after Dec 15th is only possible after alignment with the organizer. On-site applications are not planned.

Registration fees (HUF)		till Sept. 25 th	till Nov. 3 rd	till Dec 5 th	till Dec 15 th	approx in EUR
"A" group	2400+	0	1 000	10 000	20 000	0-50
"A" group	2250-2399	12 000	16 000	20 000	24 000	30-60
"A" group	2050-2249	14 000	18 000	22 000	26 000	35-65
"A" group	1950-2049	30 000	35 000	40 000	45 000	75-110
"B" group	1850-2099	12 000	15 000	18 000	21 000	30-52
"B" group	1650-1849	13 000	16 000	19 000	22 000	32-55
"C" group	0-1749	10 000	13 000	16 000	20 000	25-50

Possible discounts from the registration fee: (can be accumulated)

- Under 18 years players get 1000 HUF discount.
- Early Bird discount for the first 50 applicants is 1000 HUF.

Players with title IM, GM or WGM who apply for the tournament until November 25th are guaranteed to get back their registration fee if they play all the 7 rounds of the tournament and they don't win a prize.

Schedule of the tournament:

Registration: December 27. 9:00-10:30

Opening Ceremony: December 27. 10:45

<u>Starting date of the rounds:</u>	Dec. 27.	Round 1: 11:00	Round 2: 15:45
	Dec. 28.	Round 3: 9:00	Round 4: 14:00
	Dec. 29.	Round 5: 9:00	Round 6: 14:00
	Dec. 30.	Round 7: 9:00	

The closing ceremony starts approx. 20-30 minutes after the end of the last game of the last round.

Further important rules and information:

Players who are not present at the on-site registration (December 27. 9:00 - 10:30) and haven't notified the organizer of their late arrival won't be paired for the first round and therefore will be excluded from the tournament. If somebody feels to be late, or for some reason must withdraw from the tournament shall inform the organizer on e-mail (chess07me@gmail.com) or on phone: +36 30/777-2034.

Default time is 30 minutes for the latecomers. In case of losing a game by default (e.g. late arrival), the player is obliged to inform the arbiter about the cause of the missed round and assure him to be present in time for the next round. If a defaulted player's whereabouts is unknown before the pairing of the next round and he didn't inform the arbiter, he won't be paired and will be disqualified from the tournament.

Draw offers are enabled from the first move, but fair play shall be kept in mind (repeated undue draw offers are forbidden).

During the game mobile phones and other electronic (communication) devices must be turned off. If a player forgets to switch off his device and it rings or gives any kind of sound, the player loses his game instantly. Players caught on using an electronic device (computer, mobile phone, etc) lose automatically. Talking is forbidden during the game: after warnings by the arbiter the talking player can lose the game.

Protesting against the decision of the chief arbiter is only possible in writing prior until the start of the next round. The protesting player has to deposit 20000 HUF with the protesting written document, which he gets back if the protest stands, otherwise the sum is lost. A jury with three members elected before the tournament decides about the protests.

Accommodation and meal shall be organized by the players themselves. There is possibility to book accommodation at the venue of the tournament (Novotel Hotel Szeged) at Ábrahámné Duka Gabriella: gabriella.duka@accor.com (or +36 30/597-8580). Until mid-November (based on availability) 4-night prices for two people are: 39.000 (+ tourist tax) HUF/room/night, which includes breakfast. Three-course meal for lunch or dinner can be also ordered 9000 HUF/meal/person. Other possibilities: Art Hotel in the city center, Hunguest Hotel or Tisza Sport Hotel on the other side of river Tisza, or Tímárház Pension close to the venue. And lots of more accommodation is available both in Szeged and in the nearby smaller towns, villages.

Updated, new information about the tournament is available on the [Facebook page](#) of the tournament. Startlists and results are available on: [Chess-Results XI. Berecz Memorial](#).

The organizers maintain the right to modify the regulations until the start of the tournament. The organizers wish quality time and good results to all participants!

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