

Season Opening XVIII. PREMIUM INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

BUDAPEST
2-4, January 2026.

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Place:

**Art Pub Restaurant and Conference Hall 1203. Budapest, Lajtha László
street 2.**

January 2–4, 2026 (Friday to Sunday)

The competition will now be held over three days instead of four, in two separate groups, to make it more comfortable for the competitors to play and avoid the fatigue caused by the New Year.

The venue of the competition is the previously well-known and popular Art Pub Restaurant, and its patina and large conference room, where we will hold the competition. The competition venue is easily accessible from any direction. The tram stop **of tram 3 is also located there**, and it can also be reached **by trams 2B, 51, 52! In addition, it can be reached by buses 66, 66B, 119, 166, 223E and 224.** There is a metro station on „Határ út”, from where you can also reach the competition venue by the above-mentioned trams!

Website address of the competition venue, menu and more: www.artpub.hu

Tournament-type: Seven-round Swiss tournament in **groups A and B**, according to the current FIDE rules.

Game Time

Group "A" 2 x 70 minutes + bonus time of 30 seconds per move

Group "B" 2 × 70 minutes + 30 seconds bonus time per move

In groups "A" and "B" Round Day Hour

Registration: Friday, 2. January 2026. 10:00-10:45 a.m

Opening ceremony: Friday, 2. January 2026. 10:50 a.m

Round 1 Friday, 2. January 2026. 11:00 a.m

Round 2 Friday, 2. January 2026. 15:30 p.m

Round 3 Saturday, 3. January 2026. 9:00 a.m

Round 4 Saturday, 3. January 2026. 13:00 p.m

Round 5 Saturday, 3. January 2026. 17:00 p.m

Round 6 Sunday, 4. January 2026. 9:00 a.m

Round 7 Sunday, 4. January 2026. 13:00 p.m

The waiting time in both groups is 30 minutes!

Registration:

You can register in advance with competition director AO Jozsef Jeszenszky at the e-mail address sporty207@gmail.com, until midnight 1st January, 2026. We will confirm the entries.

Applicants after the entry deadline will be put on a waiting list, and the tournament director will decide on their playing opportunities and group assignments, subject to possible cancellations.

Due to the expected saturation of the groups, it will not be possible to register on the spot. We can accept a maximum of 110 people for the competition in groups "A" and "B". In view of the above, please apply on time.

You can only participate in the tournament with a valid 2026 competition license, and for foreign players only with a regular HPL, which costs HUF 8,000 and is valid for 1 year.

The entry fee must be paid on site, on the opening day of the competition, between 10:00 and 10:45. Players can enter each group according to their value according to the following conditions:

Group "A" with ELO points above 1800

Entry fee:

Above 2,100 ELO HUF 12,000

1,800–2,099 ELO HUF 14,000

Group „B” with ELO points under 1800

Entry fee:

1600–1799 ELO HUF 13,000

Under 1599 HUF 14,000

Those without a ELO points HUF 15,000

Entry into a higher group with a lower ELO points is possible only with the special permission of the organizers, with an entry fee of HUF 3,000, with a difference of no more than 100 LIVE points from the lowest ELO limit of the higher group.

The entry fee always includes lunch (soup + main course!) for a chosen day!

Meals are also possible on additional days: for HUF 2500 (soup + main course!)



Special rules:

While the game is in progress, the player may only have a mobile phone or other device suitable for communication or communication of chess moves in a switched off state. If the player brings such a device to the venue of the competition, it can be turned off and placed in a small box behind the referee's table, which can only be accessed during the game with the referee's permission. Please note that the location of the competition is not the same as the competition hall. The competition venue includes the lobby, washrooms and smoking areas. During the current game, the player may leave the venue only with the permission of the referee. SMOKING is strictly FORBIDDEN in the building. Since this has already been a problem during past competitions, if someone lights a cigarette inside the building, it will unfortunately result in IMMEDIATE disqualification. We ask everyone to respect the residents of the condominium and respect this rule!

Prizes:

The prize fund, including category prizes, is HUF 400,000. Prizes are guaranteed for at least 80 participants. The condition for awarding the category prizes is that at least 3 competitors in the given category (female, senior, youth) enter the group. A contestant can only receive one prize. Prize money is subject to taxes and fees.

The date of the award ceremony in groups "A" and "B" is Sunday, 4th January, 2026 immediately after the last round.

Placement/category

	Group "A"	Group "B"
1st place	HUF 100,000	HUF 60,000
2nd place	HUF 60,000	HUF 40,000
3rd place	HUF 40,000	HUF 30,000
4th place	HUF 20,000	HUF 20,000
5th place	HUF 15,000	

Best Unawarded Female Player Item Reward Item Reward

Best Unrewarded Senior (S60) Item Reward

Best non-awarded youth (U18) subject award

In the event of a tie, the repaired Buchholz score (Cut 1), full Buchholz score, and Progressive score will decide, in that order.

Registration:

Tournament Director

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Competition Arbiter

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Chief Arbiter

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The organizer reserves the right to make changes to the competition.

We wish all our dear sportsmen a successful and sporting competition!

