

XII. 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:

2026. 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 2026. 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 2 groups (if 20 players are at least in each group):

Group „A”: minimum FIDE rating is 1800

Group „B”: maximum FIDE rating is 1999

If a group size exceeds 65, the Baku system will be applied for the pairings.

Arbiters:

IA Péter Szamosközi (Chief Arbiter), FA Rebeka Kiss, 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:

Group A (HUF)		Group B (HUF)	
1st place	Cup + 160 000	1st place	Cup + 60 000
2nd place	125 000	2nd place	50 000
3rd place	100 000	3rd place	40 000
4th place	80 000	4th place	36 000
5th place	65 000	5th place	33 000
6th place	60 000	6th place	30 000
7th place	55 000		
Under 2200 rating	50 000	Under 1700 rating	25 000
Under 2000 rating	40 000		
U18 (2008.12.27-)	Cup + 40 000	U18 (2008.12.27-)	Cup + 25 000
Senior (-1966.12.27)	Cup + Object	Senior (-1966.12.27)	Cup + Object
Woman	Cup + Object	Woman	Cup + Object
U16	Cup + Object	U16	Cup + Object
U14	Cup + Object	U14	Cup + Object
U12	Cup + Object	U12	Cup + 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“. 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. One player can get only one prize.

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).

Application is possible to a group only when the player's actual rating fits to the rating limits of the chosen group. If the player's December rating goes outside the rating limits (go below 1800 in group "A" or go above 1999 in group "A"), still can play in group "A" with lower rating, but must upgrade to group "A" if the final rating goes over 1999.

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 three days after the application's approval, the date of the application is postponed based on the payment date and so a new registration fee category can be applied. Application fee is calculated based on the rating valid at the application date. 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, organizers may limit further applications to the tournament. Applications after Dec 15th is only possible after alignment with the organizer. On-site applications won't be accepted.

Registration fees (HUF)		till Oct. 21 st	till Nov. 15 th	till Dec 15 th	after Dec 15 th
"A" group	2350+	0	0	15 000	20 000
"A" group	2150 -2349	12 000	15 000	18 000	25 000
"A" group	1950 -2149	14 000	17 000	20 000	30 000
"A" group	1800 -1949	24 000	30 000	35 000	40 000
"B" group	1750 -1999	11 000	13 000	16 000	20 000
"B" group	1550 -1749	13 000	15 000	18 000	22 000
"B" group	0 -1549	15 000	17 000	20 000	24 000

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

- Under 18 years players get 1000 HUF discount.
- Family discount: second participant from the same family receives 2000 HUF, third participant receives 3000 HUF discount.

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: <https://novotelszeged.hu/>) at Ábrahámné Duka Gabriella: gabriella.duka@accor.com (or +36 30/597-8580). 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 XII. 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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