

# **Kovács Vilmos Memorial Tournament – U1800 FIDE Standard**

**13-14 March 2026**

**Esztergom Innovation Center – 2500 Esztergom, Mátyás  
Király Street 33**

## **In Memoriam – Vilmos Kovács (1945–2018)**

Vilmos Kovács was born in 1945 in Kaposvár and grew up in Esztergom. He began playing chess at the age of 21 and quickly achieved the First Class national title. From the 1970s he was a player of Magyar Viscosa Nyergesújfalu in the NB II league and participated in the finals of the Hungarian Correspondence Chess Championship multiple times. Until his passing in 2018, he was an active member of the Esztergom Chess Club.

## **Aim of the Tournament**

The tournament commemorates Vilmos Kovács and provides competitive opportunities for players rated under 1800. The event is FIDE-standard rated.

## **Venue**

Esztergom Innovation Center – 2500 Esztergom, Mátyás Király Street 33.

## **Schedule**

Friday, 13 March:

Registration: 15:00–16:00

Opening Ceremony: 16:00

Round 1: 16:15

Round 2: 18:15

Saturday, 14 March:

Round 3: 09:00

Round 4: 11:00

Round 5: 14:00

Round 6: 16:00

Prize-Giving Ceremony: 18:00

## **System of Play**

6-round Swiss system. Time control: 2×30 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move. 15-minute waiting time. FIDE Standard rating will be calculated. Mandatory: 2026 national license for Hungarian players, HPL for foreign players. Tiebreaks: 1) Buchholz 2) Berger 3) Progressive.

## **Chief Arbiter**

NA Imre László – National Arbiter.

## **Entry Fees**

1600–1799: 4,000 HUF

1400–1599: 5,000 HUF

Unrated: 6,000 HUF

On-site registration: +1,000 HUF surcharge.

## **Registration**

Entries must be sent by 12 March 2026 to: [esztergomisakkclub@citromail.hu](mailto:esztergomisakkclub@citromail.hu)

## **Prizes**

1600–1799:

1st place: 25,000 HUF + cup + medal + certificate

2nd place: medal + certificate + gift prize

3rd place: medal + certificate + gift prize

1400–1599 (same structure)

Unrated:

1st place: 15,000 HUF + cup + medal + certificate

2nd place: medal + certificate + gift prize

3rd place: medal + certificate + gift prize

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