

Columbus

International Polish Amateur
Chess Championship 2026



**April
10-19**

Hotel BELMONTE
Krynica-Zdrój



To crown the Amateur Chess Champion



Integrating the chess community



Popularizing the game of chess

ORGANIZER & PARTNERS:



System of play

The Championships will be held according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds, with time control of 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.

The tournament is held according to the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and Polish Chess Federation Chess Code.

Prizes

The total prize pool in all rating groups will be a minimum of PLN 40,000 (including at least PLN 35,000 in financial prizes).

There will also be a team classification of the Championships - the results of the three best players from a given club will be considered, regardless of the ranking group.

Terms of participation

Players without FIDE rating or with FIDE rating up to 2200 can participate in the Championship. The Championship will be played in 3 rating groups:

- up to 1600 FIDE rating or unranked
- up to 1900 FIDE rating
- up to 2200 FIDE rating

Players' standard FIDE rating, published on the 1st of April, 2024, is considered. Playing in a higher rating group is allowed.

The prerequisite for participation is the payment of an entry fee of EUR 85 and an organization fee of EUR 25 (players staying in the official hotel of the Championship are exempt from the organization fee) to the bank account of Klub Sportowy Kingsofchess Kraków (payment details - see next section).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by email: mpamatorzy@gmail.com

Payment

Klub Sportowy Kingsofchess Kraków, Santander Bank

Account number: **PL46 1090 1766 0000 0001 5276 1625**

SWIFT code: WBKPPLPP

Transaction title: 'player's first name, last name, tournament group'



Registration

A condition for participation is the payment of an entry fee in the amount of:

- EUR 90 if paid by 28.02.2026
- EUR 100 if paid between 01.03.2025 and 29.03.2026
- EUR 125 if paid after 29.03.2026

as well as an organizational fee of EUR 25 (the organizational fee is waived for players accommodated for a minimum of 4 nights in the official Championship hotel).

Categories:

- up to 1600 FIDE rating or unrated
- up to 1900 FIDE rating
- up to 2200 FIDE rating

Players confirmed on the starting list (green tick) can go directly to the 1st round.

Schedule

10.04.2026 at 8:00 pm – Technical meeting.

11.04.2026 at 3:15 pm – Opening Ceremony.

11.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 1st round

12.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 2nd round

13.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 3rd round

14.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 4th round

15.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 5th round

16.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 6th round

17.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 7th round

18.04.2026 at 3:30 pm – 8th round

19.04.2026 at 10:00 am – 9th round

19.04.2026 at 3:00 pm – Closing Ceremony

Accompanying events

Rapid Tournament

Blitz Tournament

Simuls with GrandMasters

Integration Party (campfire)

Chess lectures by GMs



Accommodation

Participants of the Championship can stay at any place of their choice.

The official hotel of the Championship is hotel Belmonte.

Traveling time from closest airports (by car): Kraków (KRK) ~ 2h

Cost of accommodation with breakfast:

- 69 EUR/person per day in rooms and apartments for 2,3 and 4 people
- 89 EUR/ person/day in rooms and apartments for 1 person

Cost of accommodation with breakfast and dinner:

- 79 EUR / person per day in rooms and apartments for 2, 3, and 4 people
- 99 EUR / person per day in rooms and 1-person apartments

The number of apartments is limited!!! The order of paid reservations is decisive.

- Children up to 3 years of age - free
- Children from 3 to 17 years - 70% of the price.
- The local tax is 1,50 EUR per adult per day.
- The cost of parking is 7,50 EUR per day.

Note: The above prices are guaranteed until 10.02.2026. After this date, prices are subject to change.

Hotel guests can use free-of-charge Wi-Fi, swimming pools and wellness area, all sports infrastructure: Fitness Gym, Multi-purpose field, Pilates and Yoga Room, and rich infrastructure for children: playgrounds, playrooms. For the duration of the championship, a special discount on bar orders and Spa treatments. Reservations and fees should be made by link

<https://tiny.pl/0pcrm6g2>



Final provisions

- The General Tournament Regulations of the Polish Amateur Chess Championship can be found on the Polish Chess Federation website:
<https://pzszech.pl/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Regulamin-IMP-Amatorow-2023-publ.pdf>
- FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and Polish Chess Federation Chess Code apply.
- Registration is tantamount to consent for processing of the player's personal data (first name, last name, FIDE rating, year of birth) to organize the PACC tournament.
- The tournament is submitted to FIDE and Polish Chess Federation.
- Players are entitled to take a maximum of two half-byes (0.5 points each) up to and including the 6th round. Such requests must be reported to the arbiter by 9 PM on the day preceding the round. Half-point byes are also possible in rounds 7, 8, and 9, provided they are requested before the start of the first round.
- Participation in the tournament is tantamount to acceptance of the use of the image for marketing purposes.
- All participants (players, accompanying persons, etc.) insure themselves.
- Players under 18 are under the care of their parents/caretakers for the duration of the tournament.
- Parking will be available on-site for 7,50 EUR per day.
- The tournament will be broadcast on [YT PZSzach](#) and [Twitch GMPakleza](#) channels.
- The Organizer reserves the right to the final interpretation of the announcement.

Championship Director
GM Zbigniew Pakleza

Deputy President of
Polish Chess Federation
GM Artur Jakubiec

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