

SKOPJE OPEN 2023 BALKAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Regulations

- SKOPJE OPEN 2023** is traditional open chess tournament, for any interested chess player no matter of the rating, title or category in organization by the **municipality Skopje**, the capital city of **Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje** in collaboration with **Chess Union of Skopje** (<https://www.facebook.com/SkopjeChess/>) **and supported by FIDE** (<https://fide.com/>)
 - Tournament will be played from **December 06th 2023. (Wednesday)** till **December 12th 2023. (Tuesday)**, and schedule is as follows:
 - December 06th (Wednesday) Opening Ceremony at 16:30
 - December 06th (Wednesday) 1st round will start at 17:00.
 - December 07th (Thursday) 2nd round will start at 17:00.
 - December 08th (Friday) 3rd round will start at 10:30 and 4th round will start at 17:00
 - December 09th (Saturday) 5th round will start at 17:00
 - December 10th (Sunday) 6th round will start at 10:30 and 7th round will start at 17:00
 - December 11th (Monday) 8th round will start at 17:00
 - December 12th (Tuesday) 9th round will start at 17:00
 - December 12th (Tuesday) Closing Ceremony will start 30 minutes after the finishing of the last round.
 - Registration of players will be possible until December 05th. Confirmation of the participation should be done the latest till 16:00 hours on December 06th.
 - The Tournament will be played according to the rules of Swiss System in 9 rounds. For OPEN A, in order to protect players with a higher rating, as well as those who aspire to win the norm, pairing in the first five rounds will be done according to the Swiss accelerated "Baku" system (HANDBOOK FIDE, C.04.5). Time control is 90 minutes to the end of the game with 30 seconds increment.
 - Players will be ranked according to number of points won. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the same rank, the following tie-break methods shall be applied by order:
 - Buchholz -1
 - Acceleration (Progress)
 - Greater number of victories
 - Rating Performance
 - The default time is 30 minutes.
 - A player may request a maximum of one half-point bye in the first 6 rounds of the tournament.
 - All mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronical devices are banned from the playing halls.
 - Nonresident players must provide their FIDE Identification Number (FIN) (ID code) at the time of entry. If player do not have a FIN, must apply for it to the own federation for a FIN before entering the tournament.
 - TOTAL PRIZE FUND is 15,050 EUR**
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OPEN A

11. Entry fee is waived for the players who at the moment of registration have rating greater than 2400.

For other player entry fee is as follows:

- **50 EUR** for players rated between **2201-2400**

- **70 EUR** for player rated between **2000-2200**

- **100 EUR** for player with rating lower than **2000**

Domestic players registered for 2023 year has 20% discount on entry fee.

Organizer keeps the right to give wild card for some players.

12. Prizes to the total amount of **8,000 EUR** will be distributed as follows:

a) Regular prizes (6,000 €):

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| 1) 2,000 EUR | 2) 1,200 EUR | 3) 800 EUR | 4) 600 EUR |
| 5) 500 EUR | 6) 400 EUR | 7) 300 EUR | 8) 200 EUR |

Hort system will be used for sharing prizes in case of tie until 4th place (including 4th).

Other prizes are not divisible.

b) Special prizes (2,000 €) will be granted for best ranked player in categories as follows:

- *Players <= 2400 rating points*

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| 1) 350 EUR | 2) 250 EUR | 3) 150 EUR |
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- *Players <= 2200 rating points – **KRUM MITKOVSKI REWARD for the BEST AMATEUR***

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| 1) 350 EUR | 2) 250 EUR | 3) 150 EUR |
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- **Special prizes also will be granted to:**

- The best ranked women player - **200 EUR**
- The best unrewarded veteran player over 65 years old (born 1958 and older) - **100 EUR**
- The best unrewarded player under 16 years old (born 2007 and younger) - **100 EUR**
- The best unrewarded domestic player - **100 EUR**

13. Players are not allowed to win more than one prize. Player will win the higher one, and ordered by priority as listed in the regulations.

14. BALKAN OPEN PRIZES

Prize fund for players from Balkan Chess Federations (ALB, BIH, BUL, GRE, KOS, MNE, MKD, MDA, ROU, SLO, SRB and TUR) is in total **4,000 EUR** distributed as follows:

OPEN Prizes:

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| 1) 1,000 EUR | 2) 700 EUR | 3) 400 EUR | 4) 300 EUR |
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WOMEN Prizes

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| 1) 650 EUR | 2) 500 EUR | 3) 350 EUR | 4) 200 EUR |
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One player can take only one Balkan prize (bigger one).

Balkan Prizes are cumulative to regular prizes or special prizes from OPEN A tournament.

(For example: If winner of the tournament is player from Balkan federations, he or she will win 2,000 EUR+ 1,000 EUR in total 3,000 EUR)

Balkan Chess Federations are invited to delegate one GM Player and one Women player. Accommodation with half board is provided by organizer for delegated player.

OPEN B

15. In OPEN B right for participation is given to all players rated below 2000 on December 1st FRL.
16. Entry fee for OPEN B is: **30 EUR**
Domestic players registered for 2023 year have 20% discount on entry fee.
Organizer keeps the right to give wild card for some players.
17. Prizes to the total amount of **3,050 EUR** will be distributed as follows:
- c) Regular prizes (2,000 €):**
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| 1) 600 EUR | 2) 400 EUR | 3) 300 EUR | 4) 100 EUR |
| 5) 150 EUR | 6) 150 EUR | 7) 100 EUR | 8) 100 EUR |
- d) Special prizes (1,050 €) will be granted for best ranked player in categories as follows:**
- **Special Prizes KRUM MITKOVSKI for the best unrewarded blind players or players with physical disabilities (750 €)**
1) 350 EUR 2) 250 EUR 3) 150 EUR
 - **Special prizes also will be granted to:**
 - The best ranked women player - **100 EUR**
 - The best unrewarded veteran player over 65 years old (born 1958 and older) - **100 EUR**
 - The best unrewarded player under 12 years old (born 2011 and younger) - **100 EUR**
- All prizes in OPEN B are not divisible.**
18. No player may win more than one prize. Player will win the higher one, and ordered by priority as listed in the regulations.
19. Money prizes will be paid through our partner outpostchess.com
20. Entry fees should be paid in advance through Outpost chess platform at the following links:
[OPEN A](#) [OPEN B](#)
21. Tournaments will be held at the ****Hotel Continental <http://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>
22. Recommended accommodation is in the playing venue with special prices which will be valid for this tournament as follows:
- Single room is 45EUR per person with breakfast
 - Double room is 35EUR per person with breakfast
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