
PILSEN OPEN 2026

14th International Chess Festival
part of CZECH TOUR 2026 Series
28th March – 4th April 2026, Plzen, Czech Republic

Place: Parkhotel Plzen ****, U Borskeho parku 31, Plzen

Organizer: AVE CHESS z. s.

Festival director: Michal Horacek

Chief arbiter: FA Petr Lausman

ANNOUNCED TOURNAMENTS

A) 28th March – 4th April 2026: round-robin GM tournament – Petr Neuman's memorial

- **GM norm**, rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- 10 players in the group, average rating ≥ 2400
- **participation** of players with ELO FIDE ≥ 2350 (the organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament, starting fee is marked with *)
- round system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 5 000, 3 000, 2 000

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
ELO FIDE ≥ 2500	250	271
ELO FIDE ≥ 2450	291.5	312.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2400	333.5	354
ELO FIDE ≥ 2350	375	396
ELO FIDE < 2350	500*	521*

IM discount of 10%

A discount for previous participation in Czech Tour series cannot be applied to the tournament

B) 28th March – 4th April 2026: round-robin IM tournament – Stefan Gros memorial

- **IM norm**, rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- 10 players in the group, average rating ≥ 2250
- **participation** of players with ELO FIDE ≥ 2200 (the organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament, starting fee is marked with *)
- round system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 3 000, 2 000, 1 000

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
ELO FIDE ≥ 2350	166.5	187.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2300	208.5	229
ELO FIDE ≥ 2250	250	271
ELO FIDE ≥ 2200	291.5	312.5
ELO FIDE < 2200	416.5	437.5

FM, WFM and WIM discount of 10 %

A discount for previous participation in Czech Tour series cannot be applied to the tournament

C) 28th March – 4th April 2026: Pilsen Open

- **open rating tournament**, rating for FIDE
- **participation of players without age and performance limitations**
- Swiss system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival

Starting fee (EUR)

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
GM, IM, WGM and WIM	0	0
ELO FIDE ≥ 2200	41.5	62.5
ELO FIDE ≥ 2000	50	71
ELO FIDE ≥ 1850	58.5	79

ELO FIDE >= 1700	66.5	87.5
ELO FIDE < 1700 and without ELO FIDE	75	96

- **discounts on starting fee:** 25 % for FM, players over 65 years of age and women
- players registered after 18 March 2026 pay extra 12.5 EUR

Financial prizes (CZK)

- 10 000, 6 000, 5 000, 4 000, 3 000, 2 000, best woman 1 000, best senior over 60 years of age 1 000, best player up to 16 years of age 1 000, best player up to 12 years of age 1 000, best player with ELO FIDE 1900–1999, 1800–1899, 1700–1799, 1600–1699, 1500–1599 and under 1500 1 000 (40 000 CZK altogether, fusion of prizes is possible)
- material prizes for other players

D) 29th March 2026: Open tournament in rapid chess

- participation of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 7 rounds, 2 x 10 min + 5s / move
- **rating** for rapid ELO FIDE
- **starting fee:** 8.5 EUR
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 1 500, 1 000, 500
- material prizes for other players
- **applications** for this tournament are not registered in advance and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

E) 3rd April 2026: Open blitz tournament

- participation of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 11 rounds, 2 x 3 min. + 2s/move
- **rating** for blitz ELO FIDE
- **starting fee** 6.5 EUR
- **financial prizes** in CZK: 1 000, 700, 500
- material prizes for other players
- **applications** for this tournament are not registered in advance and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

Fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in A, B, 30+ (2.5 EUR per player), C and D (0.5 EUR per player) charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic, **are included in the starting fee.**

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution

- A and B tournaments: 1. number of points, 2. S.-B., 3. mutual game, 4. Lot
- C, D and E tournaments: 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1, 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. the greater number of games played with black
- prizes in A and B tournaments are divided equally among first 3 players with the same number of points; in tournament C are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes; prizes in tournaments D and E are not divided

ACCOMMODATION

Parkhotel Plzen ****

(the playing hall is situated here)

- single rooms STANDARD with shower and WC, price including breakfast 75 EUR/room and night
- double rooms STANDARD with shower and WC, price including breakfast 87.5 EUR/room and night
- single rooms SUPERIOR with shower and WC, price including breakfast 83.5 EUR/room and night
- double rooms SUPERIOR with shower and WC, price including breakfast 100 EUR/room and night

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the municipal fee in the amount of 25 CZK (~ 1 EUR) / night upon arrival at the reception.

SCHEDULE

Sat 28/3	10.00–15.00	Attendance A, B, C
	15.15	Drawing lots A, B
	16.00	1 st round A, B, C
Sun 29/3	8.30–9.15	Registration D
	9.30–13.30	Tournament D
	16.00	2 nd round A, B, C
Mon 30/3	16.00	3 rd round A, B, C
Tue 31/3	9.00	4 th round A, B, C
	16.00	5 th round A, B, C
Wed 1/4	16.00	6 th round A, B, C

Thu 2/4	16.00	7 th round A, B, C
Fri 3/4	9.15–9.45	Registration E
	10.00–13.00	Tournament E
	16.00	8 th round A, B, C
Sat 4/4	9.00	9 th round A, B, C
	15.00	Solemn conclusion

OTHER INFORMATION

Complete your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 18th March 2026 on <http://www.czechtour.net/applications/> or by e-mail to office@avechess.cz, alt. ave-kontakt@outlook.cz.

All foreign players must have an assigned FIDE identification number (abbreviation FIDE ID or FID) at the time of the submission of the application form. If they do not have it, they have to apply their national chess federation for it.

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), **CZK** (in the rate 24:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) **or USD or by debit and credit cards:** Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Attendance before starting the tournament is mandatory for all participants.

Discount on starting fee and accommodation price – 5% discount in 2nd start in the tournament held within the frame of this year CZECH TOUR Series, or 10% in 3rd start, 15% in 4th start etc. (only starts from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move are counted)

By participating in the tournament, the player gives the organizer the right to take photos and videos with his person and to use them.

Interesting things and photos: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Zonerama](#)

Festivals arranged within the frame of **CZECH TOUR International Chess Festivals Series Autumn 2025 and Winter 2026:**

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8–15 Nov 2025 14th BRNO OPEN
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17–24 Jan 2026 24th MARIENBAD OPEN
28 Mar – 4 Apr 2025 14th PILSEN OPEN

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