



LJUBLJANA CHESS FESTIVAL

Ljubljana Chess Festival 2026

(24.04. – 03.05.2026)

REGULATIONS

 Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Tržaška cesta 25, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

 www.ljubljana-chess-festival.eu

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Organizer

Brainiac64 d.o.o. and Tajfun-ŠK Ljubljana.

Registration

Players with a FIDE ID number must register via the Google form: <https://forms.gle/k5s1Bafxdz5CLPco6/>.
Confirmation of registration on the day of the tournament, April 27, 2026, no later than 15:30.

System of play

9 rounds, Swiss system (Baku Accelerated), 75 minutes + 30 seconds per move; after 40 moves an additional 15 minutes + 30 seconds per move. Two byes (1/2 point each) are allowed, except in the last three rounds.

Program

Confirmation of registration for the main tournament: April 27, 2026 / 13:00–15:30

Opening ceremony: April 27, 2026 / 16:30

Date	Ljubljana Chess Festival – The Main Tournament	The Side Events
Friday, 24.04.		18:00 – Press Conference and Chess Movie Night
Saturday, 25.04.		10:00 - 5th Memorial tournament of Nusret Sivčević; 10:00 - 2nd VIP tournament of dr. Milan Vidmar
Sunday, 26.04.		10:00 - 10th Memorial tournament of Zlatko Bašagič; 10:00 - 5th Children's tournamen
Monday, 27.04.	15:45 - Opening ceremony; 16:00 - 1st round	
Tuesday, 28.04.	10:00 - 2nd round; 16:00 - 3rd round	
Wednesday, 29.04.	16:00 - 4th round	
Thursday, 30.04.	16:00 - 5th round	
Friday, 01.05.	10:00 - 6th round; 16:00 - 7th round	
Saturday, 02.05.	16:00 - 8th round	
Sunday, 03.05.	10:00 - 9th round	16:00 - 2nd Memorial tournament of Janko Sarađen

Closing ceremony of the main tournament: May 3, 2026 / 30 minutes after the last game ends.

Prizes for the main tournament: €10,000.00 (gross)

To receive the prize, it is necessary to provide a tax number, bank account (IBAN), recipient's address, and a copy of the passport. Prizes will be paid after the tournament. Each player can receive only one prize.

Prize Distribution:

1st place – €2.500	Players with FIDE rating 2200–2300 – €250
2nd place – €1.800	Players with FIDE rating 2100–2199 – €200
3rd place – €1.000	Players with FIDE rating 2000–2099 – €150
4th place – €600	Players with FIDE rating 1900–1999 – €150
5th place – €500	Players with FIDE rating 1800–1899 – €100
	Players with FIDE rating 1700–1799 – €100
	Players with FIDE rating 1600–1699 – €100
	Players with FIDE rating under 1600 – €100

Top Women

1st place – €700
2nd place – €500
3rd place – €350

Top Seniors (60+)

1st place – €200
2nd place – €150
3rd place – €100

Top Juniors (u20)

1st place – €200
2nd place – €150
3rd place – €100

Entry fee for the main tournament until April 24, 2026

- €110;
- €0 for GM and WGM;
- €85 for IM and WIM, as well as juniors under 20;
- €70 for members of Tajfun Chess Club Ljubljana.

Payment Details

Registration for the main tournament is only considered valid after payment of the entry fee to IBAN: SI56 6100 0002 6825 115 (Chess Club Ljubljana, Glavarjeva 16, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia), account held at Delavska hranilnica d.d., Miklošičeva 5, 1000 Ljubljana, SWIFT/BIC code: HDELSI22.

Refund Policy

Cancellation 30–60 days before the tournament -> 75% refund of paid fees.
Cancellation 15–30 days before the tournament -> 50% refund.
Cancellation 1–15 days before the tournament -> 25% refund.
After the pairings are published or the tournament has started -> no refund.

Important Information

- Default time for delay: 30 minutes;
- A 2* bye (1/2 point) is allowed, except in the last two rounds;
- Bringing electronic devices into the playing hall is strictly prohibited;
- Fair Play rules must be observed;
- Dress code is recommended, with special prizes;
- Prizes are mutually exclusive. If a player does not attend the award ceremony, they are no longer entitled to receive the prize;
- The tournament will be FIDE rated;
- Interesting side events will take place during the festival. More information at www.ljubljana-chess-festival.eu.

Accommodation Options

Šport Hotel Ljubljana ***

To book a room, call +386 70 627721 or email sport.hotel@sport-ljubljana.si mentioning that it is for chess players.

Tournament director:
Darja Kapš



5th Memorial tournament of Nusret Sivčević

(Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00)

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Organizator

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System of play

- Swiss system, 9 rounds;
- Time control: 8 minutes + 5 seconds per move for each player per game.

Eligibility to participate

All chess enthusiasts

Equipment

All provided by the organizer!

Program

- 9:30 – registration confirmation;
- 10:00 – round 1;
- 15:30 – prize ceremony.

Entry fee

- €10 – members of Tajfun-ŠK Ljubljana;
- €15 – all pre-registered participants;
- €20 – after the registration deadline and on the day of the event.

Bank transfer details

The entry fee must be paid by April 20, 2026, to the account of Šahovski klub Ljubljana, Glavarjeva 16, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia; IBAN: SI56 6100 0002 6825 115 (Delavska hranilnica d.d., Miklošičeva 5, 1000 Ljubljana, BIC/SWIFT: HDELSI22). Later payments are only possible on the day of the event.

Registration

We accept pre-registrations via the Google form <https://forms.gle/uvmYw5upb2MxMp5e7/> or by email at events@sah-ljubljana.si until Monday, April 20, 2026. Players can also register on the day of the event, but will have to pay a higher entry fee.

Prizes

Prize fund of €600 (gross) and medals.

1st place: €150; Best female player: €100;
2nd place: €100; Best veteran (U60): €100;
3rd place: €50. Best youth player (under 18): €100.

Prizes are mutually exclusive; each player can receive only one.

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5th Children's tournament

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Organizator

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Equipment

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Sistem of play

- Swiss system, 7 rounds;
- Time control: 10 minutes + 5 seconds per move for each player per game.

Program

- 9:30 – registration confirmation;
- 10:00 – round 1;
- 14:30 – prize ceremony

Eligibility to participate

Youth up to 15 years old
(children born in 2011 or later).

Entry fee

- €5 – members of Tajfun-ŠK Ljubljana;
- €10 – all pre-registered participants;
- €15 – after the registration deadline and on the day of the event.

Bank transfer details

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Prizes

1st place: trophy, medal, and a practical prize;

2nd – 3rd place: medal and a practical prize;

Best girls: medals and practical prizes;

Best player(s) from Tajfun ŠK-Ljubljana: practical prize;

Youngest participant(s): practical prize;

Prizes are mutually exclusive; each player can receive only one.

Tournament director:
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10th Memorial tournament of Zlatko Bašagič

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Organizator

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Sistem of play

- Swiss system, 11 rounds;
- Time control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds per move for each player per game.

Eligibility to participate

All chess enthusiasts

Equipment

All provided by the organizer!

Program

- 9:30 – registration confirmation;
- 10:00 – round 1;
- 14:30 – prize ceremony

Entry fee

- €10 – members of Tajfun-ŠK Ljubljana;
- €15 – all pre-registered participants;
- €20 – after the registration deadline and on the day of the event.

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Prizes

1st place: €250;

2nd place: €180;

3rd place: €100;

Best women: €100, €70, €50;

Best seniors (60+): €100, €70, €50;

Best youth (under 20): €100, €70, €50.

Players with FIDE rating 2100–2300: €90;

Players with FIDE rating 1900–2099: €80;

Players with FIDE rating 1700–1899: €70;

Players with FIDE rating below 1700: €60.

Prizes are mutually exclusive; each player can receive only one.

Tournament director:
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2nd Memorial tournament of Janko Saraden

(Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 16:30)

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Organizer

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Sistem of play

- Swiss system, 9 rounds;
- Time control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds per move for each player per game.

Eligibility to participate

All chess enthusiasts

Equipment

All provided by the organizer!

Program

- 16:00 – registration confirmation;
- 16:30 – round 1;
- 19:30 – prize ceremony.

Entry fee

- €10 – members of Tajfun-ŠK Ljubljana and ŠD Milan Vidmar;
- €15 – all pre-registered participants;
- €20 – after the registration deadline and on the day of the event.

Bank transfer details

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Prizes

Prize fund of €1,300 (gross).

1st place: €250;
2nd place: €200;
3rd place: €150;
4th place: €100;
5th place: €80.

Best women: €100, €80, €60;
Best seniors (60+): €80;
Best youth (under 20): €80;
Best player with FIDE rating ≤1999: €60;
Best player with FIDE rating 2000–2199: €60.

Prizes are mutually exclusive; each player can receive only one.

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