



**MONTENEGRO OPEN
MEDITERRANEAN OPEN & WOMEN
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026**

OPEN "A" & OPEN "B"

**Budva,
4th July – 11th July 2026**





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GENERAL REGULATION



Invitation

The Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF), under the patronage of the Mediterranean Chess Association (MCA), the Ministry of Sports of Montenegro and the Municipality of Budva organize **MONTENEGRO OPEN & MEDITERRANEAN OPEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026.**

Tournament consist:

OPEN "A" – Mediterranean Championships 2026

for players rated 2000 and more rating points

OPEN "B"

for players rated below 2000 rating points

Mediterranean Rapid Championship 2026

U14 & U20 - 8th July 2026

Open Blitz Tournament

8th July 2026

The tournament will be held in **Budva, Srednja mjesovita skola "Danilo Kis"** starting on 4th July till the 11th July 2026.





Schedule

MONTENEGRO OPEN & MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIOSHIP 2026		
04.07.2026.	Opening ceremony	13:30
	Round 1	14:00
05.07.2026.	Round 2	9:00
	Round 3	15:00
06.07.2026.	Round 4	14:00
07.07.2026.	Round 5	14:00
08.07.2026.	Mediterranean Rapid Championship U14 & U20	10:00
	Open Blitz Tournament	19:00
09.07.2026.	Round 6	9:00
	Round 7	15:00
10.07.2026.	Round 8	14:00
11.07.2026.	Round 9	13:00
	Closing ceremony	18:00



Participation, Registration & Fees

Players from all countries can participate in the Open Tournament (Open A & Open B).

For players from countries that are members of the Mediterranean Chess Association (MCA), Organizer will cover the accommodation costs in double room with half board (breakfast & dinner) **for one invited player (man or woman)**, from each country, who must be registered by the National Federation.

Registration deadline is 18th May 2026. Each participant must pay the registration fee in the following amount (after the registration deadline, all fees will be increased by **50 EUR**):

Open "A" - entry fee	Before 18 th May	After 18 th May
GM, IM & 2400+	0 €	50 €
2300-2399	50 €	100 €
2200-2299	60 €	110 €
2100-2199	80 €	130 €
2000-2099	100 €	150 €
1900-1999 (20 max)	150 €	200 €
<1900 (15 max)	250 €	300 €
Open "B" - entry fee	Before 18 th May	After 18 th May
all players	60 €	110 €

The registration fee includes an **organizational fee of 20 EUR**, for **Mediterranean Chess Association**.

Confirmation of the participation should be done by the 4th July 2026 until 11:00 hours.

For the **Mediterranean Rapid Championship 2026 – U14 & U20**, an organizational fee of **10 EUR** for Mediterranean Chess Association will be charged if players participate in the Open A or Open B tournament. Players who do not participate in the Open tournaments must pay a fee of **30 EUR**.



Basic Tournament Informations

OPEN "A" tournament is for players with rating 2000 and above. Organizer is allowed to include players with lower rating as follows: 1900-1999 (max 20 players), below 1900 (max 15 players).

Tournament will be played with a nine (9) round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess. Rate of play is 90 minutes for 40 moves for each player + 15 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 second for every move starting from move 1.

Default time (players arriving later for a game) is 30 minutes.

Each player has a possibility to take a half point bye 2 times during the tournament. This must be announced, at the latest, until the end of the current round before the next round. This option can be used only in the first 6 rounds.

The score in each game is 1 for a win, $\frac{1}{2}$ for a draw and 0 for a lost game. The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the following tie-breaking criteria:

- **Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other);**
- **Buchholz Cut I;**
- **Buchholz;**
- **Progressive score;**
- **The greater number of wins including forfeits.**





Prizes

Total prize fund is **39,000.00 EUR**.

For Open "A" prize fund is **19,700.00 EUR**;

for Open "B" **8,000.00 EUR**;

for Mediterranean Championship prize fund is **9,000.00 EUR**;

for the Mediterranean Rapid Championship U20 prize fund is **1,500.00 EUR**

for Open Blitz Tournament prize fund will be **800.00 EUR**.

The best players from the country's members of the Mediterranean Chess Association will become the **Mediterranean Champions for 2026** and receive cup and gold medal, separately in the Open and Women's categories. The second and third placed players in both categories will receive silver and bronze medals respectively.

MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026		
	Open	WOMEN
Place	EUR	EUR
1	3,000 €	1,500 €
2	2,000 €	1,000 €
3	1,000 €	500 €
Total	6,000 €	3,000 €

THE PRIZES FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAMPIONSHIP ARE CUMULATIVE WITH THE REGULAR PRIZES IN THE OPEN A TOURNAMENT.

Women compete for both the Open and the Women's prizes, but they may receive only one prize from the Mediterranean prize fund, the higher one.



Prizes

Prizes to the Open "A" tournament in total amount of **19,700.00** EUR will be divided to the regular prizes prize fund: **15,000.00 EUR** and special prizes prize fund: **4,700.00 EUR**.

OPEN "A" – REGULAR PRIZES	
Place	EUR
1	3,500 €
2	2,500 €
3	1,800 €
4	1,300 €
5	1,000 €
6	800 €
7	700 €
8	600 €
9	550 €
10	500 €
11	450 €
12	400 €
13	350 €
14	300 €
15	250 €
Total	15,000 €

For regular prizes, the Hort system will be used. Special prizes are not divisible. Player may receive only one prize (the higher one).

SPECIAL PRIZES:	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place	5 th place	Total
Best player - ELO 2201-2300 minimum 10 players	500 €	300 €	200 €	150 €	100 €	800 €
Best player - ELO 2001-2200 minimum 10 players	500 €	300 €	200 €	150 €	100 €	800 €
Best player - ELO 2000 and less minimum 10 players	300 €	200 €	100 €			500 €
Best female player - minimum 10 players	500 €	300 €	200 €	150 €	100 €	800 €
Best player U20 - minimum 10 players	500 €	300 €	200 €	150 €	100 €	800 €
Best player U14 - minimum 10 players	300 €	200 €	100 €			500 €
Best veteran player 60+ (born 1966 and older) - minimum 5 players	300 €	200 €	100 €			500 €
	TOTAL:					4,700 €



Prizes

Prizes to the Open "B" tournament in total amount of **8,000.00 EUR** will be divided to the 12 regular prizes.

OPEN "B" – REGULAR PRIZES	
Place	EUR
1	1,600 €
2	1,300 €
3	1,000 €
4	800 €
5	700 €
6	600 €
7	500 €
8	400 €
9	350 €
10	300 €
11	250 €
12	200 €
Total	8,000 €

Hort system will be used for the Open B tournament.

For the **Mediterranean Rapid Championship – U20 & U14 categories**, the best players will become the **Mediterranean Rapid Champions for 2026 (separately U20 & U14 in Open and Girls section) and receive cups and gold medals**. The second and third placed players in both categories (**separately U20 & U14 in Open and Girls section**) will receive silver and bronze medals respectively.

- In the **U20 category**, there is **a prize fund** in total amount of **1,500.00 EUR**
- In the **U14 category**, in both **Open and Girls category**, **valuable gifts are guaranteed for the top 5 players**.

MEDITERRANEAN RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP U20		
	Open	Girls
Place	EUR	EUR
1	300 €	200 €
2	250 €	150 €
3	200 €	100 €
4	150 €	50 €
5	100 €	
Total	1,000 €	500 €



Accommodation

Accommodation and board will be provided at the Hotel "Slovenska Plaza" 4*. Prices per person with half board (breakfast & dinner). For lunch upon request will be 10 EUR per person per day.

Players are not obligated to stay in the official hotel. If they choose not to stay in the official hotel, an additional fee of **70 EUR** will be charged for every participant.

Hotel "Slovenska Plaza" 4*

Room type	Price per day per person
Single room	127 €
Double room	88 €
Triple room (extra bed)	80 €

Payment instructions

Field 56 – Intermediary bank:

Swift Address: **DEUTDEFF**

Name: **Deutsche Bank AG Frankfurt**

Field 57 – Account with Institution:

Party Identifier: **100 9363045 0000**

Swift Address: **CKBCMEPG**

Name: **CRNOGORSKA KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD PODGORICA**

Field 59 – Beneficiary Customer:

IBAN: **ME2551000000002650953**

Name & Address: **LALATOVIC TRAVEL D.O.O. BUDVA,
ZRTAVA FASIZMA BR.50 , 85310, Budva, MONTENEGRO**

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.



Transportation

Organizer can provide transportation from Montenegrin airports (Podgorica and Tivat) upon request.

Contact information

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We're looking forward to seeing you in Budva soon!