



«4th Far West Thessaloniki Chess Festival 2026» - Memorial GM Marjanovic Slavoljub

ORGANISATION: Chess Club Ionias Thessalonikis with the support of Chess Clubs Union of Thessaloniki -Chalkidiki.

VENUE: Cultural Centre of Diavata, El. Venizelou 5 Street, P.O. 57008 Ionia - Thessalonikis (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fqwxVGUb19hAb9ua8>).

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CHESS RESULTS: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1399020.aspx?lan=1&SNode=S0> .

FIDE: <https://calendar.fide.com/calendar.php?id=19147>

SCHEDULE: Saturday 5th of September 2026

RAPID «OPEN & U10» with international evaluation. Rapid «Open», Rapid «U10», which will be addressed to chess players up to 10 years old (born from 01/01/2016).

Seven (7) round Swiss system, Time control: 10' + 3'' from the first move.

16:30 Opening Ceremony, 17:00 1st round, 17:30 2nd round, 18:00 3rd round, 18:30 4th round, 19:00 5th round, 19:30 6th round, 20:00 7th round, 21:00 Closing Ceremony-Awards.

SCHEDULE: Sunday 6th of September 2026

BLITZ «OPEN» & RAPID «U12» with international evaluation

Blitz «Open»: Swiss system eleven (11) rounds. Time control: 3' + 2'', from the first move.

10:00 Opening Ceremony, 10:30 1st round, 10:50 2nd round, 11:10 3rd round, 11:30 4th round, 11:50 5th round, 12:10 6th round, 12:30 Break, 12:40 7th round, 13:00 8th round, 13:20 9th round, 13:50 10th round, 14:10 11th round, 14:30 Closing Ceremony.

Rapid «U12» which will be aimed at chess players up to 12 years old (born from 01/01/2014).

Seven (7) round Swiss system. Time control: 10' + 3'' from the first move.

10:15 Opening Ceremony, 10:30 1st round, 11:00 2nd round, 11:30 3rd round, 12:00 4th round, 12:30 5th round, 13:00 6th round, 13:30 7th round, 14:00 Closing Ceremony-Awards.

TIE BREAKS: 1) Buchholz cut-1, 2) Sonneborn-Berger, 3) Sum Buchholz tie-breaks variable, 4) Direct encounter (the result of players in the same point group), 5) Greater number of victories (variable).

TOTAL PRIZES: 750€

Rapid «Open»: 1st Winner: 130€+Cup, 2nd Winner: 100€+Medal, 3rd Winner: 80€+Medal, 1st Female: 50€+Cup, 1st Veteran S55: 40€ +Medal. Special Prizes: General 1st, 2nd and 3rd (U12, U14, U16, U18) - Female 1st, 2nd and 3rd (U12, U14, U16, U18): Medal.

Rapid «U10»: 1st Winner: Cup, 2nd Winner: Medal, 3rd Winner: Medal. 1st Girl: Cup, 2nd Girl: Medal, 3rd Girl: Medal. Special Prizes: General 1st, 2nd and 3rd (U10, U08) - Female 1st, 2nd and 3rd (U12, U14, U16, U18): Medal.

Blitz «Open»: 1st Winner: 120€+Cup, 2nd Winner: 80€+Medal, 3rd Winner: 60€+Medal, 1st Female: 50€+Cup, 1st Veteran S55: 40€ +Medal.

Rapid «U10»: 1st Winner: Cup, 2nd Winner: Medal, 3rd Winner: Medal. 1st Girl: Cup, 2nd Girl: Medal, 3rd Girl: Medal. Special Prizes: General 1st, 2nd and 3rd U08.

* Hort system will be used for sharing prizes in case of a tie, until the 6th place. Other prizes are not divisible.

* * In case a player is entitled to more than one prize, they receive the largest one.

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ENTRY FEE: 1) Rapid «Open» 20€. 2) Rapid «U10» 15€. 3) Blitz «Open» 15€. 4) Rapid «U12» 15€. 5) Participants to «Open» Rapid & Blitz 30€. 6) Children to Rapid «U10» & «U12» 25€. Free entry: For the 3rd family member and above and for people with disabilities. Players with title GM, IM, WGM, WIM. Players with Rapid & Blitz elo >2300 and women with Rapid & Blitz elo >2100.

METHODS OF PAYMENT: At the secretary of the tournament on Saturday 5th of September before the start of the 1st round. Otherwise, send information at chess.ionias.thess@gmail.com

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