

REGULATIONS

1. FRAMEWORK

The XIII Torneio FATACIL - Cidade de Lagoa - Memorial Armando Lopes is a Rapid Chess Tournament held on the grounds of the FATACIL - Feira de Artesanato, Turismo, Agricultura, Comércio e Indústria de Lagoa 2026, on August 29, 2026.

2. ORGANIZATION

The XIII Torneio FATACIL - Cidade de Lagoa - Memorial Armando Lopes is organized by the Núcleo de Xadrez de Lagoa, with the sponsorship and support of the Município de Lagoa and the partnership of ACXA - Associação dos Clubes de Xadrez do Algarve.

3. DIRECTION AND ARBITRATION

The direction of the XIII Torneio FATACIL - Cidade de Lagoa - Memorial Armando Lopes is the responsibility of the Núcleo de Xadrez de Lagoa, whose (provisional) headquarters are at Cercas de S. José, Bloco 10B - 1º Esq, 8400-314 LAGOA.

The chief arbiter will be Mr. Manuel Duque Rodrigues (FIDE ID: 1919296), who may appoint assistant arbiters for the tournament.

4. ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION, AND FEES

The XIII Torneio FATACIL - Cidade de Lagoa - Memorial Armando Lopes is open to all interested participants, whether federated or not (the event organization reserves the right to decline registrations when it deems this the most appropriate course of action).

Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of its rules.

Registrations will be accepted until 14:00 on Thursday, August 27, and must include full name, date of birth, nationality, club, school, or institution represented, and address, if resident in the municipality of Lagoa. Federated players must provide their FPX number and FIDE number. Registration fees are as follows:

- General - €10;
- Under 18 (U18) - €5;
- Under 12 (U12) - Exempt;
- NXL members - Exempt.

A maximum of 2 adults, duly registered at the time of registration, may accompany minors under 18.

Registrations become valid upon confirmation of fee payment to the Crédito Agrícola account PT50 0045 7060 4039 0759 8600 7 of the Núcleo de Xadrez de Lagoa, and upon sending proof of payment (photo) to nxlagoa@gmail.com.

If cancellation of a registration is requested within the registration period, the registration fee will be refunded. After this period, and in cases of no-shows, fees will not be refunded.

The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 90 players.

5. SCHEDULE AND ACCESS

Players must arrive at the tournament venue from 13:00 and confirm their registration with the tournament direction / arbiter by 13:45.

The Tournament schedule is as follows:

- Round 1 - 14:00
- Round 2 - 14:30
- Round 3 - 15:00
- Round 4 - 15:30
- Round 5 - 16:00
- Round 6 - 16:30
- Round 7 - 17:00
- End of the Tournament - 17:30, with prize-giving at the Município Stand (18:00, with allowance for delay)

6. TIME CONTROL AND SYSTEM OF PLAY

The XIII Torneio FATAcil - Cidade de Lagoa - Memorial Armando Lopes will be played under the Swiss System, with games of 10 minutes with no increment per move per player, over 7 Rounds. Pairings will be generated using Swiss Manager software. The rules applicable to the tournament are those of the FPX competition regulations and the FIDE rules for rapid games.

7. PAIRINGS, SCORING, COMPLAINTS, FINAL STANDINGS, AND TIEBREAK CRITERIA

Pairings are generated electronically. In each round, one point will be awarded for a win, half a point for a draw, and zero points for a loss. After each game ends, the winning player is responsible for reporting the result to the tournament direction desk.

If two or more players finish the Tournament with the same number of points, the tiebreak criteria set out in the FPX Regulamento de Competições e Filiações (Article 31), currently in force, will apply:

- a) Direct encounter (the result of players in the same point group) [11]
- b) Buchholz (1, 0, N, 0, 0, N) [37]
- c) Buchholz (0, 0, N, 0, 0, N) [37]
- d) Sonneborn-Berger Tie-Break Variable (2023) (0, 0, 0, -, -, 0) [85]
- e) Games descending (more is better) [65]
- f) Number of Wins (WIN) (MP, 0, P) [68]
- g) Drawing of lots

The Arbiter's decisions are not subject to appeal. Matters not covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Direction, taking into account the FPX and FIDE Regulations. These rules may be subject to minor changes, or changes in cases of force majeure, regarding the schedule and number of rounds, if warranted.

8. PARTICIPATION SUPPORT AND PRIZES

The following participation support payments and prizes will be awarded:

- 1st Place - €300.00
- 2nd Place - €225.00
- 3rd Place - €175.00
- 4th Place - €125.00
- 5th Place - €75.00
- 6th to 10th Place - €50.00
- 1st Sub 2200 (2001-2200) - €20.00
- 2nd Sub 2200 - €15.00
- 3rd Sub 2200 - €10.00
- 1st Sub 2000 (1801-2000) - €20.00
- 2nd Sub 2000 - €15.00
- 3rd Sub 2000 - €10.00
- 1st Sub 1800 (1601-1800) - €20.00
- 2nd Sub 1800 - €15.00
- 3rd Sub 1800 - €10.00
- 1st Sub 1600 (1400-1600) - €20.00
- 2nd Sub 1600 - €15.00
- 3rd Sub 1600 - €10.00
- 1st Veteran +65 - €20.00
- 2nd Veteran +65 - €15.00
- 3rd Veteran +65 - €10.00
- 1st Veteran +50 - €20.00
- 2nd Veteran +50 - €15.00
- 3rd Veteran +50 - €10.00
- 1st Female - €20.00
- 2nd Female - €15.00
- 3rd Female - €10.00
- 1st Unrated - €20.00
- 2nd Unrated - €15.00
- 3rd Unrated - €10.00
- 1st Local (Concelho) - €20.00
- 2nd Local (Concelho) - €15.00

- 3rd Local (Concelho) - €10.00

Participation support payments are cumulative.

Prizes:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place - Trophy
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Team - Trophy
- 1st S65, 1st S50, 1st Female, 1st Unrated, 1st Local (Concelho), 1st U20, 1st U18, 1st U16, 1st U14, 1st U12, 1st U10, and 1st U08 - Trophy
- 2nd and 3rd S65, S50, Female, Unrated, Local (Concelho), U20, U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U08 - Medal

Prizes are cumulative.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

Participants consent to the collection and dissemination of images from the event through any media channels deemed appropriate by the tournament direction. The tournament direction reserves the right to admit or decline players and registrations. Registration and participation imply full acceptance of the provisions contained in these rules, as well as the FPX and FIDE regulations, where applicable.

Matters not covered by these rules will be decided by the Tournament Direction, taking into account the FPX and FIDE Regulations.

FINAL NOTE

This Tournament takes place within the grounds of an ongoing Fair: no complaints will be entertained regarding any noise, activity, or "distraction" inherent to the event.

Armando Lopes Pires, an eminent figure of chess in the Algarve and nationally, was president of the AXDF (Associação de Xadrez do Distrito de Faro), founder and president of the Núcleo de Xadrez de Faro, and Honorary Member of the Núcleo de Xadrez de Lagoa. He organized and promoted the Algarve Chess Circuit for many years, extending it to neighboring Andalusia and Alentejo.

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