

AGRIA CHESS OPEN



25-30 AUGUST 2026

1. Organization

A.O. Agria ATHLOS, in collaboration with the Chess Club "SACH" Thessaloniki and with the support of the Region of Thessaly, organizes the "AGRIA OPEN 2026", with national and international rating.

2. Playing Venue

5* Hotel Valis Resort (<https://valishotel.gr/>) in Agria, Magnesia.

3. Mode - Groups

Swiss Tournament of 7 rounds in 2 GROUPS

- ☐ OPEN A Chess players with Fide Int. Rating more than or equal to 1800
- ☐ OPEN B Chess players with Fide Int. Rating up to 1799

4. Tournament Schedule

ROUND	DATE	TIME
1	25.08.2026	18:00
2	26.08.2026	10:00
3	26.08.2026	18:00
4	27.08.2026	18:00
5	28.08.2026	18:00
6	29.08.2026	18:00
7	30.08.2026	10:00
CLOSING CEREMONY	30.08.2026	15:00

5. Time Control

- ☐ Ninety (90) minutes for the whole game, plus thirty (30") seconds per move (from 1st move).
- ☐ Players arriving thirty (30') minutes and more, after the scheduled start of a round, shall be forfeited.i.

6. Entry Fees

☐ A Group

GM, IM, WGM, WIM Free on entry fee

Players with ELO 2300+ Free on entry fee

Female players with ELO 2100+ Free on entry fee

Players with ELO 1800-2299 **60€**

☐ B Group **40€**

Players with ELO 1600-1799 who wish to compete in Group A can do so, by paying the entry fees for both groups (€60 + €40 = 100€)

Discounts

- ☐ For participation of 2 members of the same family a total discount of 10%
- ☐ For participation of 3+ members of the same family total discount 20%

Payment Conditions:

PAYMENT VIA BANK TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT

NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE

IBAN: GR9101103780000037801450927

SWIFT/BIC: ETHNGRAA

Beneficiary: ATHLITIKOS OMILOS AGRIAS MAGNHSIAS ATHLOS

ANY BANK EXPENSES MUST BE COVERED BY THE CHESS PLAYER

**Payment receipts must be sent to the e-mail of the organization for verification
*topionaki@gmail.com***

(the name of the participant must be indicated in the reason of the deposit)

7. Δηλώσεις Συμμετοχής

- ☐ To register, fill out the following registration form

<https://forms.gle/9geQ48NM9qFfqZu66>

- ☐ Maximum number: 150 participants.
- ☐ Registration does not guarantee participation! The only confirmation of participation is the payment of the entry fee
- ☐ The pairings of the 1st round will be done on Tuesday, August 25, at 14:00, and will be announced at chess-results.com
- ☐ Foreign players may pay the entry fee at the playing hall on Tuesday, 25 February, until 13:00.

8. Tie-break Criteria

- Sum of opponents' points (Buchholz)
- Sum of opponents' points according to the results (Sonneborn-Berger)
- Sum of opponents' Buchholz scores

9. Tournament Director

The Board of A.O. AGRIA ATHLOS

10. Chief Arbiter

Mrs. Zoe Anagnostou (IA). (fide id4282701)

11. Appeals - Appeals Committee

Appeals shall be submitted, in written form to the Appeals Committee, no later than 10 minutes from the end of the playing session of each round. This Committee will be consisted of 3 members and 2 substitute ones, chosen among the participants or not. The Committee's members related to the players involved in the complaint will be excluded from the Committee and will be replaced by substitutes. The cost of the appeal is 60€ for A Group and 40€ for B Group and can be submitted to the tournament director or the chief arbiter.

The fee is totally refunded if the appeal becomes accepted. If not, the fee goes in favor of the organization.

The Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the 1st Round.

12. Prizes

Total Prize Fund: 2200€

PRIZES	A GROUP	B GROUP
1st Place	500€ + CUP	200€ + CUP
2nd Place	350€ + MEDAL	150€ + MEDAL
3rd Place	150€ + MEDAL	100€ + MEDAL
4th Place	100€	
5th Place	100€	
SPECIAL CATEGORIES		
1st Female	150€ + MEDAL	100€+ MEDAL
1st Veteran S50	100€ + MEDAL	50€+ MEDAL
1st Thessalian	100€ + MEDAL	50€ + MEDAL
Gold Medals for the Top U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U08 in both groups provided there are at least 3 participants.		

- ☐ The prizes cannot be shared and are attributed to the winners according to the final ranking.
- ☐ In case, one player deserves more than one prize, he/she will only be rewarded with the higher valued one.
- ☐ In the special categories, there must be at least 3 chess players.

13. Exceptions - Byes

- ☐ Players can request an exception from pairings up to ten (10) minutes after the end of the last game.
- ☐ Exceptions with half a point are available until the 3rd round and without a point for the rest of the tournament. The exception should be asked no later than ten (10) minutes after the end of his/her last game.
- ☐ Exception at 1st round can get anyone who has prepaid the entry fee.
- ☐ Unjustified absence from any round will result in expulsion from the tournament.
- ☐ Any player unable to play a round shall notify the arbiters within ten (10) minutes after the end of the last game of the Group.
- ☐ The time schedule cannot be changed for any reason.
- ☐ Players missing a round without notifying the organizers will be disqualified from the next "AGRIA OPEN".

14. Anti-cheating

The organization reserves the right to check the players for the prevention and confrontation of electronic assistance (Anti cheating protection measures) in accordance with the current regulations of F.I.D.E.

F.I.D.E.: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AntiCheatingRegulations>

15. Information

- ☐ For further information or clarifications, please contact by e-mail at: topionaki@gmail.com: topionaki@gmail.com
- ☐ Official website of the games <https://topionaki.blogspot.com/>
- ☐ For anything not covered by this announcement, the rules of FIDE and the decisions of the Board of A.O. Agria Athlos shall apply

16. Accommodation - Special Offer Package

- ☐ Accommodation for athletes and companions is at their own choice.
- ☐ For those interested, the organizers have secured exclusive accommodation packages for the four days of the tournament (from August 25 to August 30, 2026) for participants, as follows:

At the 5-star Valis Hotel *** <https://valishotel.gr/> (Tournament venue).**

- ☐ Single Room with Breakfast 105€/ per night.
- ☐ Double Room with Breakfast 125€/ per night.
- ☐ Triple Room with Breakfast (2 adults and child up to 12 y.o.) 155€/ per night.
- ☐ Quadruple Room with Breakfast (2 adults and 2 children up to 12 y.o.) 180€/ per night.

The above rates do not include the climate resilience tax (€15 per room per night), payable directly at the hotel

At Ballas Hotel (200 meters from the playing venue).

- ☐ Single Room without Breakfast 40€/.
- ☐ Single Room with Breakfast 45€/.
- ☐ Double Room without Breakfast 50€/ .
- ☐ Double Room with Breakfast 60€/.
- ☐ Family Room (3-5 people), without Breakfast 100€/ (δ/ν).
- ☐ Family Room (3-5 people), with Breakfast 120€/ (δ/ν).
- ☐ Appartment with Sea view 45m2 fully equipped 2-4 people 70€/.
- ☐ Ground-floor house, 40 m², fully equipped, with a yard, suitable for 2–3 persons — €90 per night..
- ☐ Ground-floor house, 75 m², fully equipped, with a yard, suitable for 2–6 persons — €140 per night.

The price includes VAT (13%), municipal and other applicable taxes. However, it does NOT include the accommodation tax (€2 per room per night).

Participants who wish to stay at the above hotels and benefit from the special offer must contact the hotels directly:

VALIS Hotel: reservations@valisresort.gr

| +30 24280 97260

BALLAS Hotel: info@hotelballas.gr

| +30 2428 092926

Please make sure to mention that you are participating in the tournament when making your reservation.