

INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

NŠK 2026

Novi Sad, August 16–23, 2026

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. Novi Sad Chess Club, with the support of the City Council for Sport and Youth of the City of Novi Sad, is organizing the International Chess Tournament "NŠK 2026".
2. **Venue:** Novi Sad, premises of the Novi Sad Chess Club, 26 Nikola Pašić Street.
3. **Participants (listed by rating):** IM Šarić Siniša (Serbia), IM Milanović Slaviša (Montenegro), GM Kosić Dragan (Montenegro), FM Gur Ali (Turkey), FM Deveci Huseyin Said (Turkey), CM Ceyhan Mert (Turkey), Ivanović Leonid (Serbia), WFM Mijić Sara (Serbia), Adamović Nikola (Serbia), and Pasula Miloš (Serbia).
4. The tournament and the first round are scheduled to start on August 16 at 5:00 PM (17:00).
5. Given that 10 players will participate in the tournament, it will be played as a 9-round individual round-robin system paired using Berger Tables. Note that rounds VII and VIII will be played on the same day—August 22: Round VII starting at 10:00 AM, and Round VIII starting at 5:00 PM (17:00).
6. **Time Control:** 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 15 minutes to the end of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
7. International Master (IM) norms can be achieved at this tournament.
8. The tournament will be FIDE rated.
9. The allowed default time (grace period for tardiness) is 30 minutes.

10. Tournament Schedule

Event / Round	Date	Time
Opening Ceremony	Aug 16	16:30
Round 1	Aug 16	17:00

Event / Round	Date	Time
Round 2	Aug 17	17:00
Round 3	Aug 18	17:00
Round 4	Aug 19	17:00
Round 5	Aug 20	17:00
Round 6	Aug 21	17:00
Round 7	Aug 22	10:00
Round 8	Aug 22	17:00
Round 9	Aug 23	10:00
Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	Aug 23	~16:00

11. The top three players will receive medals, and the tournament winner will receive a trophy as well.

In case of a tie for critical positions, the standings will be determined by the following tie-break criteria:

- **11.1.** Koya System – performance against players scoring at least 50% of the maximum possible points;
- **11.2.** Direct encounter(s);
- **11.3.** Sonneborn-Berger system;
- **11.4.** Greater number of wins;
- **11.5.** Drawing of lots.

12. The **Chief Arbiter** of the tournament is Darko Ukropina (IA), and his **Deputy** is Krasoje Notaroš (NA).

13. The tournament will be played according to FIDE Laws of Chess, and the Chief Arbiter is authorized to interpret these rules. Decisions of the Chief Arbiter are final and enforceable, but an appeal may be submitted to the Tournament Appeals Committee no later than 60 minutes after the conclusion of the game in question.
14. Appeals must be submitted to the Chief Arbiter in writing, accompanied by a fee of 5,000 RSD. If the appeal is upheld, the money will be refunded to the player.
15. The **Appeals Committee** consists of Kosić Dragan, Šarić Siniša, and Ceyhan Mert, with deputies Milanović Slaviša and Lazić Milorad. The Appeals Committee will reach its decision no later than the start of the following round, and its decision is final.
16. After a game is finished, post-game analysis in the playing hall is strictly prohibited. Players who have completed their games must leave the playing hall and are not allowed to re-enter.
17. During a game, players are not permitted to leave the playing venue (playing hall, restrooms, and smoking area) without the arbiter's permission. Otherwise, the player will forfeit the game, and the opponent's result will be decided by the Chief Arbiter.
18. Mobile phones and other electronic devices may be brought into the playing venue, but must be completely switched off and handed over to the arbiter, who will store them in a designated place. If a player's mobile phone or any other electronic device makes any sound in the playing venue, or if a player makes suspicious contact with a device, the player will automatically forfeit the game, and a win will be awarded to the opponent (1-0 or 0-1).
19. Carrying and using mobile phones or other electronic devices in the playing hall is strictly prohibited. If it is established that a player possesses a mobile phone or any electronic device in the playing hall or on their person during the game (even if turned off), they automatically lose the game, and a win is awarded to the opponent (1-0 or 0-1).
20. The organizer and arbiters will strictly enforce FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter will utilize all options prescribed by FIDE rules, including searching players if deemed necessary.
21. If a player is found to have cheated, that game will automatically be registered as a loss for that player and a win for the opponent (1-0 or 0-1), regardless of the position on the board.

22. Players are required to record all moves from the beginning to the end of the game. The scoresheet must be neatly and legibly filled out and kept visible to the arbiter throughout the game. The original scoresheet must be handed to the arbiter, while the player retains the copy.
23. The use of cameras or other electronic equipment by spectators for photography in the playing hall is permitted only during the first 10 minutes of a round. After that, only individuals accredited by the organizer may use electronic equipment in the playing hall.
24. The Chief Arbiter is authorized to resolve any dispute arising during the tournament that is not explicitly covered by these Regulations.
25. These Regulations are issued by the Organizer and will be posted on the notice board in the playing hall.
26. By making their first move, players confirm their acceptance of and compliance with all provisions of these Regulations.

In Novi Sad, August 16, 2026

Chief Arbiter

Darko Ukropina