



Maia Rapid Cup 2026

Maia International Chess Festival

August 25th, 2026 | TECMAIA



Organization

The Maia Chess Academy presents, within the scope of the Maia International Chess Festival 2026, the Maia Rapid Cup 2026, which will take place at the same venue as the main Festival events. This event will be the last tournament of the circuit, determining the final cumulative circuit classification for the award of the circuit winners.

Location

TECMAIA is a modern technology park surrounded by ample green spaces, with excellent access and served by Porto Metro Line C.

Address	R. Eng. Frederico Ulrich 2650, 4470-605 Maia
GPS	41.259249, -8.642422
Metro	Porto Metro Line C (Mandim stop)
Map	https://maps.app.goo.gl/YKNXiJ2681BzBWUx8



Registration

The tournament is open to all players, regardless of age, upon registration through the form on the tournament website <https://axm.pt/registrations/>. Information via email maiachessfestival@axm.pt. The event is limited to 150 players and registrations can be made, at the latest, up to 15:30 on the day of the tournament.

	Maia Chess Open players	Other players
Until July 30 th , 2026	10.00€	20.00€
Until August 25 th , 2026	20.00€	30.00€

Players who have participated in at least 5 tournaments of the Maia Rapid Cup 2026 Circuit are exempt from the registration fee. Players with GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM and WFM titles are also exempt.

Registration is only valid after payment of the registration fee to Academia de Xadrez da Maia via IBAN PT50 0010 0000 5839 7720 0015 0, via Wise transfer to IBAN BE05 9676 0506 7875, or on-site on the day of the tournament.



Proof of payment must be submitted on the tournament website at <https://axm.pt/registrations/>.

Schedule

Time	Event
14:30	Reception and Registration confirmation
16:00	Round 1
16:40	Round 2
17:20	Round 3
18:00	Round 4
18:40	Round 5
19:20	Round 6
20:00	Round 7

The starting time of each round, except the first, may be adjusted so that a round begins immediately after the last game of the previous round has ended.



System

The tournament will be played in Swiss system with 7 rounds, this number being adjustable depending on the number of registered players. Each player will have 10 minutes to complete the game, with 5 seconds increment per move.

Players will be eliminated from the event upon the first unjustified absence or whose justification is not accepted by the organization. Once a game is finished, players must leave the playing area.

Tie-Breaks

If two or more players score the same points, the tie shall be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

1. Direct encounter;
2. Buchholz Cut-1;
3. Buchholz;
4. Sonneborn-Berger;
5. Games descending (more is better);
6. Number of Wins;

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations (FIDE Handbook C.07).

In case of a tie between two players for first place, the organization may call a match between the players, with two games at a time control of 3 minutes to complete the game, with 2 seconds increment per move, with the player with better tiebreak criteria choosing the initial color. If, after the two games, the result remains tied, a final Armageddon game will be played, with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with an increment of 1 second per move from move 40.

Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers at the prize-giving ceremony of the Maia International Chess Festival on August 30th:

Classification	Prize
1 st Place	300.00€
2 nd Place	200.00€
3 rd Place	100.00€



Circuit Cumulative Classification and Prizes

Each circuit tournament will award the following points to the players achieving the top ten placements:

Classification	Points
1 st place	20 points
2 nd place	15 points
3 rd place	12 points
4 th place	10 points
5 th place	8 points
6 th place	6 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 points
9 th place	2 points
10 th place	1 point

In case of a tie in the final circuit cumulative points, the tiebreak criteria will be the greater number of circuit tournaments played. In case of a further tie, the greater number of cumulative points across all tournaments, and in case of a further tie, a match between the players will be played, with two games at a time control of 3 minutes to complete the game, with 2 seconds increment per move, with the initial color decided by drawing of lots. If, after the two games, the result remains tied, a final Armageddon game will be played, with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with an increment of 1 second per move from move 40.

Circuit Cumulative Prizes

Classification	Prize
1 st place cumulative	200.00€
2 nd place cumulative	100.00€
3 rd place cumulative	50.00€
4 th place cumulative	30.00€
5 th place cumulative	20.00€
6 th place cumulative	20.00€
7 th place cumulative	20.00€

Rating

Tournament rating for FIDE Rapid Elo will be requested. Pairings, results and standings will be available at <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1369104.aspx>.



Additional Rules

- By registering and participating, players expressly accept the provisions of these regulations as well as FIDE regulations;
- All participants consent to the capture and use of photographs, videos and other media from the event for promotional purposes as the organization sees fit. Personal data collected will be used solely for event organization and communication with registrants;
- The use of any electronic device in the playing area is strictly prohibited: if an electronic device emits any signal, the holder will be declared the loser. If the opponent cannot reach checkmate through any series of legal moves, the result will be half a point for the opponent and zero for the offender;
- Once their game is finished, players must leave the playing area;
- The organization and arbiter's team will be appointed by AXM;
- Any cases not covered by these regulations shall be decided by the organization. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Contacts

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