

22nd International Chess Open of Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy

26th to 30th of December, 2025

Regulations

Article 1: Organization

The Vandoeuvre Chess Club is organizing its 21st International Chess Open from 26th to 30th of December 2025, at the Parc des Sports, rue de Gembloux, 54500 VANDOEUVRE-LÈS-NANCY.

The event consists of 4 tournaments (A, B, C, D). The tournaments A, B, C are approved by the French Chess Federation (FFE) under the numbers 69039, 69040 and 69041, as well as by the World Chess Federation (FIDE). The games are FIDE rated and are taken into account for the 1st of February 2026 calculation.

This tournament is open to any player meeting the following admission conditions :

- Proper behavior and outfit required
- A player needs to have the A-license in the French Chess Federation or a FIDE ID of another FIDE affiliated National Federation (different from FRA)
- Since March 30th 2022, players having the FIDE code of RUS (Russia) or BLR (Belarus) are not allowed to participate in team or individual competitions homologated by the FFE (article 1 of the Rules of Federal Competitions)

The organizer reserves the right to refuse the participation of a player.

The distribution of the players within the three tournaments is as follows:

- Tournament A: players with Elo rating more than or equal to 2000
- Tournament B: players with Elo rating between 1600 and 2050
- Tournament C: players with Elo rating less or equal to 1650 (8 rounds, tournament over 3 days, from 28th to 30th of December).

No possible exemption.

The latest Elo ranking published on the 1st of December 2025 will be taken into account. Players in the overlapping gaps can select their tournament.

Note: At the start of the tournament, players with no Elo will receive an estimated ELO (not classified) according to their age category. No subsequent revaluation will be made.

The event is composed of a fourth tournament "D", for the beginners, unrated players (in all time controls), with or without licenses. No entry fee. The organizer will offer the B-license to the participants who do not have it yet. The tournament will take place on Tuesday, 30th of December, from 10.15am (registration at the playing venue at 10am) to approx. 1pm.

Article 2: Rules and Pairings System

The Rules applied are the current FIDE Rules of Chess (voted at the 93th Congress in Chennai in 2022 and entered into force on January 1, 2023). Swiss system is used for the pairings of all the tournaments. The pairings are assisted by the software Sharly Chess and Papi.

Except in cases of force majeure, the pairings for round n are final 2 hours after the end of the round n-1. A player who does not wish to play a round must inform the arbiter of his open during the previous round at the latest.

All the players who confirmed their presence at the venue before 12am are paired for the first round.

Article 3: Time control

The time controls are the followings:

- 90 min + 30s / move (Fischer) per player for the whole game in tournaments A and B
- 50 min + 10s / move (Fischer) per player for the whole of the game in tournament C
- 15 min per player in tournament D

Article 4: Schedule

A and B Tournaments

Registration and obligatory presence on Friday, 26th of December before noon.

Round 1: 26/12 at 12:30

Round 2: 26/12 at 17:30

Round 3: 27/12 at 10:00

Round 4: 27/12 at 16:00

Round 5: 28/12 at 10:00

Round 6: 28/12 at 16:00

Round 7: 29/12 at 10:00

Round 8: 29/12 at 16:00

Round 9: 30/12 at 9:30

C Tournament

Registration and obligatory presence on Sunday, 28th of December before noon.

Round 1: 28/12 at 12:30

Round 2: 28/12 at 15:00

Round 3: 28/12 at 17:30

Round 4: 29/12 at 10:30

Round 5: 29/12 at 14:00

Round 6: 29/12 at 16:30

Round 7: 30/12 at 9:30

Round 8: 30/12 at 12:00

Tournament D: **from 10 am to 1 pm on Tuesday, 30th of December.**

Prize giving ceremony for all 4 tournaments on Tuesday, 30th of December around 3.30pm.

Article 5: Withdrawals and Bye

All games start when the arbiter announces the start of the round. The clocks of the latecomers shall be started by the arbiter or the opponent.

After the end of the game the winner or the player having white pieces in case of a draw, brings the signed scoresheets to the arbiter of his tournament. The results can be registered by the players themselves thanks to the application Sharly Chess.

A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his/her board within 30 min after the start of the game. The arbiter may decide to extend this period in case of exceptional circumstances.

It is considered that a player absent without having notified the arbiter has abandoned the tournament, unless this absence is justified by admissible arguments before the next round's pairings have been published. Such withdrawals will be reported to the legal Council for French players and to the relevant Federation for foreign players.

Any player of the tournaments A, B and C can take two « bye ». Bye means getting half a point, without playing the round (and not being paired for this round). The player has to warn the arbiter of his tournament BEFORE the end of the previous round. The “byes” cannot be used in **the last three rounds.**

Article 6: Entry fees and Prizes

Tournament A and B:

- Adult 56 € (66 € from 05/12/2025)
- Young 28 € (33 € from 05/12/2025)
- Free entry for GM, WGM, IM, WIM

Tournament C:

- Adult 40 € (50 € from 05/12/2025)
- Young 20 € (25 € from 05/12/2025)

Tournament D: Free of charge.

The payment of the entry fee must be done online via the platform HelloAsso before the 25th of December 2025. The organizer is free to accept or not any player who registers directly at the venue. The prizes are announced on the 28th of December.

Prizes are not shared and non-cumulative.

Any player absent during the prize giving ceremony ipso facto waives his prize.

Article 7: Ranking and Tie-breaks

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored (victory/ draw / loss: 1 / 0.5 / 0). The system of the tie-breaks will be randomly selected immediately after the last game of the last round (among the two following combinations):

- Buchholz Cut-2 (BH-C2) (sum of the adjusted scores of the opponents minus the two worst) then Performance (TPR)
- (Sum of) Progressive Scores (PS) then Performance (TPR)

Article 8: Draws by mutual agreement

Players are required to respect the FFE Chess Player's Charter and the code of ethics of the FIDE.

Draws by mutual agreement are prohibited in all tournaments. Failure to comply with this rule may result into a loss of the game by forfeit for both players (score F-F). **Players are required to call an arbiter to validate on the board the other types of draws.**

Examples of possible draws to be validated by the arbiter:

- If a stalemate or a dead position (absolutely no mate can occur) occurs, before putting the pieces, the players have to call the arbiter who will validate the result, if necessary;
- In case of triple position repetition, or if the last 50 consecutive moves have been made by each player without any piece capture and without any pawn movement, and **on the correct request of the player to the arbiter.**

Article 9: Electronic devices & anti-cheating measures

In accordance with Article 11.3.2 of the FIDE Rules, a player is prohibited from bringing any electronic devices not specifically authorized by the arbiter in the playing area (phone, connected watch, computer, Bluetooth headphones, etc.).

Any player who violates this measure loses his game immediately, his opponent is declared the winner.

The arbiter may ask the players to show him the contents of their bags and show him where the possible electronic device might be located. The arbiter may also offer volunteer players a metal detector scan.

Players are therefore strongly advised to leave these devices at home, hotel or car. For the players coming despite the measures above with a phone: a box (not closed and not supervised and for which the organization declines all responsibility) will be present at the entrance of the playing hall to drop it off. And a paid storage system (2 euros/day) will be available at the buffet.

In addition, the broadcast of the games of the DGT chessboards will be delayed.

Article 10: Conduct of players

- Any inappropriate attitude or lack of respect for the person or the instructions of the arbiter are sanctioned to its proper extent
- Correct outfit is expected from all participants (players and spectators).
- The players are asked to avoid any objects covering their ears during the games.
- Analyses and blitz are forbidden in the tournament hall (**including after the rounds**).
- It is forbidden for any player to enter in the analysis area during the game.
- The player can enter the buffet area, but without lingering.
- The players are asked to avoid any discussion and any suspicious reading.

Article 11: Arbitrage

Chief Arbiter : Fabrice TUR (International Arbiter)

Arbiters : Anastasia SAVINA (FIDE Arbiter – chief arbiter of open C), Jordan AKREMANN (AFO2),

Léopold ADRIAN (AFC)

Claude ADRIAN (AFO2) – open D.

Telephone number to call in case of problem : +33 783 000 381.

Article 12: Appeals procedure and Appeals Committee

The appeals committee of 5 members is formed during the first round of A and B tournaments. Its composition is posted up in the playing hall. It is chaired by the organizer (Gérard Simon, president of Vandoeuvre Chess Club) and includes one of the arbiters as well as three players (including at least one player from each of the tournaments A and B).

To approve the decision on an appeal, the commission must reach a quorum of 3 members. In case of disagreement on the decision and equality of votes, the vote of the chairman of the committee is decisive. To make an appeal, the player must firstly follow the instructions of the arbiter mentioning his intention to appeal. He shall then drop off the appeal in writing form with to the chief arbiter not later than 30 minutes after the end of the game in question.

Article 13: Commitment

All participants, players and spectators, undertake to respect these Regulations. Anyone who contravenes any of the points of these Regulations may receive a warning. Two warnings mean immediate exclusion from the tournament.

Article 14: Media

Photos and videos of the tournament will be taken by the organizers and published on the club's website and social network accounts. Registration for the tournament implies the participants' agreement to their image being posted.

Article 15: Security

The safety / medical official is the president of the organizing club Vandoeuvre-Echecs, Gérard Simon.

The organizer

The chief arbiter

Annexe

Appeal committee :

- * Gérard SIMON – president of Vandoeuvre-Echecs chess club
- * Jordan AKREMANN – DRA Grand Est
- * Paul Emile MOYNE - player of the open B
- * Adam LOQUET - player of the open B
- * Francky DHIEUX – player of the open B