

V LLINARS INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN 2025

Tournament rules

1. Format: The tournament will be played using FIDE Swiss System based on rating (Dutch).

2. Playing venue: The playing venue will be the **Llinars del Vallès Auditorium** (Ronda Sant Antoni 19) at the Llinars exit towards Sant Celoni, next to the Mercadona roundabout.

3. Schedule: It will be played on days **25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th de June, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd July 2025. The games will start at 05:00 pm, except the last round which will be at 04:00 pm.**

4. Groups: The tournament will be played in two FIDE and FCE rated groups.

- Group A: Players with a valid FIDE license and a minimum of 1950 FIDE Rating (or Catalan Rating if they don't have FIDE rating)

- Group B: Players with a valid FIDE license and a maximum of 2000 FIDE Rating (or Catalan Rating if they don't have FIDE rating)

If there is a player with less than 1950 FIDE Rating who wishes to play in Group A, the registration fee will have an **increment of 25 €** in the rating fees of the Group A. If a player between 1950 and 2000 FIDE rating doesn't specify in which group do they wish to play, they will be allocated in Group A.

5. Rate of play: 90 minutes per player plus 30 seconds per move.

6. Rating: The tournament participates in the **21st Catalan Circuit of Chess International Opens** in category B main section and category C rating section. All groups will be FIDE and FCE rated. Group A will be also valid for international norms.

7. Initial ranking: The players will be ranked firstly according to their **FIDE Rating** and then by their **Catalan Rating**, according to the rating lists published on June 1st 2025. The pairings will be supported by the "Swiss Manager" software.

8. Forfeits: Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than **60 minutes** after the start of the round shall lose the game by **forfeit**.

9. Registration fees

- General fee: Group A: 49 €
 Group B: 44 €

- Reduced fee for people with disabilities, women and seniors over 65:
 Group A 40 €
 Group B 35 €

- Fee under 18 Group B: 39 €.

- 6 € discount for Llinars Chess Club players.

- All players who register **before June 17th** will be entitled to **register for free** to the **Blitz tournament** that will be held on June 29th at the same venue.

- Players invited by the organization are exempt from the registration fee.

Registrations will not be approved until the payment has been done. It shall be done in advance by depositing it in the **Banco de Sabadell account ES97 0081 1844 3500 0104 4811**, indicating the name, surname and club. The organization reserves the right to reject or cancel a registration. Payment can also be made through the **Banco de Sabadell ATM, with any card**, by selecting the option: **PAYMENT TO THIRD PARTIES and Entity code 003885**.

Due to the limited number of participants and following the recommendations of the International Circuit (<http://www.escacscircuit.cat>), cash payments will not be allowed. **Players residing abroad** may pay the registration with the **WISE platform** (send an e-mail to the organizers for explanations of the procedure)

Players will be withdrawn for the tournament if they don't attend the first round or two consecutive or alternating rounds, without justifying or notifying the Tournament Management before the pairing has been made. It will not be possible to request more than three byes. No point for those byes will be awarded, and must be requested in writing, and no later than the day before the round, until 8:00 pm. The pairings will be published at the end of the round, and not earlier than 9:30 pm.

10. Registration forms:

A. Using the registration form on our website:

www.escacsllinars.cat

B. By email to:

internationalchessopen@escacsllinars.cat

Any questions regarding the tournament will be attended by e-mail at the same address or by **WhatsApp** at the phone number **+34 644 722 997**.

Deadline for registration: Monday 23rd June at 8:00 pm (Entries received after this date, if accepted, will be entries into the second or later - rounds of the championship).

Registration could be limited to a maximum number of players depending on the capacity protocol indicated by the health authorities. In that case, the admission would be in order of registration formalized once the payment has been made. If the limit is exceeded, a waiting list will be created. Any payment made without having access to the event will be refunded.

11. Daily prize: There will be a daily prize of a Local Products Gift (LPG), which will be given every day to the winning player **on the boards 19 and 39 of group B (the number of boards can be changed according to the number of registrations)**. In the event of a draw, the prize will be won by the player with the black pieces. The prize will be awarded at the end of the game.

12. Prizes: **Prizes per section will be awarded using the FIDE Rating. The following prizes are set:** The following prizes are set:

PRIZES GROUP A

1 st	1.200 € + trophy + LPG ¹
2 nd	700 € + trophy + LPG
3 rd	500 € + trophy + LPG
4 th	300 € + LPG
5 th	220 € + LPG
6 th	160 € + LPG
7 th	120 € + LPG
8 th	100 € + LPG

1 st Section 2250-2400	90 € + LPG
1 st Section 2100-2249	85 € + LPG
1 ^r Section 1950-2099	80 € + LPG

1 st female	220 € + LPG
2 nd female	110 € + LPG
1 st senior (over 65)	220 € + LPG
2 nd senior (over 65)	110 € + LPG

PREMIS GRUP B

1 st	300 € + trophy + LPG
2 nd	200 € + trophy + LPG
3 rd	100 € + trophy + LPG
4 th	75 € + LPG
5 th	65 € + LPG

1 st Section 1800-1949	55 € + LPG
1 st Section 1650-1799	55 € + LPG
1 st Section 1500-1649	55 € + LPG
1 st Section under 1499	55 € + LPG

1 st female	75 € + LPG
2 nd female	65 € + LPG

1 st senior (over 65)	75 € + LPG
2 nd senior (over 65)	65 € + LPG

1 st Under 18 (U16 included)	55 € + LPG
1 st Under 14 (or lower)	55 € + LPG

Senior: Players who turn sixty-five (65) years or higher at the current year.

Under 18 (U16 included): Players under the age of eighteen (18) and over the age of fourteen (14) before January 1st of the current year.

Under 14 (or lower): Players under the age of fourteen (14) before January 1st of the current year.

All the players will receive after the tournament by e-mail a nominal and generic **certifying diploma** the day of the closing ceremony.

1 LPG = Local Products Gift

13. Prize-giving ceremony: The prize-giving ceremony will be held once the last round has ended, on July 3rd and will follow the order indicated in these rules. Individual prizes are not cumulative and will be awarded to the winners at this event, which have to be present at the closing ceremony in order to receive their prize. Players who are eligible for more than one prize will receive the one with the highest economic value.

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The age prizes will be awarded to the age group to which each participant belongs, according to the criteria of the Catalan Chess Federation, and will not be eligible for higher age groups.

14. Tie-breaks: The following tie-breaks will be applied (See Annex)

1. Buchholz Cut-1 (BH-C1)
2. Buchholz Median 1 (BH-M1)
3. Buchholz (BH)
4. Greater number of games won (WON)
5. Average rating of opponents Cut-1 (ARO-C1)
6. Drawing lots

15. Principals and Arbiters: The Tournament Director will be **Mr. Jaume Gayoso**. **Mr. Josep Maria Parra** will be acting as Deputy Director. The Arbiters' team will be led by **Mr. Carlos Giménez** (Chief Arbiter).

16. Appeals Committee: The Appeals Committee will be composed by the tournament director or the person he delegates, and two players of legal age, plus two reserve players. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than one hour after the end of the round. Their decisions shall be final. Players will have at their disposal the official FCE claim forms.

17. Electronic devices: During the game a player is forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the arbiter in the playing venue. However, it is allowed to have such devices stored in a player's bag, provided the device is completely switched off. This bag must be placed as agreed with the arbiter. Both players are forbidden to use this bag without permission of the arbiter. **The breach of this rule will be penalized with the loss of the game.**

18. Image rights: Participating players shall release image rights to the Llinars Chess Club. Llinars Chess Club will be able to use the images taken in the playing area, both in its website and on other regular communication channels that are linked to the sporting activity carried out.

19. Regulations: Any point not covered by the present regulations will be governed by the FIDE regulations or FCE regulations for open tournaments. **In case of discrepancy between the translations, Catalan version of the current rules will be applied.** Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of these rules.

20. Official website:

www.llinarsopen.cat

ANNEX: TIE-BREAKS

Buchholz Cut-1 (BH-C1): Consists on the sum of the scores of all the opponents of a player, discarding the one with the lowest score.

Buchholz (BH): Consists on the sum of the points of all the opponents of a player.

Buchholz Median 1 (BH-M1): Consists on the sum of all the opponents of a player, discarding the ones with the lowest and highest score.

Greater number of games won (WON): Number of games won (unplayed games will not be taken into account)

Average Rating of Opponents Cut-1 (ARO-C1): This is the sum of the ratings of the opponents of a player (FIDE rating), divided by the number of games played, excluding the player with the lowest FIDE rating. Should an opponent not have FIDE rating, the minimum FIDE rating will be used (currently 1400)

Unplayed rounds management in Buchholz: In Buchholz the games not played will be applied according to the Baku 2023 criteria (FIDE Handbook C07, Article 16)

- When an opponent has unplayed rounds, in order to calculate the tie-break of the opponents, the score will be considered with the real result, unless they are withdrawn or at the last round. In that case, unplayed rounds since the moment of the withdrawal are considered as drawn.

- To calculate the player's own tie-break, any of the unplayed rounds will be evaluated as if there was a game played against a dummy that concluded with the same points as the participant themselves, and eded with the corresponding result.

- When the lowest score is discarded, if the player has any round with a requested bye or forfeit, this particular round will be discarded instead of the lowest score.