



## CHESS TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

«KYDONIA 2026»

Chania, 24 August – 30 August 2026

### General Information

**Location & Dates:** Chania, August 24 – August 30, 2026.

**Organizers:** ANO "KYDON" of Chania & Chess Friends Club of Chania, "O.F.S.X.".

**Co-organizers:** Municipality of Chania & Regional Unit of Chania.

**Tournament Venue:** Cultural Center of Chania.

**Arbiter:** Stefanatos Charalampos.

**Deputy Arbiter:** Sgouros Nikolaos.

### Tournament System & Groups

The tournament will be held in two groups:

**Group A:** 9-round Swiss. Applies to players with a national ELO or international ELO > 1500.

**Group B:** 7-round Swiss. Applies to players with a national ELO or international ELO < 1500. Players with ELO < 1500 have the right to choose Group A with a €10 surcharge added to the Group A entry fee.

### Tournament Schedule

Opening Ceremony: Monday, August 24, 2026, 16:30

Round 1: Monday, August 24, 17:00

Round 2: Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 (Group A only)

Round 3: Tuesday, August 25, 17:00

Round 4: Wednesday, August 26, 17:00

Round 5: Thursday, August 27, 10:00 (Group A only)

Round 6: Thursday, August 27, 17:00

Round 7: Friday, August 28, 16:00

Round 8: Saturday, August 29, 17:00

Round 9: Sunday, August 30, 10:00

Closing Ceremony: Sunday, August 30, 2026, 16:00

## Tournament Rules

**Byes:** Each player has the right to request a half-point exception up to the 5th round and for a maximum of two times, provided they inform the Chief Arbiter before the pairings for the next round are published.

**Default Time:** A player who does not arrive at the playing venue within one hour from the official start time of the games will be defaulted.

**Withdrawal:** A player who does not show up for the games for 2 rounds, without having informed the arbiters, is considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and will be excluded from the pairings of the subsequent rounds, while also losing the right to claim prizes.

**Time Control:** 90 minutes for 40 moves + 15 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment per move starting from move one.

### Tie-Break Criteria:

- 1) Direct encounter (Result of the games between the tied players).
- 2) Median Buchholz (Buchholz score after deducting the highest and lowest scores of the opponents).
- 3) Buchholz (sum of opponents' scores).

### Entry Fees

**Group A:** General entry fee: €50.

Players under 18 years old: €40.

No entry fee for all players with an ELO of 2100+.

**Group B:** General entry fee: €30.

For participants from the same family, there is a €10 discount for each additional member.

### Prizes

Total prize fund is €2,150.

**Group A:** 1st Place: €800

2nd Place: €450

3rd Place: €250

4th Place: €150

5th-6th Place: 2 x €100

1st Woman: €150

2nd Woman: €100

3rd Woman: €50

Under 16 Category: 1st boy and 1st girl receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd boys and girls receive medals.

Under 12 Category: 1st boy and 1st girl receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd boys and girls receive medals.

Veterans Over 55 Category: 1st man and 1st woman receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd men and women receive medals.

Prize Distribution Rules: In case of ties, cash prizes are shared equally. If a female player is entitled to two cash prizes, the beneficiary receives both.

### **Group B:**

General Standings: 1st place boy/man and 1st place girl/woman receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd places receive medals.

Under 12 Category: 1st boy and 1st girl receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd boys and girls receive medals.

Under 10 Category: 1st boy and 1st girl receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd boys and girls receive medals.

Under 8 Category: 1st boy and 1st girl receive a cup and medal; 2nd and 3rd boys and girls receive medals.

### **Accommodation & Registration**

**Accommodation:** There is a possibility of hosting a limited number of chess players with an ELO > 2300 in double rooms. Priority order will be observed.

**Lodging Packages:** Special offer packages are available upon communication with the organizing committee. **Information:** Periklis Vakalis, [periklesvakalis@yahoo.com](mailto:periklesvakalis@yahoo.com), Tel: [+306971735357](tel:+306971735357)

**Registration:** For the registration to be valid, a deposit of the entry fee with the FULL NAME of the player into the EUROBANK account is required:

CHESSE FRIENDS CLUB OF CHANIA GR5102602870000420201660356

**Proof of Deposit:** The proof of deposit and the registration form must be sent to the designated contacts:

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