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10th BLITZ AND 10th RAPID TOURNAMENT C.C.U.THES-CHALK «WHITE TOWER» 2026 **ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. EVENT ORGANIZERS: Chess Clubs Union of Thessaloniki-Chalkidiki in collaboration with Municipality of Thessaloniki organizing the **10th Blitz & Rapid Tournament “White Tower” 2026**, Thessaloniki, 27-29 December 2026.

2. VENUE: Thessaloniki City Hall, "Manolis Anagnostakis": <https://goo.gl/maps/Nhm5KhkWWN3Wooj29>.

3. DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION – PARTICIPATION FEE:

a. By completing the participation form:

<https://chess-venue.vercel.app/tournaments/cmug0slr0000000414w30am4ux>

b. Blitz participation fee: €15 - Rapid participation fee: €20.

Both tournaments participation fee: €30. Free entry for players rated above 2250 and female players rated above 2000. Free entry for the 3rd and more members from the same family. Free entry for disable players.

c. Maximum number of participants: 120 people.

d. The participation fee is deposited to: GR9301102650000026529604519 and the proof of deposit is sent to the participation form.

4. PARTICIPATION CONFIRMATIONS - 1st ROUND PAIRINGS (Blitz-Rapid) - EXCEPTIONS:

a. Payment of the entry fee confirms the participant's registration.

b. Participants may withdraw until Saturday, 26 December 2026, at 22:00, in which case the entry fee will be refunded. In all other cases, the entry fee will be retained by the Chess Clubs Union of Thessaloniki–Chalkidiki.

c. Pairings for the 1st Round for Blitz at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday 27th of December 2026.

d. Pairings for the 1st Round for Blitz at 12:00 p.m. on Monday 28th of December 2026

e. Until two (2) exceptions provided the chess players should early inform the Arbiters of the matches before the start of the next round.

5. PLAYING SCHEDULE:

5.1 Blitz: Sunday 27/12/2026 – Opening Ceremony at 17:00

Sunday 17:15	1 st round
Sunday 17:40	2 nd round
Sunday 18:05	3 rd round
Sunday 18:30	4 rd round
Sunday 18:55	5 th round
Sunday 19:20	6 th round
break	
Sunday 20:00	7 th round
Sunday 20:25	8 th round
Sunday 20:50	9 th round
Sunday 21:30	Closing Ceremony-Awards

5.2 Rapid: Monday 28/12/2026 – Opening Ceremony at 17:00

Monday 17:30	1 st round
Monday 18:10	2 nd round
Monday 18:50	3 rd round
break	
Monday 19:45	4 th round
Monday 20:25	5 th round
Tuesday 17:30	6 th round
Tuesday 18:10	7 th round
break	
Tuesday 19:05	8 th round
Tuesday 19:45	9 th round
Tuesday 21:30	Closing ceremony-Awards

6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM:

a. **Blitz:** Swiss System of 10 rounds with time control (5' + 3'').

b. **Rapid:** Swiss System of 9 rounds with time control (10' + 5'').

Blitz and Rapid tournaments will be valid for F.I.D.E. rating elo with F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess.

7. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – CHIEF ARBITER AND PAIRINGS:

a. **Tournament Director:** Mantazis Vasileios, Vice president of the Board of Chess Clubs Union Thessaloniki - Chalkidiki

b. **Chief Arbiter - Pairings:** IA Gerontopoulos Prodromos.

8. TIE BREAKS (Blitz και Rapid):

1) Buchholz cut-1, 2) Sonneborn-Berger, 3) Sum Buchholz tie-breaks variable, 4) Direct encounter (the result of players in the same point group), 5) Greater number of victories (variable).

9. APPEALS:

a. Will be submitted 5' minutes before the start of the round with the fee of 60€.

b. The Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the 1st round of the competition.

10. PRIZES:

A. Blitz: Total 500€: 1st : 200€, 2nd : 100€, 3rd : 50€, 4th : 50€, 5th : 50€, 1st Woman: 50€

B. Rapid: Total 700€: 1st : 300€, 2nd : 150€, 3rd : 100€, 4th : 50€, 5th : 50€, 1st Woman: 50€

* Prizes in the overall standings are not shared. Each player is entitled to receive only one (1) cash prize. If a player qualifies for more than one (1) prize, they will receive the highest-value prize only.

** For prizes in each special category to be awarded, there must be at least six (6) participants in that category.

11. AWARDS (Blitz and Rapid):

CUPS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd of the final standing, 1st Woman, 1st <20, 1st <Veteran S55 (year 1971).

MEDALS: 2nd, 3rd woman, the first 3 and the 1st girl in the categories under U08, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18.

For each special category to be valid for prize awards there must be at least six (6) participants.

12. ANTICHEATING REGULATIONS:

F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess for Anticheating: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AntiCheatingRegulations>.

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