OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

VRNJACKA BANJA TROPHY 2026

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The Municipality of Vrnjacka Banja, in cooperation with the Chess Federation of Serbia, is organizing the OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT “VRNJACKA BANJA TROPHY 2026”.

2. The tournament will be held in the Conference Hall of the “Zepter” Hotel in Vrnjacka Banja.

3. All chess players, regardless of title or rating, are eligible to participate in the tournament, provided they register with the organizer within the specified registration period.

4. The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System over 9 rounds. The time control will be 10 minutes per player, with a 5-second increment per move, starting from move one.

5. The tournament will be FIDE-rated for Rapid Chess.

6. All chess equipment will be provided by the organizer.

7. Tournament Schedule:

Confirmation of participation must be completed in the playing hall by 10:45. The official opening ceremony will take place at 11:00, immediately followed by the start of Round 1.

The closing ceremony and prize-giving will take place 10 minutes after the conclusion of the final round.

8. The organizer has provided a total prize fund of RSD 300,000, distributed among 36 prizes (12 regular prizes and 24 special prizes), which will be awarded to the participants.

Regular Prizes:

1st prize	RSD 50,000
2nd prize	RSD 40,000
3rd prize	RSD 30,000
4th prize	RSD 25,000
5th prize	RSD 20,000
6th prize	RSD 15,000
7th prize	RSD 12,000
8th prize	RSD 9,000
9th prize	RSD 8,000
10th prize	RSD 7,000
11th prize	RSD 6,000
12th prize	RSD 5,000

Special Prizes:

1. Best Female Players:
RSD 5,000, 4,000, 3,000

2. Best Seniors (born in 1961 or earlier):
RSD 10,000, 8,000, 6,000, 4,000, 2,000

3. Best Cadets (born in 2010 or later):
RSD 2,000, 1,000

4. Best Female Cadets (born in 2010 or later):
RSD 2,000, 1,000

5. Best Players by Rating:

0–1600	RSD 3,000, 2,000, 1,000
1601–1850	RSD 3,000, 2,000, 1,000
1851–2100	RSD 3,000, 2,000, 1,000

6. Best Player from Vrnjacka Banja (Local Player):
RSD 3,000, 2,000, 1,000

The tournament winner will receive a trophy, while the three top-ranked players will receive medals.

Prizes are not divisible. Each participant may receive only one prize, namely the highest-value prize for which they qualify. If a participant qualifies for two prizes of equal monetary value, they will receive the prize listed first in the order of precedence.

9. In the event of a tie for prize-winning positions, the final standings will be determined according to the following tie-break criteria, applied in this order: Buchholz Cut-1, Direct Encounter(s), Buchholz, Greater Number of Wins, Sonneborn-Berger and Drawing of Lots.

10. The Chief Arbiter of the tournament will be Miroslav Markovic, International Arbiter (FIDE ID: 938114), assisted by Petar Jevtic, FIDE Arbiter (FIDE ID: 9218208).

11. The Chief Arbiter shall be responsible for the interpretation of the rules. The decisions of the Chief Arbiter shall be final and no appeals against them shall be permitted.

12. The Chief Arbiter shall apply the FIDE Fair Play Rules at their discretion whenever deemed necessary.

13. These Regulations have been adopted by the organizer and will be displayed on the official notice board in the playing hall. By making their first move, players confirm their acceptance of the provisions of these Regulations.

Data Protection Policy: By registering for the tournament, participants grant the organizer permission to process and publish, for tournament-related purposes, information regarding participants' ages and FIDE ID numbers, as well as photographs and video recordings taken during the competition, including the award ceremonies.

Vrnjacka Banja, 8 November 2026 Organizer