



FAIR PLAY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAYERS

SERBIA OPEN 2026

These Fair Play Instructions are issued in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Fair Play Regulations, and the Serbia Open 2026 Tournament Regulations.

Their purpose is to ensure fair competition and protect the integrity of the tournament.

Participation in the tournament constitutes acceptance of these Fair Play Instructions.

1. Fair Play Authority

Fair Play at the tournament is supervised by the Chief Arbiter, assisted by the Local Fair Play Team (LFPT).

The Local Fair Play Team implements Fair Play procedures, including screening, inspections and other preventive measures.

The Chief Arbiter shall decide all Fair Play matters and impose sanctions in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Fair Play Regulations and the Tournament Regulations.

All participants shall comply with instructions issued by the Chief Arbiter, arbiters and the Local Fair Play Team.

2. General Principles

Players shall cooperate fully with the Chief Arbiter, arbiters and the Local Fair Play Team throughout the tournament.

Fair Play measures apply equally to all participants and are preventive in nature. Selection for screening or inspection does not imply suspicion of wrongdoing.

3. Entry Screening

Players may be required to undergo Fair Play screening before entering the playing area.

Players shall:

- arrive sufficiently early before each round;
- complete the Fair Play screening before entering the playing area;
- wait for their turn during screening;

- follow all instructions issued by the Local Fair Play Team;
- present any requested items for inspection.

Players who leave the playing area before the start of their game may be required to undergo a new screening before re-entering.

Late arrival due to security screening remains the player's responsibility.

4. During Play

During play, players shall not:

- communicate with spectators, coaches or any unauthorized person;
- receive information or assistance from any source;
- possess or use prohibited items;
- interfere with Fair Play procedures.

Random Fair Play inspections may be conducted before, during or after games.

Players shall comply with any instruction issued by the Chief Arbiter, arbiters or the Local Fair Play Team.

5. Post-Game Checks

Selected players may be required to undergo a Fair Play inspection immediately after their games.

Players selected for inspection shall cooperate fully with the Local Fair Play Team.

6. Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited inside the playing area unless expressly authorized by the Chief Arbiter:

- laptops, tablets and other computer devices;
- mobile phones and similar electronic devices;
- smart watches and similar wearable devices;
- earphones, headphones and similar audio devices;
- USB drives and other data storage or transmission devices;
- notes, chess literature or any material capable of providing external assistance.

This list is illustrative and not exhaustive.

Possession of a prohibited item inside the playing area may result in sanctions under the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE Fair Play Regulations.

7. Personal Belongings

Players are strongly encouraged to bring only essential personal belongings into the playing area.

Large backpacks, suitcases and bulky bags should be left in the designated storage area, where available.

Personal belongings may be inspected and may result in longer screening times.

8. Medical Devices

Medical devices and medication required for health reasons are permitted.

Players are encouraged to inform the Chief Arbiter in advance whenever reasonably possible.

Such items may be inspected by the Local Fair Play Team.

9. Spectators

Spectators may enter the playing hall with electronic devices for the purpose of taking photos and videos until the start of the round.

Once the start of the round is announced, all spectators must leave the playing hall, deposit their phones and any other prohibited electronic devices specified in the previous section in the designated lockers, and may then re-enter the playing hall without those devices.

Spectators are prohibited from making any contact with the players during their games.

Once the round has started, spectators are subject to the same regulations as players.

10. Fair Play Monitoring

The Organizer may implement additional Fair Play measures consistent with the FIDE Fair Play Regulations, including:

- entry screening;
- random inspections;
- post-game inspections;
- electronic detection equipment;
- statistical analysis of games;
- delayed transmission of games, where applicable;
- other preventive measures permitted under the FIDE Fair Play Regulations.

11. Reporting Fair Play Concerns

Any Fair Play concern shall be reported to the Chief Arbiter.

Participants are expected to refrain from making public accusations regarding alleged cheating.

12. Failure to Cooperate

Failure to comply with these Fair Play Instructions, or with instructions issued by the Chief Arbiter, arbiters or the Local Fair Play Team, may constitute a violation of the Tournament Regulations.

13. Sanctions

Violations of these Fair Play Instructions shall be dealt with in accordance with:

- the FIDE Laws of Chess;
- the FIDE Fair Play Regulations;
- the Serbia Open 2026 Tournament Regulations.

Depending on the circumstances, sanctions may include:

- warning;
- loss of the game;
- expulsion from the tournament;
- referral to the FIDE Fair Play Commission.

14. Final Provisions

The Chief Arbiter may, where necessary and in consultation with the Local Fair Play Team, implement additional preventive measures consistent with the FIDE Fair Play Regulations to ensure the integrity of the tournament.

Any matter not expressly covered by these Fair Play Instructions shall be decided in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Fair Play Regulations and the Tournament Regulations.

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