

10TH INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

VARDARIS

11–15 March 2027 | Thessaloniki

REGULATIONS & RULES

Official regulations of the 10th Vardaris International Chess Tournament

11–15 MAR
DATES

THESSALONIKI
CITY

HOLIDAY INN
PLAYING VENUE

7 ROUNDS
SWISS SYSTEM

4 GROUPS
A · B · C · D

€6,000
CASH PRIZES

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Organizers and Playing Venue

ORGANIZERS

Chess Club SACH
Thessaloniki, in
cooperation with the
Municipality of
Thessaloniki, the
Region of Central
Macedonia, the Hellenic
Chess Federation and
the Thessaloniki-
Chalkidiki Chess Clubs
Union.

PLAYING VENUE

Hotel Holiday Inn
8 Monastiriou St., Thessaloniki

CONTACT

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UPDATES

VIBER
Official tournament updates channel



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Playing Schedule

THURSDAY 11 March 2027	Round 1	17:30
FRIDAY 12 March 2027	Round 2	17:30
SATURDAY 13 March 2027	Round 3	10:00
	Round 4	17:30
SUNDAY 14 March 2027	Round 5	10:00
	Round 6	17:30
MONDAY 15 March 2027	Round 7	10:00
	Closing Ceremony	15:00

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Tournament Format and Groups

The tournament will be played as a seven (7)-round Swiss-system event and will be divided into four independent Groups.

GROUP A

1900+

FIDE Standard Rating

A

GROUP B

1700–2100

FIDE Standard Rating

B

GROUP C

0–1699

FIDE Standard Rating

C

GROUP D

U12

Players born after 1/1/2015.

D

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS

- The official March 2027 FIDE Standard Rating list will be used for placement into the Groups.
- Players rated 1900–2100 may choose between Group A and Group B.
- U12 players may choose Group D or the Group corresponding to their rating.

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Time Control

TIME CONTROL

90' + 30"

Ninety (90) minutes for the entire game, with an increment of thirty (30) seconds per move from move one.

FORFEIT TIME

30'

A player arriving thirty (30) minutes or more after the scheduled start of the round loses the game by forfeit.

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Entry Fees

GROUP	CATEGORY	ENTRY FEE	AFTER 1st FEBRUARY
A	GM, IM, WGM, WIM	Free	—
A	FIDE Standard Rating 2300+	Free	50€
A	Women with FIDE Standard Rating 2100+	Free	—
A	FIDE Standard Rating 2100–2299	80€	—
A	FIDE Standard Rating 1900–2099	100€	—
B	All participants	70€	—
C	All participants	60€	—
D	All U12 participants	50€	—

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Discounts

10% 2 members Participation of two members of the same family: 10% total discount.	20% 3+ members Participation of three or more members of the same family: 20% total discount.	50% Players with disabilities SACH members Players with disabilities and SACH members: 50% discount.
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NOTE

Discounts are applied according to the tournament terms and the final entry fee of the participating Group.

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Registration and Participation Confirmation

ONLINE REGISTRATION

vardaris.com

Registration is completed through the official form at www.vardaris.com.



ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION

info@vardaris.com

Subject: "Vardaris" and details: FIDE ID, full name, Group and contact phone number.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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Registrations will be accepted until Monday, 8 March 2027, unless the maximum number of participants is reached earlier.

PARTICIPATION LIMIT

420

Maximum number of participants.

FINAL CONFIRMATION

Payment of the entry fee constitutes final confirmation of participation.

For special cases and foreign players, in-person confirmation at the playing venue is permitted on Thursday, 11 March 2027, from 10:00 to 14:00, only by prior arrangement with the organizers.

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Payment Method and Cancellations

BANK	National Bank of Greece
BENEFICIARY	CHESS CLUB "SACH" THESSALONIKI
IBAN	GR8601105150000051500134633
SWIFT / BIC	ETHNGRAA
PAYMENT REFERENCE	Vardaris – FIDE ID

PAYMENT NOTES

Any bank charges are borne exclusively by the participant.

Proof of payment must be sent to info@vardaris.com for verification.

PARTICIPATION CANCELLATION

The entry fee will be refunded in full if cancellation is requested by Friday, 5 March 2027. After that date, it is non-refundable.

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Prizes

CASH PRIZES

€6,000

MODERN CHESS

€100

Vouchers

AWARDS

Trophies · Medals

Group A

FIDE Standard Rating 1900+

GROUP A

CATEGORY	PLACE / PRIZE	CASH	TROPHY / MEDAL	MODERN CHESS
Overall	1st place	1.000€	Trophy	—
Overall	2nd place	700€	Trophy	—
Overall	3rd place	450€	Trophy	—
Overall	4th place	300€	—	—
Overall	5th place	250€	—	—
Overall	6th place	200€	—	—
Overall	7th place	150€	—	—
Overall	8th place	100€	—	—
Special	1st Woman	150€	Trophy	—
Special	1st Veteran 50+	100€	Medal	—
Special	1st U2300	100€	—	—
Special	1st U2100	100€	—	—
Special	1st U16	—	Medal	Voucher 100€
Special	1st U20	—	Medal	Voucher 100€

Group B

FIDE Standard Rating 1700–2100

GROUP B

CATEGORY	PLACE / PRIZE	CASH	TROPHY / MEDAL	MODERN CHESS
Overall	1st place	500€	Trophy	—
Overall	2nd place	300€	Trophy	—
Overall	3rd place	200€	Trophy	—
Overall	4th place	100€	Medal	—
Overall	5th place	100€	Medal	—
Overall	6th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Overall	7th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Overall	8th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Special	1st Woman	100€	Trophy	—
Special	1st Veteran 50+	100€	Medal	—

Group C

FIDE Standard Rating 0–1699 & unrated

GROUP C

CATEGORY	PLACE / PRIZE	CASH	TROPHY / MEDAL	MODERN CHESS
Overall	1st place	350€	Trophy	—
Overall	2nd place	200€	Trophy	—
Overall	3rd place	150€	Trophy	—
Overall	4th place	100€	Medal	—
Overall	5th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Overall	6th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Overall	7th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Overall	8th place	—	—	Voucher 100€
Special	1st Woman	100€	Trophy	—
Special	1st Unrated	100€	Medal	—

Group D

U12

GROUP D

CATEGORY	PLACE / PRIZE	CASH	TROPHY / MEDAL	MODERN CHESS
Overall	1st place	—	Trophy	Voucher 100€
Overall	2nd place	—	Trophy	Voucher 100€
Overall	3rd place	—	Trophy	Voucher 100€
Special	1st Girl	—	Trophy	Voucher 100€
Special	1st U8	—	Medal	—
Special	2nd U8	—	Medal	—
Special	3rd U8	—	Medal	—
Special	1st U8 Girl	—	Medal	—
Special	1st U10	—	Medal	—
Special	2nd U10	—	Medal	—
Special	3rd U10	—	Medal	—
Special	1st U10 Girl	—	Medal	—

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Prize Award Rules

ONE CASH PRIZE

Cash prizes are not cumulative. Each player receives the highest cash prize for which they are eligible.

SPECIAL CATEGORIES

If the winner of a special category has already won a higher cash prize, the special cash prize is awarded to the next eligible player in that category.

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

At least three (3) eligible players must participate in the relevant category for a special prize to be awarded.

MODERN CHESS VOUCHERS

Vouchers are subject to the terms of use and validity period set by Modern Chess.

ATTENDANCE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

Players who do not attend the closing ceremony forfeit their right to prizes.

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Pairings, Round Exemptions and Byes

- 01 The pairing for Round 1 will be made on Thursday, 11 March 2027 at 15:30 and published on Chess-Results.
- 02 Players who have not finalized their participation in time will enter the tournament from Round 2.
- 03 A request to sit out a subsequent round must be submitted no later than ten (10) minutes after the end of the player's last game.
- 04 A half-point ($\frac{1}{2}$) bye may be granted up to and including Round 3. From Round 4 onward, byes carry no points.
- 05 A Round 1 bye is granted only to players who have paid the entry fee in advance.
- 06 An unjustified absence without notice results in immediate exclusion from the tournament.
- 07 Postponements of games and changes to the scheduled start time are not permitted.
- 08 A player who loses a game by forfeit without notice may be excluded from the next Vardaris event.

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Fair Play and Anti-Cheating

The organizers reserve the right to inspect participants for the prevention and detection of electronic assistance, in accordance with the applicable FIDE Fair Play and Anti-Cheating regulations.

The use of mobile phones, smartwatches and any unauthorized electronic device in the playing area is prohibited, unless otherwise provided by the instructions of the Chief Arbiter.

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Appeals

Before the start of Round 1, a five-member Appeals Committee will be announced, consisting of three regular and two substitute members.

Appeals may be submitted in writing no later than thirty (30) minutes after the end of the game, together with payment of a €60 appeal fee.

The Appeals Committee must decide before the pairing of the next round. If the appeal is accepted, the fee is refunded; otherwise it is forfeited to the organizers.

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Tie-Break Criteria

01

Buchholz

Sum of opponents' scores.

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Sonneborn-Berger

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Sum of Buchholz

Sum of the opponents' Buchholz scores.

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Accommodation

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code for the official hotel, special accommodation conditions and alternative options in Thessaloniki.

Special rates and accommodation terms are offered to titled players, subject to availability.



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Tournament Management and Arbiters

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Georgios Vlassis

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CHIEF ARBITER

Zoi Anagnostou

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Final Provisions

For any matter not expressly covered by these regulations, the applicable FIDE Regulations and the decisions of the Organizing Committee and the Board of Directors of Chess Club SACH Thessaloniki shall apply.

The organizers reserve the right to make necessary changes for organizational reasons, with timely notice to participants through the official website.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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