



Future of
CHESS

CROATIA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL

26 - 28 JUNE 2026

Buševac, Croatia

**Three Days of Chess, Fun,
Education & Innovation**

ORGANIZATION PARTNERS



MAIN SPONSOR



Inherit is a technology company focused on developing advanced and innovative solutions through its program Inherit Intelligence. The company provides consulting and educational services aimed at applying AI and other IT technologies to improve business efficiency, optimize operations, and modernize processes.

In addition to AI solutions for the business sector, Inherit develops specialized innovative products in the field of gaming, with a particular focus on chess. In this segment, the company offers **software tools for organizers of chess tournaments and chess schools, as well as solutions for chess enthusiasts. These include advanced software and hardware systems for broadcasting chess competitions, automation of chess content creation, and the digitalization of the chess ecosystem.**

Inherit is the main partner of the **idSport/idChess** platform for the Republic of Croatia, further strengthening its role in the development and modernization of digital chess.





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EVENT OVERVIEW

The Croatia International Chess Festival is a three-day celebration of chess art and excellence, bringing together players of all levels and ages, chess aficionados and families from across Europe and beyond. Held in Buševac near Velika Gorica, Croatia, this festival combines competitive chess with fun, education, innovation, and community.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Chess960 Tournament

Fischer Random format open competition

Rapid Tournament

Main classical rapid open competition across all categories

Blitz Team Tournament

Team Blitz competition for clubs and free formed teams

Chess960 Simul

Simultaneous exhibition in Fischer Random (15 boards, all random!)

Floor Giant Chess Battle

Giant chessboard competition

Puzzle Sprint Championship

Speed solving across qualification and finals

Doubles Bughouse Cup

Bughouse chess doubles competition

Exhibitions, Panels, Education and Social Events

Speed solving across qualification and finals

PROGRAM

DAY 1 – FRIDAY | ENGAGE

PLAY ♟️ LEARN ♟️ CONNECT

- 12:00 - 13:00** Registration & Welcome Lounge
 - 13:00 - 13:30** Official Opening Ceremony
 - 13:30 - 14:30** Puzzle Sprint Qualifications (Exhibition format/Free Attendance)
 - 14:45 - 15:30** Chess KeyNote: “Chess – a battle with oneself”
- FIDE Master Bogdan Božinović) (Free Attendance)
 - 15:45 - 16:30** Chess Panel: “From Pawn to Promotion: Children Talk About Chess” hosted
by Šimun Maurović (Free Attendance)
 - 16:30 - 17:00** Chess960 Freestyle Tournament - Final registration
 - 17:00 - 20:30** Chess960 Tournament (7 rounds)
 - 20:30 - 21:00** Chess960 Awards Ceremony
 - 21:00 - 22:00** Social Chess & Content Evening (Free Attendance)
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DAY 2 – SATURDAY | EVOLVE

THINK ♟️ INNOVATE ♟️ IMPROVE

- 09:00 - 10:00** Welcome
- 10:00 - 11:00** Puzzle Sprint Final Stage (Final 8)
- 11:00 - 11:30** Puzzle Sprint Awards Ceremony
- 12:00 - 13:00** Chess Panel: “Chess, Technology and Innovation”
- hosted by Goran Radić (Free Attendance)
- 13:15 - 14:00** Chess Education Session: “Chess Live Broadcast and New Media
- idChess Case Study” (Free Attendance)
- 14:00 - 14:30** Rapid Tournament Final registration
- 14:30 - 19:00** Rapid Tournament (all categories, 7 rounds)
- 19:00 - 19:30** Rapid Awards Ceremony
- 19:30 - 20:30** Doubles Bughouse Cup (Free Attendance, 8 doubles)
- 20:30 - 21:00** Doubles Bughouse Award Ceremony
- 21:00 - 22:00** Social Chess & Content Evening (Free Attendance)

PROGRAM

DAY 3 – SUNDAY | EXPERIENCE

PLAY ♟️ COMPETE ♟️ CELEBRATE

09:00 - 10:00 Welcome & Blitz Team Tournament final registration

10:00 - 14:00 Blitz Team Tournament (9 rounds)

14:15 - 15:00 Blitz Team Award Ceremony

15:00 - 16:00 Break / Networking /Transition time

16:00 - 18:00 Chess960 Freestyle Simul (15 boards, each random)
hosted by FIDE Master Vjekoslav Nemeč

18:30 - 20:30 Giant Floor Chess Competition (Final 8)

20:30 - 21:00 Giant Floor Chess Awards Ceremony

21:00 - 22:00 Social Chess & Closing Event (Free Attendance)



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CHESS960 TOURNAMENT

CHESS960 FREESTYLE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Player registration: until Friday, 26 June 2026, at 17:00h

Start of Round 1: 17:00h on 26 June 2026

- All players are eligible to participate
- Players don't have to be registered by FIDE
- The tournament will be played using the Swiss system over 7 rounds
- The starting position (Chess960) will be determined by a random generator before each round (positions 518 and 534 will not be used)
- The time control is 10 minutes per player for the entire game.
- Before the start of each game, players will have 2 minutes to familiarize themselves with the starting position
- The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Chess960 Rules
- Playing equipment will be provided by the organizer

PRIZE FUND

1st place – 100 EUR + trophy

2nd place – 50 EUR + medal

3rd place – 30 EUR + medal

Best Female Player – 30 EUR + medal

Best U12 Player - 30 EUR + medal

Best U16 Player – 30 EUR + medal

Best 65+ Player – 30 EUR + medal

ENTRY FEE

- 15 EUR per player for registrations before 26 June; 20 EUR on the day of the event
- 10 EUR for female players, players under 16 years of age, highschool and university students for registrations before 26 June; 15 EUR on the day of the event

Payment may be made in cash before the start of the tournament or by bank transfer to:

IBAN: HR0824840081135320506

Account Holder: ŠK Nasmijani pješak

Address: Ivica Sudnika 7, Samobor, Croatia

RAPID TOURNAMENT

RAPID TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Player registration: until Saturday, 27 June 2026, at 14:30h

Start of Round 1: 14:30h on 27 June 2026

- All players registered with FIDE are eligible to participate
- The tournament will be played using the Swiss system over 7 rounds.
- The tournament will be rated for the FIDE International Rapid Rating List
- The time control is 10 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move
- The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Rules for Rapid Chess
- Playing equipment will be provided by the organizer

PRIZE FUND

1st place – 100 EUR + trophy

2nd place – 50 EUR + medal

3rd place – 30 EUR + medal

Best Female Player – 30 EUR + medal

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BLITZ TOURNAMENT

BLITZ TEAM TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Please register your team with at least the team name by 23 June 2026 to help us with the organization. Registrations will also be accepted after this date.

Player line-up registration: until 09:30h on Sunday, 28 June 2026

Start of Round 1: 10:00 on 28 June 2026

- Club teams and other (mixed) teams composed of players registered with FIDE are eligible to participate.
- Teams may consist of players from different clubs and national federations.
- The competition will be played on 4 boards with an unlimited number of reserve players. Team captains determine the board order of their players without any prescribed rules; however, the order cannot be changed during the tournament
- The tournament will be rated for the FIDE International Blitz Rating List
- The tournament will be played using the Swiss system over 9 rounds
- The time control is 3 minutes plus a 2-second increment per move
- The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Rules for Blitz Chess
- Final standings will be determined by the total match points scored in all rounds (Win = 2, Draw = 1, Loss = 0).
- Playing equipment will be provided by the organizer.

PRIZE FUND

1st place – 200 EUR + trophy + set of 4 medals

2nd place – 150 EUR + set of 4 medals

3rd place – 100 EUR + set of 4 medals

Individual trophies will be awarded to the best-performing players on each board.

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EXHIBITIONS

PUZZLE SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Puzzle Sprint is a competition primarily intended for children up to 16 years of age. On the first day of qualifications, up to 30 participants may register and will answer chess questions displayed on a large screen. The questions will involve finding the best move in a position, identifying the best combination, or correctly evaluating a position. The top eight participants from the qualification stage will advance to the final stage, which will be organized in a knockout format, where the winner of each round progresses until the final. The winners will receive medals.

DOUBLES BUGHOUSE CUP

The exhibition competition in the Doubles Bughouse chess format will be played as a best-of-8 knockout event. In each round, the winning team advances to the next stage. Teams of two players compete on two boards simultaneously.

A match is decided when a team wins on at least one of the two boards.

The time control is 5 minutes per player for the entire game.

Captured pieces are passed to the partner and may be dropped on a legal empty square during their turn. Communication is allowed only for requesting pieces and basic coordination; discussion of moves, variations, or evaluation of positions is not allowed.

Pawns may not be placed directly on the promotion rank. Pawn promotion follows standard chess rules (queen, rook, bishop, or knight).

Promoted pawns are removed from the board and are not reintroduced into the game. The promoted piece is taken from the spare set provided by the organizer. The winners will receive medals.

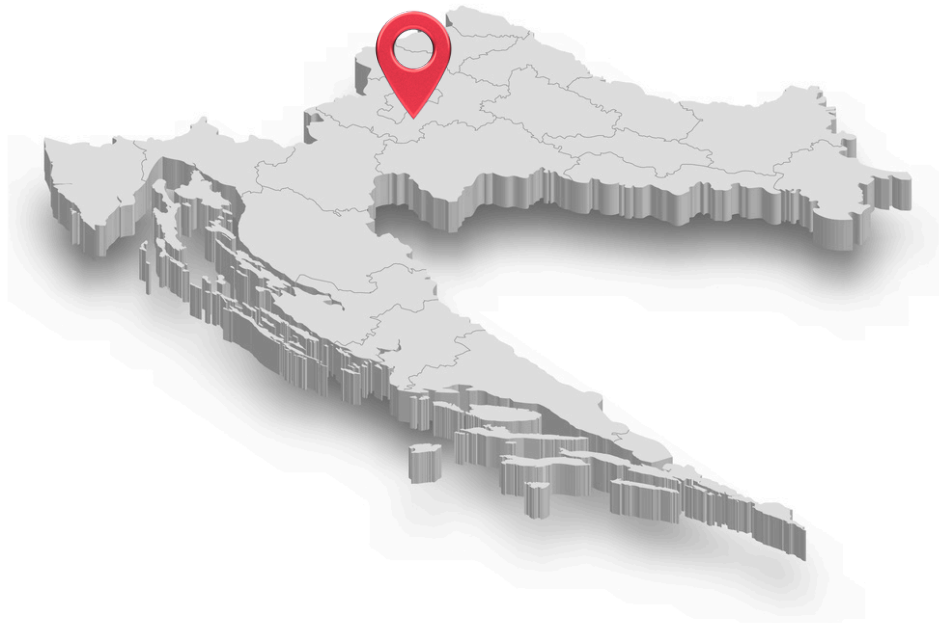
CHESS960 SIMUL

The simultaneous exhibition in Chess960 Freestyle will be played on 15 boards. The organizer will select participants based on a first-come, first-served principle and a maximum rating limit of 2000 Elo in the standard FIDE rating list. Each board will feature a different starting position, which will be selected immediately before the start. All participants will play with the black pieces.

GIANT FLOOR CHESS COMPETITION

The Giant Floor Chess Competition will be played as a best-of-8 knockout event. The organizer will select participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Games will be played on a giant floor chess set using a chess clock, with a time control of 10 minutes per player. Winners will be awarded medals.

VENUE & LOCATION



Buševac, Sisačka 2, Croatia

The festival takes place in a large indoor hall in Buševac, a town near Velika Gorica, just south of Zagreb. The venue offers spacious playing areas, spectator seating, and full amenities for a multi-day chess event.

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| VENUE | Large indoor hall, Sisačka 2, Buševac |
| ACCESS | Near Velika Gorica, 20 min from Zagreb, 15 min from Zagreb Airport |
| PARKING | Free on-site parking available |
| TRANSPORT | Bus connections from Zagreb and Velika Gorica |
| CAPACITY | 250+ players, spectator areas included |

GENERAL INFO

Throughout all three days of the festival, participants will be able to purchase light meals and beverages at affordable prices on site.

The organizer will provide complimentary water, soft drinks, coffee, and light refreshments.

All participants registered with the Croatian Chess Federation taking part in the FIDE-rated tournaments (Rapid and Blitz) must hold a valid medical certificate in accordance with the Croatian Sports Act (NN 141/22) and the Rulebook on Medical Examinations of Athletes (NN 27/2026).

CONTACT

REGISTRATIONS

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When registering for FIDE-rated tournaments (Rapid and Blitz), participants must provide their first name, last name, and FIDE ID.

