

SKOPJE OPEN 2024

Regulations

- SKOPJE OPEN 2024** is traditional open chess tournament, for any interested chess player no matter of the rating, title or category in organization by the **municipality Skopje, Chess Federation of Macedonia, Chess Union of Skopje** (<https://www.facebook.com/SkopjeChess/>) **and supported by FIDE** (<https://fide.com/>) and with traditional support of **Modern Chess**, <https://www.modern-chess.com/>
 - Tournament will be played from **December 11th 2024. (Wednesday)** till **December 17th 2024. (Tuesday)**, and schedule is as follows:
 - December 11th (Wednesday) Opening Ceremony at 16:30
 - December 11th (Wednesday) 1st round will start at 17:00.
 - December 12th (Thursday) 2nd round will start at 17:00.
 - December 13th (Friday) 3rd round will start at 17:00
 - December 14th (Saturday) 4th round will start at 10:30 and 5th round will start at 17:00
 - December 15th (Sunday) 6th round will start at 10:30 and 7th round will start at 17:00
 - December 16th (Monday) 8th round will start at 17:00
 - December 17th (Tuesday) 9th round will start at 17:00
 - December 17th (Tuesday) Closing Ceremony will start 30 minutes after the finishing of the last round.
 - Registration of players will be possible until December 10th. Confirmation of the participation should be done the latest till 16:00 hours on December 11th.
 - The Tournament will be played according to the rules of Swiss System in 9 rounds. Time control is 90 minutes to the end of the game with 30 seconds increment.
 - Players will be ranked according to number of points won. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the same rank, the following tie-break methods shall be applied by order:
 - Buchholz -1
 - Acceleration (Progress)
 - Greater number of victories
 - Rating Performance
 - The default time is 30 minutes.
 - A player may request a maximum of one half-point bye in the first 6 rounds of the tournament.
 - All mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronical devices are banned from the playing halls.
 - Nonresident players must provide their FIDE Identification Number (FIN) (ID code) at the time of entry. If player do not have a FIN, must apply for it to the own federation for a FIN before entering the tournament.
 - TOTAL PRIZE FOND is 10,300 EUR** and **1,000 EUR** (10 vouchers with 100EUR value) prize in voucher for **Modern Chess site**. <https://www.modern-chess.com/> (the prize categories will be published on the tournament)
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OPEN A

11. Entry fee is waived for the players with rating greater than 2400 at the moment of registration.

For other players entry fee is as follows:

- **50 EUR** for players rated between **2201-2400**

- **70 EUR** for player rated between **2000-2200**

- **100 EUR** for player with rating lower than **2000**

Domestic players registered for 2024 year has 20% discount on entry fee.

Organizer keeps the right to give wild card for some players.

12. Prizes to the total amount of **7,400 EUR** will be distributed as follows:

a) Regular prizes (6,000 €):

1) 2,000 EUR 2) 1,200 EUR 3) 800 EUR 4) 600 EUR

5) 500 EUR 6) 400 EUR 7) 300 EUR 8) 200 EUR

Hort system will be used for sharing prizes in case of tie until 4th place (including 4th).

Other prizes are not divisible.

b) Special prizes (1,400 €) will be granted for best ranked player in categories as follows:

○ *Players <= 2400 rating points*

1) 350 EUR 2) 250 EUR 3) 150 EUR

○ *Players <= 2200 rating points – Reward **KRUM MITKOVSKI** - 150 EUR*

Special prizes also will be granted to:

➤ The best ranked women player - **200 EUR**

➤ The best unrewarded veteran player over 65 years old (born 1959 and older) - **100 EUR**

➤ The best unrewarded player under 16 years old (born 2008 and younger) - **100 EUR**

➤ The best unrewarded domestic player - **100 EUR**

13. Players are not allowed to win more than one prize. Player will win the higher one, and ordered by priority as listed in the regulations.

OPEN B

14. In OPEN B right for participation is given to all players rated below 2000 on December 1st FRL.

15. Entry fee for OPEN B is: **30 EUR**

Domestic players registered for 2024 year have **5 EUR** discount on entry fee.

Organizer keeps the right to give wild card for some players.

16. Prizes to the total amount of **2,900 EUR** will be distributed as follows:

c) Regular prizes (2,000 €):

1) 600 EUR 2) 400 EUR 3) 300 EUR 4) 200 EUR

5) 150 EUR 6) 150 EUR 7) 100 EUR 8) 100 EUR

d) Special prizes (900 €) will be granted for best ranked player in categories as follows:

○ **Special Prizes KRUM MITKOVSKI for the best unrewarded blind players or players with physical disabilities (600 €)**

1) 300 EUR 2) 200 EUR 3) 100 EUR

○ **Special prizes also will be granted to:**

➤ The best ranked women player - **100 EUR**

➤ The best unrewarded veteran player over 65 years old (born 1959 and older) - **100 EUR**

➤ The best unrewarded player under 12 years old (born 2012 and younger) - **100 EUR**

All prizes in OPEN B are not divisible.

17. No player may win more than one prize. Player will win the higher one, and ordered by priority as listed in the regulations.

18. Entry fees should be paid in advance through Outpost chess platform at the following links:

OPEN A <http://tournaments.outpostchess.com/SKOPJE-OPEN-2024---A-2024-12-11>

OPEN B <http://tournaments.outpostchess.com/SKOPJE-OPEN-2024---B-2024-12-11>

Tournaments will be held at the ****Hotel Continental <http://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>

19. Recommended accommodation is with special prices valid for this tournament as follows:

HOTEL	Single room BB	Double room BB per person
Continental 4*	50 EUR	37 EUR
VIP hotel 3*	35 EUR	25 EUR

20. For tournament registration please register on outpost links above or send mail on:

sahovskisojuznagradskopje@gmail.com

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