

Llinars vila d'escacs 2026

V INTERNATIONAL CHESS BLITZ OPEN **(Sunday 28th June 2026)**



1.- Format: The tournament will be played using FIDE Swiss System based on rating (Dutch) in a single group and 9 rounds. The tournament is open for the participation of any player with a valid FIDE license. Besides, players with ESP flag should have previously processed their FEDA license.

2.- Playing venue: The playing venue will be the **Llinars del Vallès Auditorium** (Ronda Sant Antoni 19) at the Llinars exit towards Sant Celoni, next to the Mercadona roundabout.

3.- Schedule: The tournament will be played on **Sunday 28th June 2026 starting at 10:00 am.** Each round will be started once the previous round is finished.

4.- Rate of play: 3 minutes per player with an increment of 2 seconds per move.

5.- Rating: Valid for **FIDE Blitz and Catalan Rapid rating.**

6.- Initial ranking: The players will be ranked firstly according to their FIDE Blitz rating. Should they not have FIDE Blitz Rating, FIDE Standard rating shall be used, and then by Catalan Rapid Rating, according to the rating lists published on 1st June 2026. Pairing will be supported by parings software.

7.- Forfeits: Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than 3 minutes after the start of the round shall lose the game by forfeit. Players will be withdrawn for the tournament if they don't attend to any round without justifying.

8.- Registration fees: **The registration is free for the participants of the VI Llinars International Chess Open 2026 and the I Tancat MI 2026 who paid the registration for the Open before 17th June 2026,** and it will have a cost of **12 €** for the rest of the players.

9.- Registration forms: The registration will be open until the game of play, Sunday 29th June 2025, at 9:30 am, 30 minutes before the start of the tournament.

Registration can be made by email to www.llinarsopen.cat, to internationalchessopen@escacsllinars.cat or by Whatsapp: 644722997, indicating full name and Club. The organization reserves the right to accept and/or reject any registration.

10.- Prizes: The order of awarding the prizes will be the one indicated in the list of prizes. Section prizes are not cumulative with the ones of the main standings. Section prizes will be bases on FIDE Blitz Rating of the player. If they don't have it, FIDE Standard Rating will be used.

Main prizes

- 1st place, 150 € + Trophy + LPG
- 2nd place, 100 € + Trophy + LPG
- 3rd place, 50 € + Trophy + LPG

Sections

- 1st 1950-2049 Trophy + LPG
- 1st 1800-1949 Trophy + LPG
- 1st 1650-1799 Trophy + LPG
- 1st 0-1649 Trophy + LPG
- 1st female Trophy + LPG
- 1st senior (+65) Trophy + LPG
- 1st U18 (or lower) Trophy + LPG

11.- Prize-giving ceremony: The prize-giving ceremony will be held the same 28th June 2026 at 1:00 pm, once the tournament is finished.

12.- Tiebreaks: The following tiebreaks will be applied:

- a. Buchholz Cut 1
- b. Buchholz Median 1
- c. Buchholz
- d. Greater number of games won
- e. Direct Encounter
- f. Drawing lots

13.- Principals and Arbiters: The Tournament Director will be Mr. Josep Maria Parra and Mr. Jaume Gayoso will be acting as Deputy Director.

The arbiters' team will be led by Mr. Carlos Giménez (Chief Arbiter).

14.- Appeals: In order not to hinder the progress of the tournament, decisions will be unappealable. In the playing hall will be an official claim form at the disposal of the players in order to make the appeal in writing to the Catalan Chess Federation.

15.- Electronic devices: According to the FIDE Chess laws, players are not allowed to have a mobile phone and/or any other electronic communication device switched on, unless authorized by the arbiter. If it is evident that a player brought or used such a device connected while he/she was playing, he/she shall automatically lose the game. If an electronic device produces a sound, the arbiter may apply a penalty to the owner in a range from a warning to the loss of a game, according to the circumstances (e.g. recidivism)

16.- Image rights: Participating players shall release image rights to the Llinars Chess Club who will be able to use the images taken in the playing area, both on its website and on other regular communication channels that are linked to the sporting activity carried out.

17.- Regulations: It is forbidden to smoke in the playing hall, either electronic or analogue. The organization will apply the health protocols established at the start of the Open. Any point not covered by the present regulations will be governed by FIDE regulations or FCE regulations for open tournaments. In case of discrepancy between the translations, Catalan version of the current rules will be applied. Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of these rules. The organization reserves the right to accept or reject a registration, as well as to modify the current regulations.

ANNEX: TIE-BREAKS

Buchholz Cut-1: Consists on the sum of the scores of all the opponents of a player, discarding the one with the lowest score.

Buchholz Median 1: Consists on the sum of all the opponents of a player, discarding the ones with the lowest and highest score.

Buchholz: Consists on the sum of the points of all the opponents of a player.

Greater number of games won: Number of games won (unplayed games will not be taken into account).

Direct Encounter: It is the sum of the points of the games played among the tied players. If not all the players have played against each other, but one of them would finish first no matter how the remaining games would finish, he will be considered as such and the tie-break will be applied to the rest.

Unplayed rounds management in Buchholz: In Buchholz the games not played will be applied according to the Baku 2023 criteria (FIDE Handbook C07, Article 16).

When an opponent has unplayed rounds, in order to calculate the tie-break of the opponents, the score will be considered with the real result, unless they are withdrawn. In that case, all the unplayed rounds since the moment of the withdrawal will be considered as drawn.

To calculate the player's own tie-break, any of the unplayed rounds will be evaluated as if there was a game played against a dummy that concluded with the same points as the participant themselves, and ended with the corresponding result.

When the lowest score is discarded, if the player has any round with a requested bye or forfeit, this particular round will be discarded instead of the lowest score.

BLITZ TOURNAMENT FOR AMATEURS

(Sunday 28th June 2026)

- 1. Format:** The tournament will be played using FIDE Swiss System based on rating (Dutch) in a single group and 9 rounds. The tournament is open for amateur players, both with license or without it. If they have this license, they should have a Catalan Rating below 1700, or a FIDE Rating below 1500. Players who have ever had a Catalan Rating over 1800 or FIDE rating over 1600 will not be allowed to play.
- 2. Playing venue:** The playing venue will be the **Auditori de Llinars del Vallès** (Ronda Sant Antoni 19) at the Llinars exit towards Sant Celoni, next to the Mercadona roundabout. It will be shared the same place in which the III International Chess Blitz Open will be held.
- 3. Schedule:** The tournament will be played on **Sunday 28th June 2026 starting at 10:00 am.** Each round will be started once the previous round is finished.
- 4. Rate of play:** 3 minutes per player plus 2 seconds per move.
- 5. Rating:** The tournament will not be valid for any rating.
- 6. Initial Ranking:** Players will be ranked firstly according to their Catalan Rapid Rating, and if they don't have rating, in alphabetical order. Parings will be made with the assistance of a pairing software.
- 7. Forfeits:** Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than 3 minutes after the start of the round shall lose the game by forfeit. Players will be withdrawn for the tournament if they don't attend to any round without justifying.
- 8. Registration fee:** **The registration fee will be 6 €.** It should be made the same day of the tournament.
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Main standings

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| - 1 st place | Trophy + Chessboard |
| - 2 nd place | Trophy + LPG |
| - 3 rd place | Trophy + LPG |

Sections

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| - 1 st female | Trophy + LPG |
| - 1 st senior (+65) | Trophy + LPG |
| - 1 st U16 | Trophy + LPG |
| - 1 st U14 | Trophy + LPG |
| - 1 st U12 (or Lower) | Trophy + LPG |
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Handmade wooden folding chessboard, 39 cm

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