

# 7<sup>th</sup> International Chess OPEN SKG

8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Porto Palace Hotel

65, 26th Octovriou Avenue, Thessaloniki, Greece

## 1. ORGANIZATION

“White Tower” Chess Academy of Thessaloniki, Chess Club “To Chroniko”, Chess Academy of Moudania in co-organization with the Municipality of Thessaloniki and the support of Chess Union of Thessaloniki & Chalkidiki.

**CO-ORGANIZATION: Municipality of Thessaloniki**

**CO-ORGANIZATION:** Porto Palace Hotel Thessaloniki

**VENUE:** Porto Palace Hotel Thessaloniki

**Tournament’s Director:** Lagogiannis Stylianos

**Chief Arbiter:** IA Gerontopoulos Prodromos

**Assistant Chief Arbiter:** FA Kioutsoukos Dimitrios

**Pairings-live games:** IA Ballas Kleon-Evangelos

**FAIR PLAY:** IA/FPE Grapsa Georgia (FPL)

## 2. PLAYING SYSTEM

- **Group A:** FIDE Swiss nine (9) rounds | FIDE Rating  $\geq 2000$
- **Group B:** FIDE Swiss nine (9) rounds | FIDE Rating 1400 - 2000
- **Group C:** FIDE Swiss seven (7) rounds | FIDE Rating 0 - 1600
- **Group D:** FIDE Swiss seven (7) rounds | U10

All Groups will be FIDE rated.

**Fide title norms in A group possible.**

**EXEMPTIONS:** Each player has the right to two (2) exemptions provided they have timely informed the arbiters before the pairings of the next round.

**Half point (0.5) exemptions shall be available from rounds 1-4 in Groups A & B and 1-3 rounds in Group C.**

### SCHEDULE- GROUPS A & B

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	Friday	8 August	17:00	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Tuesday	12 August	17.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	Saturday	9 August	09.30	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Wednesday	13 August	17:00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Round</b>	Saturday	9 August	17.00	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Thursday	14 August	09.30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Sunday	10 August	17.00	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Monday	11 August	09.30	Thursday, August 14			
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Monday	11 August	17.00	half an hour after the end of the round			

### SCHEDULE- GROUP C

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	Friday	8 August	17:00	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Tuesday	12 August	17:00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	Saturday	9 August	17:00	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Wednesday	13 August	17:00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Round</b>	Sunday	10 August	17:00	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Thursday	14 August	09:30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Monday	11 August	17:00	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> Thursday, August 14 half an hour after the end of the round			

### SCHEDULE- GROUP D

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	Monday	11 August	17:00	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Wednesday	13 August	19:00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	Tuesday	12 August	17:00	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Thursday	14 August	09:30
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Round</b>	Tuesday	12 August	19:00	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Thursday	14 August	11:30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Round</b>	Wednesday	13 August	17:00	<b>Closing Ceremony</b> Thursday, August 14 half an hour after the end of the round			

## 3. RATE OF PLAY

**Groups A, B and C:** 90 min for 40 moves + 15 min until the end of the game + 30 sec per move from the 1<sup>st</sup> move.

**Group D:** 40 min + 30 sec per move from the 1<sup>st</sup> move.

\*\*\*The recording of moves is mandatory throughout the game. The chess rules of FIDE and E.S.O. apply.

Tolerance time is thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start time as per the announcement.

## 4. TIE BREAKS

- 1) Buchholz cut-1
- 2) Sonneborn-Berger
- 3) Sum Buchholz tie-breaks variable
- 4) Direct encounter (the result of players in the same point group)
- 5) Greater number of victories (variable)

## 5. TOTAL PRIZES: 3.900€

### **Group A - General Prizes (3.000€)**

1<sup>st</sup> Winner: 1200€ + Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> Winner: 600€ + Cup

3<sup>rd</sup> Winner: 400€ + Cup

4<sup>th</sup> Winner: 200€ + Medal

5<sup>th</sup> Winner: 100€ + Medal

6<sup>th</sup> Winner: 100€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female: 100€ + Cup

1<sup>st</sup> Winner under 2150 Fide Rating: 100€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female U20: 50€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> U20: 50€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Winner S50+: 50€ + Medal

Best Performance: 50€ + Medal

*\* Hort system will be used for sharing prizes in case of a tie, until the 6th place. Other prizes are not divisible.*

*\* In case a player is entitled to more than one prize, they receive the largest one.*

### **Group B – General Prizes (800€)**

1<sup>st</sup> Winner: 300€ + Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> Winner: 150€ + Cup

3<sup>rd</sup> Winner: 100€ + Cup

4<sup>th</sup> Winner: Medal

5<sup>th</sup> Winner: Medal

6<sup>th</sup> Winner: Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female: 50€ + Cup

1<sup>st</sup> Winner under 1700 Fide Rating: 50€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female U20: 50€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Winner U20: 50€ + Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Winner S50+: 50€ + Medal

### **Group B – Special Prizes**

1st (U12, U14, U16): Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> (U12, U14, U16): Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female (U12, U14, U16) : Cup

*\* Hort system will be used for sharing prizes in case of a tie, until the 6th place. Other prizes are not divisible.*

*\* Condition for the special categories: more than six (6) chess players must participate.*

*\* In case a chess player is entitled to more than one prize, they receive the largest one.*

### **Group C – General Prizes (100€)**

1<sup>st</sup> Winner: 50€ + Cup

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Winner: Medal

1<sup>st</sup> Female: 50€ + Cup

1<sup>st</sup> Winner U16: Cup

1<sup>st</sup> Female U16: Cup

### **Group D – General Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> : Cup

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> U08: Cup

Medals for all children

### **Important Update**

The cash prizes may increase or additional special categories may be added to the awards depending on the numbers of participants.

## 6. REGISTRATION

Until Friday 25/07/2025 22.00 p.m.

Fill out the registration form <https://forms.gle/4ooB59utcztjRu9V7>.

Alternatively, entries can be sent via email to [chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com](mailto:chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com) and must include full name, FIDE Rating, FIDE ID, Group of playing, phone number.

Mass registrations can be made at the email [chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com](mailto:chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com) (mentioning Full Name, FIDE ID, Group & contact phone number for each participant).

**Applications submitted after 25/07/2025 will be accepted with an additional entry fee of 5 euros.**

Players who need a visa to enter Greece are requested to contact the organizer before the 20th of July 2025. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the deposit of the necessary payments.

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

- The confirmation of Participation is MANDATORY until 07/08/2025 (22:00p.m.) at tournament's email address ([chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com](mailto:chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com)) or through the tournament's Viber channel (<https://tinyurl.com/ymm7paaa>).
- The payment of the fee automatically constitutes confirmation of participation in the first (1st) round.
- In case of inability to confirm electronically, it can be done on 08/08/2025 for Groups A, B, and C, from 13:00 to 15:00 with physical presence at the competition venue, and on 11/08/2025 from 13:00 to 15:00 for Group D.
- **Important notice: If a player doesn't confirm his/her participation up to the above dates they will participate from the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and onwards.**

## 8. ENTRY FEES

### GROUP A

- TITLE HOLDERS with FIDE RATING  $\geq 2400$  [Women  $\geq 2300$ ] → no entry fee
- FIDE RATING 2300-2399 [Women 2200-2299] → 30 euros
- FIDE RATING 2200-2299 [Women 2100-2199] → 40 euros
- FIDE RATING 2100-2199 [Women 2000-2099] → 50 euros
- FIDE RATING 2000-2099 [Women 1900-1999] → 60 euros
- Those who at any time had Fide Rating  $\geq 2000$  [Women 1900-1999] and 20 chess players with Fide Rating 1900-1999 [Women 1800-1899] will be accepted by paying a fee of eighty (80) euros.

### GROUP B (Fide Rating 1400 - 2000)

General Entry Fee 50 euros.

### GROUP C (Fide Rating 0 - 1600)

General Entry Fee 35 euros.

### GROUP D (U10)

General Entry Fee 30 euros.

*\* For the third (3rd) family member and above, a 50% discount, for people with disabilities (A.M.E.A.) a 50% discount on the fee.*

## 9. HOSPITALITY CONDITIONS

Title holders with FIDE Rating  $\geq 2500$  (Women  $\geq 2400$ ) | Free accommodation and breakfast at the Porto Palace Hotel in a double bed room (plus no entry fee).

Title holders with FIDE Rating  $\geq 2400$  (Women  $\geq 2300$ ) | Free accommodation and breakfast at the Porto Palace Hotel in a three bed room (plus no entry fee).

## 10. METHODS OF PAYMENT

The participation fee is deposited electronically into the following bank accounts:

- 1) National Bank of Greece - IBAN GR7201102110000021100854641 – Beneficiary: Chess Academy of Thessaloniki Lefkos Pyrgos.
- 2) Piraeus Bank – IBAN GR6501722320005232079576961 – Beneficiary: Ekpolitistikos kai Skakistikos Omilos Papafi To Chroniko.

**The deposit commission fees from another bank are solely borne by the sender.**

When making the deposit, the full name of the participant and the group must be included in the transaction description.

In the case of a deposit for more than one participant, the details of all participants must be included in the deposit description as mentioned earlier.

### **Attention:**

- Proof of deposit must be sent at [chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com](mailto:chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com) for the confirmation of the participation.
- Those who pay the fee from a bank other than Piraeus or National Bank of Greece should ensure that they also pay all the remittance fees; otherwise, the participation will not be considered valid.

**\*\*\*\* Chess players who register from 25/07/2025 and onwards will incur an additional charge of five (5€) euros on the fee for all skill level groups.**

## 11. ACCOMODATION – TOURNAMENT’S HOTEL: Porto Palace Hotel Thessaloniki

TYPE	Price per night/Per room
Run of the house – Single Room	90,00 €
Run of the house – Double Room	100,00 €
Three bed room with extra bed	120,00 €
Four bed room with 2 extra beds (no connecting door)	145,00 €
Family room (with connecting door)	200,00€

Anyone that wishes to stay at the tournament’s hotel must communicate with the hotel via email at [reservations@portopalace.gr](mailto:reservations@portopalace.gr) titling: “7<sup>th</sup> International OPEN SKG” to make a reservation.

- The above rates are per room per night and include breakfast in an American-style buffet in the main restaurant.
- The above rates are inclusive of VAT and all applicable taxes.
- The above rates are for a special offer and are only valid for the specific demand and period.

- The Porto Palace Hotel is classified as a hotel-tourist accommodation in a traditional building and according to PD 33/1979 is exempt from the climate change resilience fee.

#### Additional benefits

- Free access to satellite WiFi Internet (200 Mbps upload/download) in all public areas, halls and bedrooms.
- Free use of the Pulse Gym & Fitness Center (by appointment)
- Free parking 300 spaces (outdoor guarded)

#### The following procedure is a prerequisite for booking rooms:

1. Completion of the participation form.
2. Fill in the entry form.
3. Waiting for confirmation, via email, from the hotel for the availability of the requested reservation.
4. Payment of the deposit according to the confirmation of availability.
5. Sending proof of deposit to the email correspondence with the hotel of stay and to the email of the organization chess.tournament.skg@gmail.com

## **12. POSTPONEMENTS**

Postponement of matches is not allowed.

## **13. ANTI CHEATING**

FIDE Fairplay regulations will be in effect and the tournament principals will make sure that a Fairplay team will be in place and measures will be taken, including and not limited to scanning the players and their belongings with special equipment, random post-game checks, etc.

Participation in the tournament constitutes compliance with said regulations.

Failure to comply may lead to forfeit for the round and/or disqualification for the rest of the tournament.

To read the latest FIDE Fairplay rules please refer to : <https://fpl.fide.com/anti-cheating-regulations/>

## **14. OBJECTIONS- APPEALS' COMMITTEE**

All appeals must be submitted in writing to the chief arbiter not more than half an hour after the end of the relevant game.

The Appeals Committee will be nominated before the beginning of the tournament consisting of 3 full members and 2 substitute members.

The appeal fee is 60€ and must be deposited to the Director of the competition. In case the objection is upheld, the fee is returned.

## **15. GENERAL**

- Failure to attend a round without prior notification leads to immediate disqualification from the event.
- After the finalization of the participation list, any withdrawal of a chess player during the matches or if a serious problem arises regarding timely arrival for any round, the provisions explicitly stated in articles 3.10 and 3.11 of the E.S.S.Ø-X Competition Regulations 15/09/2022 shall apply.
- In all International events held in public spaces, photographing chess players is only allowed by the authorized photographer of the event.
- This specific photographic or audiovisual material can be used legally only by the organizing authority for the promotion of the event and the sport in general (decision of the Board of Directors of E.S.O. 19/9/2015).

- Participation in the tournament also means explicit acceptance of the regulations announced.
- For anything not provided for in this announcement, the organizing committee is responsible.
- For any changes, a supplementary announcement will be issued.
- Viber: <https://tinyurl.com/ymm7paaa>
- <https://skakithessaloniki.gr/7th-international-chess-open-skg>

## **The Organizational Team**