INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

PAFOS - CYPRUS

13 – 19 APRIL 2026

ORGANISERS: Pafos Municipality & Pafos Chess Club

FEDERATION: Cyprus Chess Federation

TOURNAMENT VENUE: Attikon & Palia Ilektriki Multiculture Spaces – Pafos

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Giorgos Antoniou & Charis Konstantinides

MAIN ARBITER: Giorgos Yiapanis

PLAYING SYSTEM: 9 rounds, Swiss System

Two Groups: Group A>1800, Group B<1900

Players with a rating between 1800 and 1900 can choose to play in either Group A or Group B.

The organizer may choose to place a limited number of participants in a different group than the one determined by their ELO rating.

The top five winners of Group B in the 3rd Pafos International Chess Tournament 2025 may choose to play in Group A.

FIDE title norms are possible!

TIMETABLE:

Registration for participation closes at 18:00, 12th April 2026

Registration confirmations until 12:00 p.m. (noon), Monday 13 April 2026.

Pairing for the first round 15.00 p.m. Monday 13 April 2026

Opening Ceremony: Monday 13 April 2026, starting at 16:00

Closing Ceremony: Sunday 19 April 2025, starting at 16:30

Round 1	Monday	**13 April**	16.30
Round 2	Tuesday	**14 April**	10.00
Round 3	Tuesday	**14 April**	17.00
Round 4	Wednesday	**15 April**	16.30
Round 5	Thursday	**16 April**	10.00
Round 6	Thursday	**16 April**	17.00
Round 7	Friday	**17 April**	16.30
Round 8	Saturday	**18 April**	16.30
Round 9	Sunday	**19 April**	10.00

Attention! A player who arrives half an hour (30 minutes) later than the scheduled start of a round loses the game by forfeit.

A player can take up to two exceptions of half point until round 5. The player should inform the chief arbiter before the pairings for the next round.

TIME CONTROL: 90´ for 40 moves + 15 min until the end of the game + 30" per move from the first move.

TIE BREAKS:

1. The result between the two players
2. Buchholz
3. Median Buchholz
4. Sonnenborn-Berger

PARTICIPATION FEE (according to FIDE standard rating on the 1st of April 2025):

Free - Players with ELO above 2400 + titled players (GM, WGM, IM) and Women Chess Players with ELO above 2300

30 € for players with ELO 2300-2399 (Women with ELO 2200-2299)

40 € for players with ELO 2200-2299 (Women with ELO 2100-2199)

50 € for players under 18 years old

50 € for veteran players > 55 years old

60 € for all other players

Players with ELO between 1751 - 1800 can join the A' group, with extra entry fee of **30 €**

50 € for the players of B Group

PRIZES: Total Prize Fund 5.100 Euro

A Group	**Special prizes**
1st Winner: 1.000 €	1st under 16 (open): cup
2nd Winner: 600 €	2nd – 3rd under 16 (open): medal
3rd Winner: 400 €	1st under 16 (girl): medal
4- 5th Winner 2 x 250 €	1st under 14 (open): cup
1st Woman: 300 €	2nd – 3rd under 14 (open): medal
2nd Woman: 200 €	1st under 14 (girl): medal
3rd Woman: 100 €	
1st Veteran +55 years old: 150 €	
2nd Veteran +55 years old: 100 €	
3rd Veteran +55 years old: 75 €	
B Group	**Special prizes**
1st Winner: 200 €	1st under 16 (open): cup
2nd Winner: 150 €	1st under 14 (open): cup

3rd Winner: 100 €	1st under 12 (open): cup
1st Woman: 100 €	1st under 10 (open): cup
2nd Woman: 75 €	2nd – 3rd each category: medal
3rd Woman: 50 €	1st girl each category: medal
special prizes for Group A participants in combination with the International Tournament "**MIKIS THEODORAKIS – CHANIA**"	
1st in the sum of points of both tournaments **€500**	
2nd in the sum of points of both tournaments **€300**	
3rd in the sum of points of both tournaments **€200**	

- For equally matched players, the prices will be shared by the Hort system (50% of the prices are shared equally and the other 50% are shared according to the tie breaks)
- If a player wins two Special categories, he/she takes the bigger price
- Special prizes will be awarded based on the participant's age

ANTI-CHEATING MEASURES

The organizer will implement strict measures to prevent any possible cheating attempts. This implies detailed control before entering the playing hall, delayed transmission of games, control of the playing venue and prevention of any mutual verbal and non-verbal communication.

The Chief Arbiter will be encouraged to develop a system for conducting random checks during the tournament.

OBJECTIONS –APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee, comprising three full members and two runner-up members, will be appointed by the Organizing Committee before the tournament begins. If a member of the Appeals Committee is related to an athlete involved in the objection, they will be excluded and replaced by a runner-up member. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 15 minutes after the end of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 60 €, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the organizer. The appeal must be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

ACCOMMODATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION:

Accommodation is not restricted, and players can book the hotels or rooms of their choice directly. There are special offers from hotels for tournament players. Please contact the organisers for more information.

HOSPITALITY CONDITIONS FOR GM & WGM (Minus 100 ELO units for women according to FIDE Rating)	2600 +	8 days (7 nights) accommodation in single room	Full Board
	2500 – 2599	8 days (7 nights) accommodation in double room	Full Board
	2450 - 2499	8 days (7 nights) accommodation in double room	Breakfast
	Attention! The hospitality conditions are available for a limited number of players and the organisers will strictly keep a priority list.		

REGISTRATION:

Please fill the Registration form available on the website**.** Alternatively, you may download and fill the Registration form by hand, and send a scan or a photo to: info@pafoschess.com

We will confirm your registration within 24hrs.

For more information you may contact us at +357 99610468 (WhatsApp, Viber available).

ENTRY FEE DEPOSIT DETAILS:

Participants may pay the entry fee with a bank transfer at the following bank account: CYPRUS **BANK account number** 357039645233**, IBAN** CY5200200195000035703964523**3, SWIFT/BIC** BCYPCY2N **Account owner:** Skakistikos Omilos Paphou

Please indicate the name of the player during the transfer.

Kindly note that all bank transfer fees need to be paid by the participants.

Please, send your entry fee deposit bank receipt **with your name** by e-mail to: info@pafoschess.com

The deadline for paying the deposit is March 27th. After the 27th of March, an increase of 10 € will apply in the entry fees.

Website: www.pafoschess.com