



## Jerusalem Rapid Open Chess Championship - 2026

The Akiba Rubinstein Chess Club of Jerusalem, in association with the Israeli Chess Federation and the Municipality of Jerusalem, warmly invite you to participate in the Jerusalem Rapid Open Chess Championship 2026 in Jerusalem!

**Dates: Monday May 18 - Tuesday May 19**

**Rate of play: 15+10**

**Number of rounds: 9**

**Venue: Pais Hall, Teddy Kollek Middle School, Sderot Moshe Dayan 131, Jerusalem**

### **Tournament organizers:**

- Dr. Daniel Moskovich
- Avishai Katz

**Chief Arbiter:** IA Yevgeny Levanzov

**Pairings:** Accelerated Swiss (Baku System).

### **Tiebreak rules:**

1. Direct result
2. Buchholz cut-1
3. Buchholz
4. Number of games with black
5. Number of wins

### **Schedule:**

#### **Monday May 18th:**

- Opening Ceremony: 16:00
- Round 1: 16:15
- Round 2: 17:15
- Round 3: 18:15
- Round 4: 19:15
- Round 5: 20:15

#### **Tuesday May 19:**

- Round 6: 16:00
- Round 7: 17:00
- Round 8: 18:00
- Round 9: 19:00
- Closing ceremony, attended by Vice-Mayor Yosi Havilio: 20:00



### Registration:

- To register, send a screenshot of your registration fee payment to one of the organizers via WhatsApp or e-mail.
- The registration deadline is Sunday May 10th 2026. After this deadline, the organisers reserve the right to decline late registrations.
- The registration fee is 100₪ per player. IM/WIM get 50% off, GM/WGM get free registration. Registration is also free for disabled players and for players over the age of 80.
- Israeli players without an ICF player card must pay an additional rating fee of 60₪.
- Registration is compulsory and is confirmation of participation.
- Payment should be made to: The Akiba Rubinstein Chess Club of Jerusalem, Bank Leumi, Branch 902, Account 1087399.
- If the security situation in Jerusalem leads to tournament cancellation, all participation and rating fees will promptly be refunded.

### Technical:

- The tournament will take place under FIDE rules and the Laws of Chess, and will be rated both internationally and locally.
- A player's March 2026 FIDE rapid rating will be used both for pairings and for prize categories. In the absence of such a rating, classical FIDE rating will be used. In the absence of this, local ICF rating will be used.
- Unrated players may not win rating category prizes.
- Prizes will be paid by the Akiba Rubinstein Chess Club of Jerusalem by June 15 at the latest.
- Prizes are pre-taxation. Chess prizes in Israel may be taxed, and this tax will be deducted from the prize amount.



### **Appeals:**

The decision of the chief arbiter will be final.

### **Open Section:**

1st Place: ₪20,000 (Donated by the Municipality of Jerusalem)

2nd Place: ₪12,000

3rd Place: ₪7,000

4th Place: ₪5,000

5th Place: ₪3,500

6th Place: ₪2,500

7th Place: ₪2,000

8th Place: ₪1,500

9th Place: ₪1,200

10th Place: ₪1,000

### **Rating Category Prizes:**

Under 2400: ₪1,800

Under 2300: ₪1,500

Under 2200: ₪1,200

Under 2000: ₪1,000

Under 1800: ₪800

### **Special Category Prizes:**

Junior (Under 18): ₪2,000

Best Female: ₪3,000

Senior (+65): ₪2,000



### Notes:

- Players are eligible for only one prize (the highest value they qualify for).
- Amounts are in Israeli Shekels (₪).
- For help with hotels and accommodations, please contact the organisers!

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