



JERUSALEM OPEN

RAMADA HOTEL

26th – 27th November 2025



1.INVITATION

1.1 The organizers, the Israeli Chess Federation, warmly invite all players to participate in the Jerusalem Rapid Open. The dates are 26th- 27th to November.

1.2 Rate of play: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move, starting from move

1.3 9-round Swiss tournament.

1.4 Venue: Ramada Hotel

Sderot Wolfson 6, Jerusalem



Free parking on a “first come, first served” basis.

2.SCHEDULE

November 26 th	13:00	Opening ceremony
	14:00	Round 1
	15:00	Round 2
	16:00	Round 3
	17:00	Round 4
	18:00	Round 5
November 27 th	14:00	Round 6
	15:00	Round 7
	16:00	Round 8
	17:00	Round 9
	18:15	Closing ceremony

3.REGISTRATION

3.1 The deadline for registration and payment is November 1st.

3.2 The registration fee is 25 euros per player.

3.3 GMs and WGMs may enter free of charge.

3.4 IMs and WIMs are offered a 50% discount.

3.5 The registration fee is compulsory and is confirmation of participation.



3.6 The first 40 players to register for the competition will receive a benefit of 700 Euros for a GM or WGM, and 500 Euros for an IM or WIM. This offer applies to players with a foreign federation who reside outside Israel.

payment will be made upon arrival in Israel.

3.7 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations, or, if there is availability, a fee of 40 euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.

3.8 Registration and payment should be completed via the following link:

<https://jerusalem.chess.org.il/confirm-registration/>

4. HOTEL

4.1 Players shall reserve hotel rooms, if needed.

Payment should be made directly to the hotel

<https://ramadajerusalemhotel.com/>.

4.2 The reservation will be made on a "first come, first served" basis.

4.3 Players are not obliged to use the hotel recommended by the Organizing Committee.

Places to stay close to the games area:

- ✓ <https://www.prima-hotels-israel.com/prima-park-jerusalem-hotel>
- ✓ <https://www.iyha.org.il/yizhak-rabin-jerusalem-hostel>
- ✓ <https://www.afi-hotels.co.il/vert-jerusalem-hotel>

5. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

5.1 The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament rules and Laws of Chess.

5.2 The FIDE anti-cheating rules and guidelines are valid for the tournament.



5.3 The FIDE rapid rating will be used as for the pairings and for the prizes categories. In the case that a player does not have a FIDE rapid rating, the highest rating between the classical or blitz ratings will be used for the same purposes.

5.4 An unrated player (for all three ratings) cannot win a rating category prize.

5.5 The tournament will be rated according to FIDE laws.

5.6 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In the case of a tie, the following tie-break criteria are established:

- The games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other).
- Buchholz cut 1.
- Buchholz.
- The greater number of games with black (unplayed games count as played with white).
- The greater number of wins.

6. APPEALS PROCEDURE

The decisions of the Chief Arbiter are final.

7. PRIZES

Grand total of €30,000.00

1 st place	€5,000.00	1 st under 2200	€700.00
2 nd place	€3,000.00	2 nd under 2200	€550.00
3 rd place	€2,000.00	1 st under 2000	€600.00
4 th place	€1,750.00	2 nd under 2000	€400.00
5 th place	€1,500.00	1 st under 1800	€500.00



6 th place	€1,250.00	2 nd under 1800	€300.00
7 th place	€1,000.00	1 st under 1600	€400.00
8 th place	€800.00	2 nd under 1600	€200.00
9 th place	€500.00	1 st Junior (under 18y)	€1,000.00
10 th place	€300.00	2 nd Junior (under 18y)	€800.00
1 st under 2400	€1,000.00	1 st Female	€1,500.00
2 nd under 2400	€800.00	2 nd Female	€1,000.00
1 st under 2300	€800.00	1 st Senior (+65)	€1,000.00
2 nd under 2300	€600.00	2 nd Senior (+65)	€750.00

7.1 The winner and the second place finisher will have the opportunity to participate in the closed tournament in Jerusalem, featuring 12 players and a prize fund of 140,000 USD! The tournament will take place between November 30th and December 3rd, 2025.

8. CONTACT INFORMATION



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