



GD BASQUETE DE LEÇA – CHESS CLUB

LEÇA CHESS OPEN – PORTUGAL 2025

from July 31th to August 6th

Leça da Palmeira's Sports Hall

Portugal Chess Tour 2024/2025

REGULATION

1. Organization

Leça Chess Open – Portugal 2025 tournament (from now on “The Tournament”) is organized by **Grupo Desportivo Basquete de Leça - Chess Club (GDBL Chess Club)**, with the support of the following entities:, Matosinhos City Council, Matosinhos Sport, Matosinhos & Leça da Palmeira Parish Council, Portuguese Chess Federation, Porto Chess Association and Eng. Fernando Pinto de Almeida High School.

2. Schedule

Leça Chess Open – Portugal 2025 will be composed by an **OPEN** tournament and a **BLITZ** tournament, with the following schedules:

2.1 OPEN tournament

Rounds	Day	Date	Time
Welcome Reception	Thursday	July 31	2:00pm - 5:30pm
Round 1	Thursday	July 31	6:00 pm
Round 2	Friday	August 1	10:00 am
Round 3	Friday	August 1	5:00 pm
Round 4	Saturday	August 2	10:00 am
Round 5	Saturday	August 2	5:00 pm
Round 6	Sunday	August 3	5:00 pm
Round 7	Monday	August 4	5:00 pm
Round 8	Tuesday	August 5	5:00 pm
Round 9	Wednesday	August 6	10:00 am
Awards Ceremony	Wednesday	August 6	3:00 pm



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2.2 BLITZ tournament

Blitz Tournament	Day	Date	Schedule
9 rounds	Sunday	August 3rd	10:00am -1:00pm

3. Place

Both tournaments will be held at Pavilhão Municipal de Leça da Palmeira (Leça da Palmeira's Sports Hall), located at Rua Margarida Ramalho, nº 61, 4450-337 Leça da Palmeira, Porto district, Portugal (<https://goo.gl/maps/o1GBhBrS4wzGiQ1g8>) – GPS coordinates: 41.2052038, -8.6948434

4. Tournament Director, Arbiters and Technical Committee

Both tournaments Management and Direction will be at **GDBL Chess Club** charge, with the help of **FIDE Arbiters**. The tournaments will have a **Technical Committee**, composed by the Tournament Director, the Tournament Chief Arbiter and 3 tournament players, that will take care of any extraordinary issue that may arise.

5. Pairings System, Number of Rounds, Playing Time

5.1 OPEN tournament

System/Number of Rounds: the **OPEN** will have **9 rounds**, based on the Swiss pairing system.

Playing time: each player will have **90 minutes** to finish the game, with a **30 second increment** per move, starting on move one.

Depending on the number of participants, the accelerated paring system may be applied in the first rounds.

The maximum time of waiting after the start of each session will be 30 minutes.



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Any tie agreement before 30 moves is not allowed, unless accepted by the Arbiter.

5.2 BLITZ tournament

System/Number of Rounds: the **Blitz** tournament will have **9 rounds** - **Swiss** pairing system. **Playing time:** **3 minutes**, with an **increment of 2 seconds** per move.

6. Participants

Both Tournaments are open to any chess player that loves chess. All players have to be affiliated with the Portuguese Chess Federation (PCF). The players that are not yet affiliated with the PCF may do so through the Tournament Organization, with no additional cost, sending an e-mail to lecachessopen@gmail.com for that purpose.

7. Registration

7.1 OPEN tournament

Players registration may be done until the **deadline of July 25, 2025**, as follows:

REGISTRATION FEES OPEN					
Until May 31th, 2025		From June 1st to July 11th, 2025		From July 12th to July 25th, 2025	
General	Up to U14 + \$65	General	Up to U14 + \$65	General	Up to U14 + \$65
40,00 €	35,00 €	50,00 €	45,00 €	60,00 €	55,00 €

All GM, WGM, IM, WIM and ELO FIDE > 2300 are exempt of registration fee.

7.2 Blitz Tournament

Players registration may be done until the deadline of August 1st, as follows:

REGISTRATION FEES Blitz 3'+2"	
Up to August 1st	
OPEN players	OTHER players
20,00 €	30,00 €



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Registrations have to be submitted:

- by e-mail to lecachessopen@gmail.com
- through the link [Leça Chess Open 2025 - Registration](#)

indicating:

- **Complete Name, Phone Number and E-mail Address;**
- **Date of Birth;**
- **Complete address (if not yet registered with the Portuguese Chess Federation);**
- **FIDE Number and ELO;**
- **Club Name and Nationality;**

Registration fee payment can be done by [Bank Transfer](#) to this bank account data:

- **Beneficiary name :** Grupo Desportivo Basquete de Leca
- **Bank name :** Banco Santander Totta, S.A.
- **IBAN :** PT50 0018 0003 5246 0656 0204 0
- **SWIFT :** TOTAPTPL

Regarding Bank Transfers from outside the European Union, bank charges will have to be supported by the participants.

Players's registrations will only be valid after the registration fee is paid and a proof of payment is sent to the e-mail lecachessopen@gmail.com.



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8 Prizes

8.1 OPEN tournament

	Prizes Open	
1st Place	2 000 €	Trophy
2nd Place	1 000 €	Trophy
3rd Place	700 €	Trophy
4th Place	500 €	Medal
5th Place	400 €	Medal
6th Place	300 €	Medal
7th Place	250 €	Medal
8th Place	200 €	Medal
9th Place	150 €	Medal
10th Place	100 €	Medal

1st Place ELO 2100-2300 FIDE	100 €	Trophy
1st Place ELO 1800-2099 FIDE	75 €	Trophy
1st Place ELO 0-1799 FIDE	50 €	Trophy

1st Women Place	300 €	Trophy
2nd Women Place	150 €	Medal
3rd Women Place	75 €	Medal

1st Place S50	75 €	Trophy
1st Place S65	75 €	Trophy

1st Places U20/U18/U16/U14/U12/U10/U08	Trophy
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Prizes are non-cumulative. Players will only be entitled to the Prize with the highest absolute value. Players have to attend the Awards Ceremony to have the right to collect the prizes won.

8.2 BLITZ tournament

	BLITZ Prizes	
1st Place	300 €	Trophy
2nd Place	200 €	Medal
3rd Place	100 €	Medal
4th Place	75 €	
5th Place	50 €	



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9 Tie-break criteria

For tie-break decisions, the Tournaments will be using the Portuguese Chess Federation tie-break criteria, as per its “Regulamento de Competições e Filiações 2024/2025” (“Affiliations and Competitions 2024/2025 Regulation”).

10 Homologation

Both Tournaments will be approved for FIDE ELO and the **OPEN** Tournament will be a part of the Portuguese Chess Federation “**Portugal Chess Tour 2024/2025**” Classic Circuit Calendar.

11 Byes, No Show/Exclusions

Each player (excluded invited players) is allowed to a maximum of 3 byes for the entire OPEN Tournament. Each bye request has to be received by the Tournament Chief Arbiter 24 hours before a given round, and will be valued at ½ point each for the first 4 rounds and zero points for the last 5 rounds. **Byes for the 1st round will have to be notified to the Tournament organization (lecachessopen@gmail.com) 48h prior to the round 1 starting time.**

Players that will not show to a given round, without any previous notice to the Tournament Director/Chief Arbiter, will be excluded from the Tournament, unless a reasonable and extraordinary reason is attended and accepted by the Tournament Direction.

12 Accommodation/Hotels

LEÇA CHESS OPEN has preferential rates with this local Hotel, very near the Tournament place:

- **Hotel Holiday Inn Express Porto Exponor**

<https://www.hieportoexponor.pt/>

1 km away from the venue

Special tariffs are valid for reservations made until July 15th, 2025, **subject to hotel availability**. Payment with the room confirmation. **Non-reimbursable tariffs.**



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Hotel reservations have to be made through:

- e-mail lecachessopen@gmail.com or
- phone **+351.917 001 245** (Raul Silva)

Other Hotels:

- HOTEL TRYP PORTO EXPONOR 4* (Leça da Palmeira) – a 0,3 km
- URBAN HOTEL AMADEUS 4* (Matosinhos) – a 2,5 km
- B&B PORTO EXPO AEROPORTO* (Perafita) – a 2,0 km
- SEA PORTO HOTEL 4* (Matosinhos) – 2,0 km

13 Communication

Any question or doubt about any specific aspect of the Tournament should be addressed to:

- by e-mail : lecachessopen@gmail.com
- by phone : +351.917 001 245 (Raul Silva)
- by phone : +351.968 062 567 (Pedro Soberano)

14 Final notes

- With their registration at **Leça Chess Open – Portugal 2025** Tournament, players do accept the Tournament Regulation Provisions, the FIDE and the Portuguese Chess Federation regulations.
- It is strictly prohibited to take any electronic device, including smartwatches, into the Tournament playing area.** In the entrance hall, celular phones or any other electronic device must be delivered to the person in charge of the electronic devices reception. When leaving the playing area, each electronic device will be returned to its owner;



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- c) **All the players that will not show up to register with the Tournament until 5:30 pm on the reception day (July 31st) will not be paired for the 1st round;**
- d) Once the game is finished, players will have to leave the playing area, in order not to disturb the other players, or, if they want to, they can go to the **Game Analysis Room** next to the playing room;
- e) Players do authorize the Tournament Direction to use Tournament photos and videos where they may appear, exclusively for Tournament internet/social media communication purposes, if needed.
- f) Regarding any Tournament subject or situation that may occur and it is not described or stipulated in the present Regulation, the Tournament Direction, supported by the Technical Committee, will be the only valid entity to have the power to resolve and take decisions about them, always considering the FIDE and the Portuguese Chess Federation Regulations;
- g) The Tournament Team Management reserves to themselves the right to:
 - Tournament players admission;
 - To change the present Regulation until the Tournament Registration deadline.
- h) **More Tournament information on its webpage (www.lecachessopen.com).**

Leça da Palmeira, Porto

Portugal

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