

# XLV INTERNATIONAL OPEN "VILLA DE BENASQUE"

## REGULATIONS

- 1.- This tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 10 rounds, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
- 2.- The tournament will be played in will be the sports hall of Benasque (EL PABELLÓN POLIDEPORTIVO DE BENASQUE).  
The official site of the tournament will be the SOMMOS Aneto Hotel.
- 3.- The playing schedule will be as follows:

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Round 1	4:00 pm	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Round 6	4:00 pm
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Round 2	4:00 pm	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Round 7	4:00 pm
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Round 3	4:00 pm	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Round 8	4:00 pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Round 4	4:00 pm	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Round 9	4:00 pm
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Round 5	4:00 pm	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Round 10	9:00 am

Round 10 will be played on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July in the morning (at 9 AM).

- 4.- The pairings will be made with an accelerated system for the first 5 rounds according to the Baku regulations (C04.7 FIDE Handbook)

The rate of play will be 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment from the first move.

There will be free days if requested by the players. At the round requested, the player shall not be paired and no points shall be awarded. They must be requested to the arbiters' team or the organizers in writing, and must include both the bye request and the player's signature.

Byes for the 1st and 2nd round must be requested before the 1st round in writing to the official e-mail address. For the rest of the rounds, the bye for a particular game may be requested before 8:00 pm on the day of the previous round.

- 5.- Clocks will be started at the time specified for the beginning of each round. After 15 minutes of waiting from the time the round starts, all players who have not shown up at the board shall be considered to have forfeited the game. The default time for the first round is 1 hour.

Also, any player with white pieces not playing the first move or any player with black pieces not replying to the first move of white after 15 minutes since the beginning of the round shall be defaulted, except on the first round, in which the default time is one hour.

- 6.- Any absence on two rounds or a non-justified absence of a player will result in the expulsion of the tournament. The organizing committee holds the right to expel any player being absent on the first round.

All Spanish players should have the required FEDA License. All the

players should have the required FIDE ID. Otherwise they cannot play the tournament.

7.- During the first round of the tournament, the organizing team will choose 4 players, preferably those who are also titled Arbiters, to be part of the Appeal Committee. Two of the chosen players will act in the committee as reserves, in case any of the incumbent members is implied.

8.- Appeals against arbiters' decisions shall be filed to the Appeals Committee in writing and no later than an hour after the incident of the claim, together with a deposit of 200 Euros. The deposit will be return to the claimant if the appeal is granted. The decisions of the Committee shall be final for all purposes.

9.- The Appeals Committee will be formed by:

A member of the tournament direction or any person delegated by them.

A member of the organizing team or any person delegated by them.

Two players of the tournament

The Tournament Director will act as chairperson of the Committee and will have the casting vote, in case of a tie.

10.- Once the game is finished, the players shall leave the pieces and chairs as they found them in the first place.

Smoking in the playing area is not allowed.

The first boards will be broadcasted live, with delay. The delay time will be decided by the organizing team.

Players must be seated on their corresponding board, except for the visually impaired players and their opponents, who will be playing in a specially designated area.

Pictures (without flash!) are allowed only in the first 15 minutes from the start of the games, except for the organizing team.

By Municipal and Government Order of The Government of Aragón, it is strictly prohibited to bring any type of food or drink inside the playing hall, in this case the Sports Hall of Benasque.

11.- Players may not leave the game halls without justification or permission of an arbiter while in their games. In particular, they cannot go to their hotel rooms or access the analysis room before completing their games.

12.- Round pairings will be published 6 hours before the start of the next round. Pairings will be posted in Hotel Aneto and in the playing hall (Benasque Sports Hall) as soon as possible. Besides, all information will be published at the official tournament website - [www.openajedrezbenasque.com](http://www.openajedrezbenasque.com)

- 13.- Parings will be made with the program Vega and/or Swiss Manager. They will be also published on the website of ChessManager.
- 14.- The Registration Fee will be paid to the Organisation in Benasque, between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of July, through the POS system (card payment or bank transfer to the account indicated by the organisers at the time of payment)

Participation in the tournament implies acceptance by the player that his or her personal details and games' information may be published in different media that the Organisation considers desirable for better publicity of the event. These means include, for example, registration lists (paper and online in different media), match results, tournament rankings, retransmissions, pictures etc.

Registration fees:

Adults: €70

Players born in and after 2012: €60

Players with FIDE rating >2450 (at the start of the tournament) - free registration

Titled players (GM, WGM, IM, WIM) - free registration.

Players with Aragon license shall have a 5 Euro discount in their registration fee.

Registration closes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 24.00 CEST.

Only the registrations made via the form intended for this purpose (<https://openajedrezbenasque.com/inscripciones/>) and through the website <https://openajedrezbenasque.com/>

In principle, only the first 600 registrations will be accepted. In this sense, we will act on the first come, first served principle.

15.- Tie-breaks

In case of a tie, the following tie-breaks in the following order will be used to decide the final standings:

Direct encounter (DE). In case this can't be applied, the following tie-breaks will be used (the orden of the tie-breaks will be drawn):

- Tournament Performance Rating (TPR)
- Buchholz cut 2 (BH-C2)
- Average Performance Rating of opponents (APRO)
- Average of opponents` Bucholz (AOB)

The tie-breaks will be applied according to the Vega program.

For the purposes of calculating the Buchholz systems, the games that have not been played will be treated according to the C.07 Tie-Break Regulations, as of 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

The order of the tie-breaks from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> will be drawn after the last round has finished. Any player who wishes to be present for the drawing can do so. The final order of the tie-breaks will be applied to those tied in the final standings.

This section will be applied for all prizes, trophies and any other

purposes.

- 16.- The tournament is valid for international norms, as well as for FIDE rating.
- 17.- According to art. 11.10 of the FIDE Laws of Chess, a player can make no claims to the Appeals Committee against a wrong result if he/she has signed that result on the scoresheet, unless the organizing team and the Chief Arbiter decide otherwise.

It is not allowed to carry mobile phones or any other electronical devices to the playing venue, even though they are switched off. Articles 11.3.1, 11.3.2 and 11.3.3 will be applied strictly.

Random security checks, with metal detectors, will be conducted in any part of the playing hall, including the smoking and toilets areas. They will be especially conducted at the entrance of the playing hall.

Any player using an electronical or communication device not authorized by the arbiter shall be automatically expelled from the tournament.

Any violation of the Article 11 of the Laws of Chess shall have as consequence the immediate expulsion of the tournament, losing all the rights, including prizes.

In the same manner, any player who will refuse to comply with arbiters' or Organisers' requirements will be automatically expelled from the tournament, losing any rights to money and trophy prizes.

FIDE Anti-cheating regulations will be applied throughout the whole tournament. Therefore, controls can be conducted at any point throughout the tournament.

Visually-impaired players are allowed to stop annotating their moves when they have 5 minutes or less in their clock.

- 18.- During the tournament shall be applied the health, hygiene and prevention regulations that the Health Department of the Aragon Government will dictate at that time. These regulations will be in place during the time of play of the games inside the playing hall.

Non-compliance with this article will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament and loss of all rights, including rights to any type of prizes.

- 19.- Throughout the tournament players must show decent behaviour and fair-play, both inside and outside the playing hall.

All participants must behave in an ethical way at all times, both

during the tournament and outside of it. Any actions that violate the ethical standards of behaviour, the FIDE Code of Ethics, as well as the norms specified by the Spanish Chess Federations and in these regulations can be sanctioned with expulsion from the tournament and loss of all right, including any prizes. The player's federation and others implied would also be informed of such irregularities, so that they can apply further sanctions.

The Organization of the Benasque Open reserves the right of admission to participate in the tournament.

Decisions of the Tournament Directors shall be final and not subject to appeal.

20.- Participation in the tournament implies acceptance by the player that his or her personal data may be published in different media that the Organization considers desirable for better publicity of the event.

The organizing team is not responsible for any medical assistance players might need. Participants must plan for their health care themselves, in case they need it.

21.- This tournament shall be governed by these regulations, by the Laws of Chess and by current FEDA and FIDE regulations. Players are subject to all these rules, as well as to any health regulations implemented by Aragon Government's healthcare system.

Failure to comply with any of these regulations can result in loss of the game and/or expulsion from the tournament.

The final regulations will be published in Spanish, in the playing hall.

Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of the present regulations.

CHIEF ARBITER

Valerio de la Cruz Chumillas                      International Arbiter

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR / ORGANIZER

I.O/WGM Mairelys Delgado Crespo

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## PRIZES

### GENERAL RANKING

1.-	€10.000 + Trophy	15.-	€600
2.-	€8.000 + Trophy	16.-	€600
3.-	€5.000 + Trophy	17.-	€400
4.-	€4.000 + Trophy	18.-	€400
5.-	€3.000 + Trophy	19.-	€400
6.-	€2.000 + Trophy	20.-	€300
7.-	€1.000 + Trophy	21.-	€300
8.-	€1.000 + Trophy	22.-	€300
9.-	€1.000 + Trophy	23.-	€200
10.-	€1.000 + Trophy	24.-	€200
11.-	€800	25.-	€200
12.-	€800		
13.-	€800		
14.-	€600		

### SPECIAL PRIZES

	Senior	Juniors	Best female
1.-	€400 + Trophy	€400 + Trophy	€400 + Trophy
2.-	€300 + Trophy	€300 + Trophy	€300 + Trophy
3.-	€200 + Trophy	€200 + Trophy	€200 + Trophy

It is considered to be a Senior any player who has turned 60 at the beginning of the current year.

It is considered to be a Junior any player who is under 18 at the beginning of the current year.

For the Special and Rating prizes, the final list of eligible players will be published in the 7<sup>th</sup> round. This will be the ONLY list taken into account for the division of prizes. If a player considers that he/she should be on this list, but his/her name does not show up on the list, he/she must contact the organisers at the latest on the 6<sup>th</sup> round. Any other mistakes should also be pointed out at the latest the 6<sup>th</sup> round. If a player doesn't have a FIDE rating, he/she will participate in the lowest rating section.

### RATING PRIZES

	2250 - 2400	2100 - 2249	1950 - 2099	1800 - 1949	Under 1800
1.-	€550	€450	€350	€250	€250
2.-	€400	€300	€250	€200	€200
3.-	€300	€200	€150	€100	€100
4.-	€200	€100	€100	€100	€100
5.-	€100	€100	€100	€100	€100

## OTHER PRIZES

	Benasque players*	Players with Aragon Federation license**
1.-	€150 + Trophy	€150 + Trophy
2.-	€100 + Trophy	€100 + Trophy
3.-	€50 + Trophy	€50 + Trophy

\*Participants registered as Benasque residents before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

\*\*The Aragon Chess Federation will send the prize through bank transfer.

Trophies and prizes will not be cumulative, and the one with the highest money value. If prizes are equal, the order established in these regulations (general, special, rating and other sections) will be applied.

Prize payments will be made by nominative cheque payable to the beneficiary (the prize-winning player) and will be handed over during the closing ceremony, subject to the recipient's prior signature of the corresponding tax-withholding receipt, where applicable. If the prize-winning player fails to attend the closing ceremony, this shall be deemed an express waiver of the prize awarded.

Attendance to the prize-giving is mandatory for all prize winners. In order to receive the prize, all players must provide a photocopy of their ID card or passport and sign the payment document with the corresponding tax withholding.

All prizes are subject to the withholding tax established by the tax authorities in accordance with the current legislation.

## PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

Will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of July, starting 5:00 pm, in the Condes de Ribagorza Palace. All players entitled to receive a prize must be present at the ceremony.

BENASQUE, 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026