

3-10 MAY, 2026

THE

Sardinia

WORLD CHESS

FESTIVAL

Prizfund 50.100 €

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NOTE

From the ORGANIZER

Their and your presence have elevated the prestige of our festival and inspired the many young talents who join us year after year. Hosting this tournament in Sardinia is a privilege in itself. Our island is a land of striking contrasts—crystal-clear seas, rugged mountains, and a cultural heritage that stretches back thousands of years. To play chess in such a setting is to combine intellectual competition with the discovery of a land rich in tradition, hospitality, and natural beauty.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Local Government of Sardinia, whose continued support makes this festival possible. Their commitment to sport, culture, and international exchange ensures that the Sardinia World Chess Festival grows stronger with each edition. On behalf of the organizing team, I wish you all inspiring games, rewarding encounters, and unforgettable memories here in Sardinia. Welcome to the Festival, and welcome to our island!

Dear Participants,

It is our great pleasure to welcome you all to the Sardinia World Chess Festival. This event has quickly become a landmark on the international chess calendar, bringing together players of all levels to share in the joy, challenge, and beauty of the game.

GM Roberto Mognanzini
Tournament director

The REGULATIONS

All foreign players without FIDE rating have to show proof of their national ratings. FIDE and FSI ratings changes and achievements follow current FIDE and FSI handbooks.

Open A \geq 2000 ELO

Open B \leq 1999 ELO

Open C $<$ 1699

Registrations will be reassessed based on the May ELO rating list update. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept up to 10 wild cards per open for those players who hold an insufficient ELO. Requests to be registered in a tournament other than a direct assignment tournament must mandatorily be submitted by email.

The time tolerance is 60 minutes.

Each player is entitled to request a half-point bye in any round, with the exception of the last two rounds, and only once, as stipulated in Art. 6.3 of the R.T.F. Such a request must be submitted before the beginning of the tournament, preferably by email.

All tournaments have 9 rounds, the time control is 90' + 30".
The pairing system used is the Swiss.

Tiebreaks at the end of the tournament will follow this order:
REP, Buchholz Total, Buchholz Cut 1, Sonneborg - Berger, ARO (Average Rating of Opponents).

Notes for all players: Prizes will be paid exclusively by bank transfer in compliance with local tax laws. Players who do not attend the prize-giving ceremony forfeit any prize awarded. Access to the playing hall is permitted only with appropriate attire; shorts and flip-flops are strictly prohibited.

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How to REGISTER

The Sardinia World Chess Festival applies a uniform entry fee for all participants, without distinction of rating, title, or category. This approach reflects the festival's inclusive spirit and its aim of bringing together players from different backgrounds on equal terms. The single fee structure ensures transparency and clarity for all those who wish to take part, while maintaining the same conditions for registration across the board.

The Organizing Committee, however, provides special conditions exclusively for players rated above 2600.

- Registration by March 31: €100
- Registration by April 15: €130 (subject to Organizing Committee approval)
- Registration after April 16: €150 (subject to Organizing Committee approval)

An additional fee of €50 will be added to the entry fee for all those player not staying at the official hotel (Sardinian players are exempt from this additional fee).



Payment Details:

Payee: A.S.D. EMMEDI SPORT
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The OFFICIAL HOTEL

ITI Marina Beach

Via del Mare

Orosel



Enjoy your stay at the Club Hotel Marina Beach, the tournament's official hotel and playing venue.
Send us an email to book your accommodation.

Your package includes (apartments excluded):

- 7 nights full board (from dinner on May 3 to lunch on May 10, 2026)
- Airport shuttle service from Olbia International Airport (available on May 2-3 and 10-11, transfer on different days come at a different price)
- Generous assisted buffet meals with drinks included (water, house wine, draft beer)
- Free access to sports and recreational facilities including private beach with umbrellas and sunbeds
- Evening piano bar entertainment

Extend your stay with additional nights, available upon request depending on hotel availability.

Your package does not include:

- Tournament registration
- Travel insurance
- Excursion to Cala Goloritze

SPECIAL PACKAGE RATES

HOTEL:

SINGLE ROOM – €1000
DOUBLE ROOM – €900/PERSON
TRIPLE ROOM – €800/PERSON

APARTMENTS

APARTMENTS (UP TO 4 PEOPLE) -
€ 150/DAY

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PRIZEFUND

OPEN A

1	10.000 €	11	400 €	1 Elo 2000 - 2200	500 €
2	6.000 €	12	400 €	2 Elo 2000 - 2200	300 €
3	4.000 €	13	400 €	3 Elo 2000 - 2200	200 €
4	2.000 €	14	400 €		
5	1.500 €	15	400 €	1 Elo 2201 - 2299	500 €
6	1.000 €	1 female	1.000 €	2 Elo 2201 - 2299	300 €
7	900 €	2 female	800 €	3 Elo 2201 - 2299	200 €
8	800 €	3 female	600 €		
9	700 €	4 female	350 €	1 Elo 2300 - 2399	500 €
10	600 €	1 under 18	300 €	2 Elo 2300 - 2399	300 €
		1 veteran 65+	300 €	3 Elo 2300 - 2399	200 €

OPEN B

1	1.500 €	1 female	500 €	1 Elo 1700 - 1799	250 €
2	1.000 €	2 female	400 €	2 Elo 1700 - 1799	150 €
3	700 €	3 female	300 €	3 Elo 1700 - 1799	100 €
4	500 €	4 female	150 €		
5	400 €	1 under 18	300 €	1 Elo 1800 - 1899	250 €
6	300 €	1 veteran 65+	300 €	2 Elo 1800 - 1899	150 €
7	200 €			3 Elo 1800 - 1899	100 €
8	150 €				
9	150 €			1 Elo 1900 - 1999	250 €
10	150 €			2 Elo 1900 - 1999	150 €
				3 Elo 1900 - 1999	100 €

OPEN C

1	1.200 €	1 female	300 €	1 Elo 1600 - 1699	250 €
2	800 €	2 female	200 €	2 Elo 1600 - 1699	150 €
3	600 €	3 female	150 €	3 Elo 1600 - 1699	100 €
4	400 €	4 female	50 €		
5	300 €	1 under 18	300 €		
6	200 €	1 veteran 65+	300 €		
7	150 €				
8	120 €				
9	100 €				
10	80 €				

Tournament CALENDAR

May 3

Accreditation*	09:30 - 12:00
Round 1	15:30

May 4

Round 2	15:30
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May 5

Round 3	09:30
Round 4	15:30

May 6

Round 5	15:30
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May 7

Visit to Cala Goloritze	09:00
Round 6	15:30

May 8

Round 7	15:30
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May 9

Football match	10:00
Round 8	15:30

May 10

Round 9	09:30
Closing ceremony*	15:30

*Transfers will ensure all players and accompanying people can attend. Please book flights accordingly, as changes in arrival or departure times may not be possible.





Discover

CALA GOLORITZE

During the Sardinia World Chess Festival, participants will also have the chance to discover one of the island's true natural wonders: Cala Goloritzé. Awarded as the world's most beautiful beach, this iconic cove is renowned for its crystal-clear waters, white pebble shore, and striking limestone cliffs. The Organizing Committee is arranging a special tour to Cala Goloritzé, which must be booked in advance, offering you the unique opportunity to combine world-class chess with the unforgettable beauty of Sardinia.

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Manifestazione promossa dalla Regione Autonoma della Sardegna
Assessorato Turismo, Artigianato e Commercio

