



INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

“STRUMICA OPEN – CAREVI KULI” 2026

22–25 October 2026 | Hotel “Sirius”, Strumica

Organizer: Chess Club “Carevi Kuli” – Strumica

Tournament Director: Krste Tanchevski

1. TOURNAMENT A – RATING UP TO 2200

An open tournament for players with a FIDE rating of up to 2200. It will be played as a 7-round Swiss system and will be FIDE-rated.

Time control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. Default time: 15 minutes.

In any of the first four rounds, a player who gives advance notice may request a bye (not play that round) and will receive $\frac{1}{2}$ point for it.

The FIDE Laws of Chess for standard games apply, and these rules apply to both tournaments.

2. TOURNAMENT B – CHILDREN UNDER 12 (born in 2014 or later)

A tournament for boys and girls under 12, with awards in the under-8, under-10 and under-12 categories.

Time control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. Default time: 15 minutes.

The rules of play are the same as for Tournament A.

3. VENUE

Both tournaments will be held at Hotel “Sirius”, Strumica.

4.1 PRIZE FUND – 100,000 MKD (TOURNAMENT A)

The total cash prize fund for Tournament A is 100,000 MKD: 78,000 MKD for main prizes and 22,000 MKD for special prizes. Tournament B has its own prize fund (see 4.2).

Main prizes – 78,000 MKD

Place	Prize
1st	25,000 MKD
2nd	18,000 MKD
3rd	12,000 MKD
4th	8,000 MKD
5th	6,000 MKD
6th	4,000 MKD
7th	3,000 MKD
8th	2,000 MKD
Total	78,000 MKD

Special prizes – 22,000 MKD

Special prize	Amount
Best player from Strumica	2,000 MKD
Best player from Chess Club “Carevi Kuli” Strumica	2,000 MKD
Best female player	2,000 MKD
Best under 18 (born 2008 or later)	2,000 MKD
Best under 16 (born 2010 or later)	2,000 MKD
Best under 14 (born 2012 or later)	2,000 MKD
Best senior (over 60)	2,000 MKD
Best player rated up to 2000 FIDE	2,000 MKD
Best player rated up to 1800 FIDE	2,000 MKD
Best player rated up to 1600 FIDE	2,000 MKD
Best player without a FIDE standard rating	2,000 MKD
Total	22,000 MKD

Prizes are not shared. A player who qualifies for more than one prize receives the higher one; if the amounts are equal, the main prize takes precedence.

4.2 PRIZE FUND – 12,000 MKD (TOURNAMENT B)

The total prize fund for Tournament B is 12,000 MKD. In addition to the cash prizes, trophies, medals and diplomas will be awarded in the under-8, under-10 and under-12 age categories, separately for boys and girls.

Place	Prize
1st place	5,000 MKD
2nd place	3,000 MKD
3rd place	2,000 MKD
Best player from Strumica	1,000 MKD
Best female player	1,000 MKD
Total	12,000 MKD

5. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity
Thursday, 22 October	15:00–16:30	Registration and confirmation of participation
	16:30	Opening ceremony
	17:00	Round 1
Friday, 23 October	10:00	Round 2
	16:00	Round 3
Saturday, 24 October	10:00	Round 4
	16:00	Round 5
Sunday, 25 October	9:30	Round 6
	13:00	Round 7
	16:00	Closing and prize-giving ceremony

6. ENTRY FEE

Tournament A (adults): 1,300 MKD per participant.

Tournament B (children under 12): 1,000 MKD per participant.

7. ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

The tournaments are open to players from North Macedonia and abroad. Tournament A requires a FIDE rating of 2200 or lower. Tournament B is open to children born in 2014 or later. The organizer reserves the right to invite players who do not meet these criteria.

Registrations must include: full name, FIDE ID, club, country, FIDE rating, year of birth and a contact phone number.

Registration deadline: 21 October 2026. The number of participants is limited.

8. TIE-BREAKS

If players finish on equal points, the following tie-breaks will be applied in order:

1. Buchholz Cut 1 (excluding the weakest opponent)
2. Buchholz
3. Direct encounter
4. Progressive score
5. Greater number of wins

9. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for participants and their companions will be available at Hotel "Sirius", Strumica, at special rates for tournament participants. Details will be announced later.

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