



INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL ROQUETAS DE MAR



REGULATIONS

1. EVENTS

- **XXXVIII International Open Tournament.** Valid for FIDE Norms and FIDE rating.
- **XIV Under 2150 Rating Tournament.** Valid for FIDE rating.
- **Blitz Tournament** Valid for FIDE Blitz rating.

2. ADMISSION

1. Registration in the XXXVIII International Open Tournament or to the XIV Under 2150 Tournament is allowed if the players meet the following: those with the Spanish flag in FIDE, must be federated and have a valid license for the 2027 season; those of foreign flag in FIDE must have FIDE code (FIDE-ID). The organization reserves the right to refuse any entry.
2. Simultaneous participation in the XXXVIII International and the XIV Under 2150 is not allowed.
3. **Restrictions for the XIV Under 2150 Open.** Those players may play who:
 - a) Are FIDE rated at most 2149 on the FIDE Rating list as of January 1st, 2027, and have not been FIDE rated above 2200 on any FIDE Rating list since January 1st, 2026. For players not included into the current FIDE Rating list, the last published rating will be applied. Rating lists to be used: FIDE Standard.
 - b) Maximum number of participants: 128, following the strict order of entry fee payments.

3. SCHEDULE

Place: Hotel Bahía Serena. Roquetas de Mar							
January 2027	DAY	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
International Open		----- 17:00	10:00 16:30	10:00 16:30	----- 16:30	10:00 16:30	09:30 -----
Under 2150 Tournament		NO	16.30	11:00 16:30	11:00 16:30	11:00 16:00	NO
Blitz Tournament				22.30			

Prize Giving Ceremony:

Under 2150 Tournament: on January 6th, around 7:00 p.m

International Open: on January 7th, around 2:00 p.m.

Blitz: 5 min after finishing the last game

4. PLAYING SYSTEM

System: [FIDE \(Dutch\) Swiss System](#), according to VegaChess. Complaints about computer matching are not accepted, except for erroneous data entry or serious program failure. Corrections must ensure, and not affect, the normal development of the competition.

- **International Open Tournament**, 9 rounds (limited capacity: 200 players, by strict order of registration. The organization may increase the number of players if possible).
- **Sub 2150 Tournament**, 7 rounds (limited capacity: 128 players).
Total maximum capacity of both tournaments: 320 players.
- **Blitz Tournament**, 9 rounds.

5. INITIAL ORDER

Initial Ranking List:

- **All tournaments:** Firstly, according to FIDE* rating in force (in case of an inactive player, last rating will be considered). If FIDE Rating is 0, according to Andalusian Federation rating. If two players have the same FIDE rating then the best FIDE title prevails and after that, alphabetical order.

*Blitz Tournament: Blitz FIDE Rating

6. TIME CONTROLS

International Tournament : 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move

Under 2150 Tournament: 85 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move.

Blitz Tournament: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move

7. BYES OF HALF POINT

1. A player can request not to play in any round, **receiving half a point for each requested bye** (this is understood without assignment of color; it does not count as a default, and the pertinent effect is accepted in tiebreaks).
2. Up to 3 breaks can be granted, **untill 6th round for XXXVIII International Open.**
3. Up to 2 breaks can be granted, **untill 5th round for XIV Under 2150 Tournament.**
4. **Requirement:** written request, registration e-mail, **before the first round** of the International Tournament. For rounds after the first, the player must request his byes in writing at the arbiter's table.
For first round, confirmation from the Organization is required:
roquetaschessfestival@gmail.com
5. **Cancellation:** A player will be able to cancel his byes. He will do so in writing before the publication of the first pairing, or before the start of the immediately preceding round, as the case may be.
6. **Confirmation:** concession and cancellation require express confirmation from the Organization to be valid. The player must prove such confirmation, if necessary.

8. PLAYING RULES

1. Laws of Chess, the FIDE Code of Ethics, and these Regulations shall be applied, which may be modified. The definitive version of the Regulations will be the Spanish version given in the Playing Hall.
2. Registration implies acceptance of these Regulations. Players will abide by these rules during their games.
3. Chief Arbiter may impose sanctions on participants for **inappropriate behavior on the Playing Zone**, even if not directly related to a game, if they affect the good order of the tournament, including claims that are ostensibly reckless or in bad faith; or to the respect due to the people attending; or care of the facilities. The penalty will correspond to the seriousness, the damage caused and the recurrence, and will be those contemplated in article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess.
4. In order to leave the Playing Zone, players, whether or not they are in play, will follow the rules set forth in the Laws of Chess and the instructions of the Chief Arbiter. Failure to comply with these rules may lead to a sanction. The penalties will be in accordance with the Laws of Chess and the FIDE Code of Ethics.
5. Players must inform an arbiter about the result of the game and must give him the scoresheets, immediately after the game ends. The arbiter will record the result and collect the scoresheets.

9. SPECIAL HEALTH MEASURES

1. The development of both tournaments will be subject to the current Health Protocols and Regulations, and to the indications and guidelines of the health authorities.

10. BEING LATE IN A GAME

A maximum delay of 30 minutes is allowed; except in round 1, which will be 45 minutes.

11. DRAWING RULES

In addition to what is described in the Laws of Chess, the players will only be able to agree on a draw when **each of them has made at least 30 moves**. If the previous paragraph is not fulfilled, the agreement will be subject to the arbiter's consent, which will be granted only in case of continuous check, triple repetition, stalemate, dead position ... The draw agreement will be signed by both players present in the Playing Room. They will communicate it to the arbiter for verification before being absent. **In case that the players leave the score-sheets that do not comply with this section, the result will be 0:0 in the game, without being able to be corrected later.**

12. PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. Players are entitled to decent and comfortable playing conditions; to fair and respectful treatment by the Organization and the arbiters; to sufficient services; to complete general sports information about the tournament; to specific information about title results; and have open access to the playing area 30 minutes before the start of the round, in order to carry out the pertinent health actions.
2. Players may not carry or use **electronic communication devices, smart watches or other devices that may contain information**, except as authorized by the Chief Arbiter, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. Otherwise, they will lose the game. The Organization will not accept the deposit of these devices or accessories.
3. Possession of an electronic communication device may be sanctioned more lightly. Such a lighter sanction will only be applicable if the device has been completely disconnected and the player has not left the Playing Hall during the game.
4. Chief Arbiter may decide that any game be played or continue in a special room.

13. PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

1. Participants authorize the Organization to use the personal identification data provided, as well as the photos or videos, for the purposes of managing the tournament and its sports information in the media and the Internet.
2. Accommodation and care of underage participants is not the responsibility of the Organization.
3. Organization is not responsible for the health care of the participants.

14. COMPLAINTS

1. Each player will review their data in the official lists of the Festival. A player's claim, regarding his data or results, for prize purposes and to the detriment of third parties, raised after the publication of the pairing of the last round may be rejected; and if it refers to the pairing or result of said last round, if 15 minutes have elapsed since its publication.
2. A decision of the Chief Arbiter can be appealed to the Appeals Committee, in writing, within 15 minutes after the end of the game in question, in the terms authorized by the Laws of Chess. Sanctions outside the game, decided by the Chief Arbiter, can also be appealed within 15 minutes of their notification. To present the appeal, a deposit of €50 will have to be deposited, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, or even if it is not successful, if the Appeals Committee considers that there were well-founded causes for its presentation.
3. The Appeal Committee will be made up of the Tournament Director, or whoever takes his place and 4 players, according to the drawing of lots, who are born before 2006 and with an Elo rating greater than 1900 (computed in the ranking). If there are qualified arbiters among the players, it is desirable that at least one of them is part of the Committee. There will be substitutes to cover the absence in the Playing Hall or direct involvement.

15. DISQUALIFICATION

A player's default (not the "bye") in a round will cause his disqualification, unless he excuses himself in writing and asks to continue, before publishing the pairing for the next round. It supposes the definitive disqualification:

- The accumulation of two defaults, except for an exception authorized by the Chief Arbiter and the Tournament Director, based on a justified reason.
- A serious offense, in accordance with Laws of Chess and the FIDE Code of Ethics

16. TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

XXXVIII International Open

1. **Average of Opponents Buchholz*** – **AOB** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
2. **Buchholz Cut 1 *** – **BH-C1** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
3. **Games one Elected to play** – **GE**
4. **Direct Encounter** – **DE**
5. **Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1** – **ARO-C1**
6. **Number of Wins** – **WIN**

***Half-point byes will not count for Buchholz.**

XIV Under 2150 Tournament

1. **Average of Opponents Buchholz*** – **AOB** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
2. **Buchholz Cut 1 *** – **BH-C1** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
3. **Games one Elected to play** – **GE**
4. **Sum of Progressive Scores** – **PS**
5. **Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1** – **ARO-C1**
6. **Number of Wins** – **WIN**

***Half-point byes will not count for Buchholz.**

VIII Blitz Tournament **

- 1. Average of Opponents Buchholz* – AOB** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
- 2. Buchholz Cut 1 * - BH-C1** (adjusted score for unplayed games – Bakú 2023 FIDE)
- 3. Sum of Progressive Scores – PS**
- 4. Direct Encounter - DE**
- 5. Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 – ARO-C1**

***Half-point byes will not count for Buchholz.**

****ONLY FOR BLITZ TOURNAMENT:** In the event that the first two classified end up tied on points, a flag-fall blitz game will be played, with color draw, 5 minutes for white and 4 minutes for black, in which the player with white pieces has to win. In the event of a draw, the player with the black pieces wins the tiebreaker.

Chief Arbiter, in agreement with the tournament director, may add new tiebreakers, before the Festival starts, to be announced.

17. ENTRY FEE

Deadline: Until 28.12.2026, time: 23:59 h.

Fee: The players will deposit it into the **Roquetas Chess Club** account:

ES80 0049 3711 3424 1410 2728,

indicating name and surname, year of birth, country or federation, and FIDE ID, if known.

Fee amount:

- Registration Fee
 - XXXVIII International Open: **70€.**
 - XIV Under 2150: **50€**
- Reduced fee: players from Almería, disabled players, and 2 or more direct family players (parents and children or siblings):
 - XXXVIII International Open: **60€/player**
 - XIV U2150 Tournament: **40€/player**
- Players with a hotel reservation from the Organization (accommodation must be reserved in the same email as the registration, not taking into account those who reserve or stay outside the Organization) (minimum, three nights), **50 €** for the Open Tournament, and **35 €** for the Sub 2150 Tournament
- Blitz Tournament registration on January 4th, at the playing room (10€).

18. MORE INFORMATION. FACILITIES FOR PLAYERS PARTICIPATION

E-mail: roquetaschessfestival@gmail.com **Whatsaap:** 661751378

Web: <http://openderoquetas.com/new/>

Consult facilities for titled players: roquetaschessfestival@gmail.com.

Players who receive economic facilities from the Organization, not including the hotel economic offer as such, may be excluded from the right to byes, totally or partially.

19. PRIZES

PRIZE LIST

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT	
1º	3000
2º	1600
3º	1200
4º	1000
5º	700
6º	450
7º	400
8º	350
9º	300
10º	250
11º	150
12º	140
13º	130
14º	120
15º	110
16º	100
BEST UNDER 2050	
1º	110
BEST WOMEN	
1º	150
BEST PROVINCIAL	
1º	100
BEST VETERAN PLAYER	
1º	120

UNDER 2150 TOURNAMENT	
1º	350
2º	250
3º	150
4º	100
5º	90
6º	80
7º	70
8º	60
9º	50
10º	40
BEST PROVINCIAL	
1º	70
SUB 1900	
1º	70
SUB 1800	
1º	60
SUB 1600	
1º	60
BEST VETERAN PLAYER	
1º	50 and trophy
BEST UNDER 16	
1º	50 and trophy
BEST UNDER 14	
1º	Trophy
BEST UNDER 12	
1º	Trophy
BEST UNDER 10	
1º	Trophy

BLITZ TOURNAMENT	
1º	150
2º	100
3º	80
4º	60
5º	50
BEST FROM ALMERIA	
1º	60
UNDER 2100	
1º	50
BEST WOMEN	
1º	50

***The tax withholding in force by law will be applied to all prizes.**

1. Cash prizes are not cumulative with each other, and the highest amount will be chosen; equal amount, according to the order of presentation in the prize list.
2. In the prizes by sections (Under 2250, etc.) the highest rating of the player between FIDE or FADA lists will be taken. Or, only if he does not have rating on those lists, the one that he has in his state federation will be taken. In any case, the current rating at the beginning of the tournament will count or, in case of inactive players, their last published rating.
3. Veterans are those born in 1977 or before, who do not have a FIDE Title of GM, WGM, IM or WIM.
4. Under prizes refer to the ages defined by the federation in Andalusia.
5. For being entitled to the prize, the player will accept and collect it personally at the prize-giving ceremony al premio el jugador lo aceptará y recogerá personalmente en el acto de entrega (see section 3 of these Regulations), or through a representative notified to the Organization.



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HOTEL OFFER



Views of the Bahía Serena Hotel**, left. to right., from top to bottom:** exterior from the mar; Hotel pools; exterior from the beach and boardwalk; large inner courtyard; sea view from the balcony of a room; bedroom; entrances to living room and bedroom; living room; live cooking; one of the dining rooms.

[Link to Google Maps](#)

[Bahía Serena Hotel Web](#)

Hotel exclusive for the tournament.

Hotel: Bahía Serena **** (on the beachfront), where the tournament is played.

Information: 661 751 378 (from 20:00 to 21:00 h). E-mail: roquetaschessfestival@gmail.com

Tipo	P.C. Habit/día	Observaciones / Configuración
Single	95 €	1 bedroom + 1 living room
Double	130 €	1 bedroom + 1 living room
Triple	174 €	1 bedroom (for 2 people) + 1 living room (1 sofa bed)
Quadruple 2D	210 €	2 bedrooms (2x2 people) + 1 living room
Triple special	150 €	1 bedroom + 1 living room (1 sofa bed) Three people, being one of them under 12 years
Quadruple	175 €	1 bedroom (2 beds) + 1 living room (sofa bed for two children under 12 years)
IMPORTANT: romos have an aparthotel configuration: bedrooms + living room with kitchen. Service included in these prices: full board, <i>buffet</i> (with wine and water).		
There is a supplement of €10 per person per night if you want a 1-bedroom beachfront apartment		

ATTENTION

Hotel payments must be made in advance to the Roquetas Chess Club Account, which will be provided to them once they have contacted by email, writing down the name of the player in the concept. Without this payment requirement, as well as the registration payment, you will not be an official tournament player.