

The World Chess Federation (FIDE)
The Czech Chess Federation
AVE-KONTAKT Pardubice agency

26th WORLD SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 50+ and 65+

Marianske Lazne (Marienbad), the Czech Republic

18th November – 1st December 2016



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

AVE-KONTAKT Pardubice agency (the organizer of Czech Open Chess Festival and Czech Tour Chess Festivals Series, the Czech Chess Federation and the World Chess Federation (FIDE) have the honour to invite all senior women and men throughout the world to participate in the 26th WORLD SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (50+ and 65+) organised in Marianske Lazne (Marienbad), the Czech Republic from 18th November (arrival) to 1st December (departure) 2016.

2. Participation

The World Senior Chess Championship is **open to all players, regardless of rating and title, who reach their age of 50 and 65 by 31st December 2016** and represent National Chess Federations which are members of FIDE. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation.

According to the FIDE tournament rules, **the Championship will be played in four categories: age 50+ and 65+ (Open and women).**

The top 3 players in each category of the World Senior Championship 2015 as well as Continental Senior Championship 2015 are qualified with personal rights and will be accepted with free board and hotel accommodation.

3. Entry fees and registration fees

FIDE entry fee: Each player has to pay **70 EUR** as FIDE entry fee.

Registration fee: Each player has to pay **80 EUR** as registration fee for the event. It includes registration and accreditation.

FIDE entry fee and registration fee together with the payment for the hotel booking must be paid simultaneously with the application. The payment must be made by bank transfer. Invited players or their federations will also pay.

The registration period ends on 30th September 2016, after that the FIDE entry fee is 140 EUR.

4. Registration, bookings and payments

All players have to register before 30th September 2016 (registration deadline). The entry form should be filled out on the official website of the championship.

All players are obliged to be accommodated in one of the official hotels through the organizer.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.

In addition to the written application, a personal registration before the beginning of the tournament is necessary.

This will be done on 18th November, in the playing venue between 12.00 and 22.00. Players who are not registered cannot be included in the drawing of lots and entry fees will be forfeited.

At the time of registration the amount of 300 EUR (80 EUR registration fee + 70 EUR FIDE entry fee + 150 EUR hotel booking) must be transferred (free of bank charge) to the following bank account:

Address of the bank:

Komerční banka, a.s.
náměstí Republiky 222
530 78 Pardubice
CZECH REPUBLIC

Account number: 107-1452020277/0100

IBAN: CZ0801000001071452020277

SWIFT: KOMBCZPPXXX

Address of our company:

AVE-KONTAKT s.r.o.
Strossova 239
530 03 Pardubice
CZECH REPUBLIC

Players with personal rights must pay only FIDE entry fee and registration fee (150 EUR together).

Accompanying people must pay only the hotel booking (150 EUR).

All the above-mentioned payments are non-refundable if the booking is cancelled.

5. Airport transfers

The organizer can arrange the transfer from the Prague airport to the hotel in Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad) and back. Transfer on the first day (18th November) and the last day (1st December) will be charged 25 EUR per person one-way and 40 EUR per person both ways. The distance is 170 km (2h by bus).

6. Tournament halls

The tournament hall for 65+ open category is situated at the Monty hotel, Prikra 218 / 4, Mariánské Lázně.

The tournament halls for 50+ open category are situated at the Cristal palace hotel, Hlavní trida 61 /66, Mariánské Lázně (first boards) and at the Continental hotel, Hlavní trida 230 / 88, Mariánské Lázně (last boards).

The tournament hall for women categories 65+ and 50+ is situated at the Bohemia hotel, Hlavní trida 100 / 40, Mariánské Lázně.



7. Lodging and boarding

Lodging and boarding will be provided with full board at following hotels:

Chateau Monty Spa resort ****, Prikra 218 / 4, Marianske Lazne

<http://www.montymarienbad.com/>

WiFi in a room and common areas, wellness, swimming pool with salt water and fitness free of charge

single room - 70 EUR / room and night

double room - 110 EUR / room and night

triple room - 135 EUR / room and night

four-bed room - 160 EUR / room and night

suite for 2 people – 140 EUR / suite and night

Cristal palace hotel ****, Hlavni trida 61 /66, Marianske Lazne

<http://www.cristalpalace.cz/>

WiFi in a room and common areas, wellness, swimming pool and sauna free of charge

single room - 70 EUR / room and night

double room - 110 EUR / room and night

triple room - 135 EUR / room and night

Continental hotel ****, Hlavni trida 230 / 88, Marianske Lazne

<http://www.garzotthotels.cz/cs/hotel-continental-marianske-lazne/>

WiFi in a room and common areas, wellness, swimming pool and sauna free of charge

single room - 70 EUR / room and night

double room - 110 EUR / room and night

triple room - 135 EUR / room and night

Orea Spa Bohemia hotel ****, Hlavni trida 100 / 40, Marianske Lazne

<http://www.oreahotelbohemia.cz/>

WiFi in a room and common areas, wellness, swimming pool with salt water and fitness at the Chateau Monty Spa resort free of charge

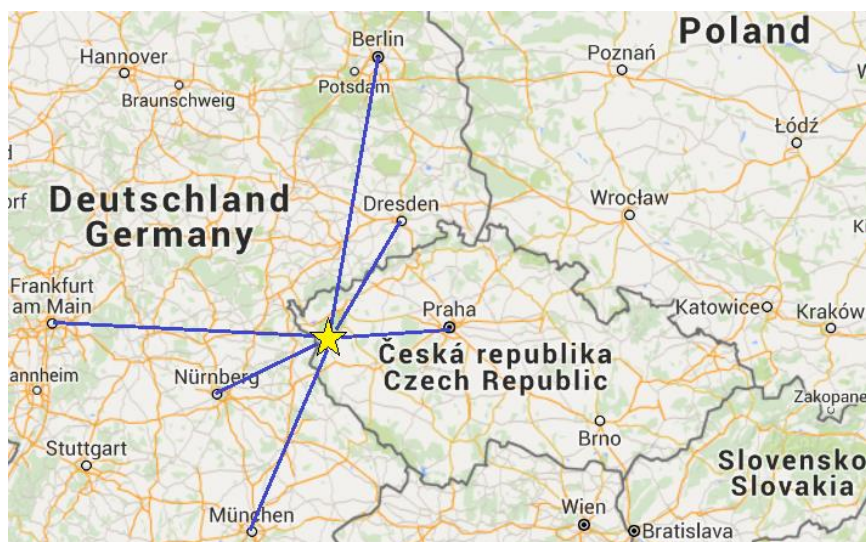
single room - 70 EUR / room and night

double room - 110 EUR / room and night

Players with personal rights will be accommodated with full board in single rooms. Free lodging and boarding will be provided for them from 18th November (dinner) to 1st December (lunch). Any additional overnights will be charged according to prices mentioned above.

8. Transport connection:

The nearest airports in the direction of Marianske Lazne are: Karlovy Vary (only charter flights) – distance 50 km and Prague (we will arrange transfer) 170 km in the Czech Republic and Nuremberg 180 km, Dresden 230 km, Munich 270 km, Frankfurt 400 km and Berlin 400 km in Germany. There is a good train connection from Prague, Nuremberg and Munich.



9. Tournament schedule

Friday	18 th November		arrival
Friday	18 th November	12:00 – 22:00	personal registration
Saturday	19 th November	11:00	Technical meeting, opening ceremony
Saturday	19 th November	15:00	1 st round
Sunday	20 th November	15:00	2 nd round
Monday	21 st November	15:00	3 rd round
Tuesday	22 nd November	15:00	4 th round
Wednesday	23 rd November	15:00	5 th round
Thursday	24 th November	15:00	6 th round
Friday	25 th November		free day – trip to Prague, rapid tournament
Saturday	26 th November	15:00	7 th round
Sunday	27 th November	15:00	8 th round
Monday	28 th November	15:00	9 th round
Tuesday	29 th November	15:00	10 th round
Wednesday	30 th November	13:00	11 th round
Wednesday	30 th November	20:00	closing ceremony
Thursday	1 st December		departure

10. Rules and regulations

The FIDE Tournament Rules should be followed.

The tournament will be played by a 11-rounds Swiss system. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. The time rate will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Default time for all 11 rounds is 30 minutes.

The women tournaments will be played separately if there are more than 10 participants in total from at least two continents. If there are less than 10 participants 65+, then there will be only one women tournament 50+ with separate prizes. If the women participants are less than 10 in total or from less than 2 continents, they will play in the open tournaments with separate prizes.

11. Anti-Cheating guidelines

The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for WSCC. During WSCC random AC inspections are possible.

12. Appeals procedure

A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 30min after the end of the game. A protest fee of 200 Euro shall be payable to FIDE which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.

13. Scoring and tie-breaking system

14.1. The score in each game is 1 for a win, ½ for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

14.2. Tie-breaking:

The order of players, that finish with the same number of points, shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures, beginning from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) in sequence:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (it applies to the situation only if all tied players played with each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

14. Arbiters and Appeals committee

The names of the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of Appeals committee will be published no later than 1st September 2016. Names of other arbiters and members of the Appeals committee will be announced during the technical meeting.

15. Chess equipment

DGT 3000 and DGT XL clocks, 80 electronic boards and other FIDE standard chess sets.

16. Tournament bulletin

The tournament bulletin will be available on the website for all interested persons free of charge.

17. Visa information

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visas are requested to contact the organizer by 30th September 2016. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. Schengen visas are valid in the Czech Republic.

18. Awards and titles

The winner of the World Senior Chess Championship +50 receives the title "2016 World Senior Chess Champion +50".

The winner of the World Senior Chess Championship +65 receives the title "2016 World Senior Chess Champion +65".

The winner of the World Senior Women Chess Championship +50 receives the title "2016 World Senior Woman Chess Champion +50".

The winner of the World Senior Women Chess Championship +65 receives the title "2016 World Senior Woman Chess Champion +65".

The title of "International Grandmaster (GM)" will be awarded to the two winners of the 2016 FIDE World Senior Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ who will also receive trophies and gold medals. The player finished second will receive a silver medal and "International Master (IM)" title, while the third place will be awarded a bronze medal and also "International Master (IM)" title. The same applies to the respective Women titles.

19. Prizes (in EUR)

Prize fund	WSCC Open	WSCC Open	WSCC Women	WSCC Women
Rank	Senior 50+	Senior 65+	Senior 50+	Senior 65+
1	1 200	1 200	500	500
2	1 000	1 000	300	300
3	800	800	200	200
4	600	600		
5	500	500		
6	450	450		
7	400	400		
8	350	350		
9	300	300		
10	250	250		
11	200	200		
12	150	150		
13	150	150		
14	150	150		

20. Parallel activities

Rapid and Blitz tournaments

Excursion to the capital of Prague

Excursion to the biggest spa in the Czech Republic Karlovy Vary (Carlsbad)

Excursion to the spa Frantiskovy Lazne (Franzensbad) and town of Cheb

Spa procedures

Concerts

21. Marianske Lazne (Marienbad)

Marianske Lazne spa belongs to the most beautiful and largest health resorts in the Czech Republic, offering rich social and sports facilities. Participants can spend their free time having the spa therapy, for example ailments of the respiratory system, movement mechanism, nerves, kidneys and urinary tract and urologic problems and female disorders are treated here.

Marianske Lazne is located in the very west of the Czech Republic. Close to the border with Germany (15 km). Together with Karlovy Vary (43 km) and Frantiskovy Lazne (37 km) it forms the West Bohemian Spa Triangle.

Marianske Lazne town has 14 000 inhabitants and more than 3 000 hotel rooms.

There are more than 40 mineral springs in the town and more than other 60 springs in the surrounding area.

Altitude is 560 – 640 m above sea level.

Marianske Lazne was the favourite spa of the British King Edward VII (1841 - 1910) He visited the city nine times in total. In 1904 Edward VII met here the Austrian Emperor Franz Josef I. Marianske Lazne became an important political, social and cultural centre of Europe.

The names most frequently connected with Marianske Lazne are also the poet and scholar Johann Wolfgang Goethe (1749 - 1832) and the brilliant composer and pianist Fryderyk Chopin (1810 - 1849).

Other famous guests:

Dr. Benes, Eduard (1884 - 1948) Minister of Foreign Affairs and later President of Czechoslovakia

Dvorak, Antonin (1841 - 1904) composer

Edison, Thomas Alva (1847 - 1931) inventor, businessman

Ferdinand I (1793 - 1875) Austrian Emperor

Freud, Sigmund (1856 - 1939) doctor, psychologist

Friedrich Wilhelm IV (1795 - 1861) Prussian King

Kafka, Franz (1883 - 1924) writer

Kipling, Rudyard (1865 - 1936) writer

Kissinger, Henry (*1923) politician, US Secretary of State

Masaryk, Tomas Garrique (1850 - 1937) scholar, first President of Czechoslovakia

Muzaffar-ed-Din (1853 - 1907) Persian Shah

Nobel, Alfred (1833 - 1896) inventor, businessman

Nietzsche, Friedrich (1844 - 1900) philosopher

Patton, George Smith (1885 - 1945) WW2 general

Schweitzer, Albert (1875 - 1965) doctor, scholar, humanist

Tolstoi, Aleksei Nikolaevich (1828 - 1910) writer

Twain, Mark (1835 - 1910) writer, humourist

Wagner, Richard (1813 - 1883) composer

22. Marianske Lazne (Marienbad) and chess

Marianske Lazne has hosted many important chess events. Such as:

1925 - International tournament (Nimcovic, Rubinstein, Marshall, Torre, Reti, Tartakover, Spielman, Grünfeld, Sämisch etc. took part)

1948 – International tournament (Foltys, Barcza, Steiner, Vidmar, Pirc, Opocensky, Tartakover etc.)

1951, 1954 and 1961 – FIDE Zonal tournaments (Pachman, Filip, Olafsson etc.)

1962 – World Student Team Championship (Spassky,, Gufeld, Bagirov, Savon, Hort, Kavalek, Jansa etc.)

1962 and 1965 – International tournaments (Taymanov, Keres, Hort etc.)

1978 Czechoslovak Championship (Prandstetter, Smejkal, Ftacnik etc.)

2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 Scheveningen matches Snowdrops versus Old-hands (Karpov, Hort, Uhlmann, Korchnoi, Timman, Portisch, Hübner, Gulko, Vaganyan, Cmilyte, Humpy, Muzycuk, Ushenina, Pogonina, Sachdev etc.)

2002 – 2016 Marienbad Open (Magnus Carlsen in 2002!)

23. Currency

The local currency is the Czech Crown (CZK), 1 EUR = about 27 CZK

24. Tournament office

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