



World Chess Festival

Malta Rapid Challenge

Part of the World Chess Festival 2024-25

Malta Chess Federation Premises 8th June 2025

INVITATION

The WCF (World Chess Festival) and the Malta Chess Federation invite players of all age and gender categories to participate in the WCF Malta Rapid Challenge – a rapid FIDE-rated chess tournament organised at the MCF's club on 8th June 2025.

WCF QUALIFYING EVENT

The WCF Malta Rapid Challenge 2025 is a qualifying event, part of the World Chess Festival 2024-25, providing also ranking points towards determining the overall winner of the World Chess Festival 2024-25 "WCF Champion". The ranking points for each qualifying event, along with money prizes and other rewards, are described below. The full regulations of the World Chess Festival 2024-25 are published at <https://WorldChessFestival.com>.

FORMAT & PARTICIPANTS

The Tournament shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament of 7 rounds, under FIDE rules of chess. Each round consists of one game.

The time control will be of 10 minutes plus 5 seconds increment starting from the first move.

The tournament is FIDE-rated and open for all chess players. Maltese players are required to have an active membership with the Malta Chess Federation in order to participate.

VENUE

The tournament shall be held at the Malta Chess Federation club at Handaq Middle School, St. Ignatius Complex, Tal-Handaq Qormi.



PAIRINGS AND TIE-BREAK

Pairings and tie-breaks will be handled by Swiss Manager under the responsibility of the Chief Arbiter. Pairings will be done according to the Swiss System considering the rating list being valid at the moment the pairings are generated.

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If, at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in priority according to the following criteria for Swiss events:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied have played each other)
- Buchholz Cut1
- Bucholtz
- Sonnenborn-Berger score
- Great number of wins

REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration of participants should be done by sending an email to info+WCF@chessmalta.com by not later than 7th June at 12pm.

Registration fee is €15 and €10 for Under 16. Registrations are considered when payment is affected.

The Maximum number of players is 60. When this number is reached, registrations will close. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Should your registration not be accepted any money paid shall be refunded.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Deadline of registrations:	Saturday, 7 th June 2025, 12pm
Confirmation of registration:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 3:45pm
Round 1:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 4:00pm
Round 2:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 4:35pm
Round 3:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 5:10pm
Round 4:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 5:45pm
Break	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 6:20 – 6:30pm



Round 5:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 6:30pm
Round 6:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 7:05pm
Round 7:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 7:40pm
Prize Giving:	Sunday, 8 th June 2025, 8:30pm

PRIZES

Place	Price money	WCF Ranking Pts
1 st	€300	250
2 nd	€200	150
3 rd	€100	100

Trophies shall be awarded to the top 3 overall players.

In addition, trophies shall be awarded to the Best Under 12, Best Under 16, Best Under 20, Best Female Player, Best Senior (50+) Player, Best Unrated, Best Under 1600, Best under 1900. In order to qualify for a prize, there has to be at least 3 players in the same category.

Medals shall be awarded to all participants.

The winner of the WCF Malta Rapid Challenge is invited to participate in the final Tournament of the World Chess Festival 2024-25 which will be held in Rhodes, Greece from 9-19th July 2025. He/she will be provided with full accommodation and board in a 5-star hotel, double room.

Only the money prizes and WCF ranking points are shared equally in case of any tied positions.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Parents and friends are welcome to view players but will not be allowed in the playing area during the event.

Pairings and results will be on chess-results.com

By participating in the tournament, you grant organisers and their representatives permission to use and/or publish photographs or videos of yourself taken during the tournament in printed and/or electronic form. These photos may be used on the website and/or social media accounts of the organisers.

<https://worldchessfestival.com/>