

62nd International Akiba Rubinstein Chess Festival

Polanica-Zdrój (Poland), 14-23 August 2026

ORGANIZERS

- Lower Silesian Chess Federation
- "Teatr Zdrojowy" - Culture and Promotion Centre in Polanica-Zdrój
- Polish Chess Federation
- LKS "Wrzos" Międzybórz

ALREH GRANDMASTER ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT

As part of the 62nd Akiba Rubinstein Chess Festival, the ALREH Grandmaster Round-Robin Tournament will be held, with an expected average rating of 2650. Details and the list of participants of this prestigious event will be announced in upcoming communications.

TOURNAMENT GROUPS

Tournament	Playing Venue	Participation Criteria	Dates & Time	Entry Fee
Opening Blitz	Zdrojowy Theatre	No age or rating limits	14.08.2026 16:00 – 20:00	22 EUR
OPEN A	Zdrojowy Theatre	FIDE rating \geq 2000	15-23.08.2026 15:00 - Rounds 1-8 14:00 - Round 9	70 EUR
OPEN B	Zdrojowy Theatre	FIDE rating 1700–2100	15-23.08.2026 9:30 - Rounds 1-8 9:00 - Round 9	55 EUR
OPEN C	Hotel Polanica Resort&SPA	FIDE rating \leq 2000 or unrated	15-23.08.2026 15:00 - Rounds 1-8 14:00 - Round 9	50 EUR
OPEN D	Hotel Polanica Resort&SPA	FIDE rating \leq 1700 or unrated	15-23.08.2026 9:30 - Rounds 1-8 9:00 - Round 9	48 EUR
OPEN E	Hotel Nowy Zdrój	Seniors 60+ (Women 50+) Men born in 1966 or earlier Women born in 1976 or earlier	15-23.08.2026 15:00 - Rounds 1-8 14:00 - Round 9	45 EUR
OPEN F	Hotel Nowy Zdrój	Youth players Born in 2012 or later	15-23.08.2026 9:30 - Rounds 1-8 9:00 - Round 9	43 EUR
OPEN G	hall at the former gymnasium building	Youth players Born in 2012 or later Polish national rating 1000-1250	15-23.08.2026 9:30 - Rounds 1-8 9:00 - Round 9	36 EUR

Meeting the rating criterion is determined by the rating list for August 2026.

Players who do not meet the rating criterion will not be admitted.

The only exception may be made to ensure an even number of players for the first-round pairings.

CONTACT AND REGISTRATION:

Registration is open until 9 August 2026 via e-mail: polanica@dzzsach.pl
or online via the registration forms available on the Festival website: www.rubinstein.dzzsach.pl

Please note: due to limited capacity of some playing venues, the organizers reserve the right to close registration in selected groups earlier.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee includes all Polish Chess Federation rating and FIDE registration fees.

Players holding the titles GM, IM, WGM or WIM, or players born in 1946 or earlier, pay no entry fee. Players with a GM title are welcome to contact the organizer to agree upon individual conditions of participation.

Players who participate in 2 classical tournament groups receive a 10% discount on the entry fee. Groups consisting of at least 10 players are welcome to contact us about discounts.

Entry fees (in EUR) shall be paid to the following bank account:

IBAN: PL 18 1600 1462 1084 8379 4000 0001

BIC/SWIFT: PPABPLPKXXX

Owner: Dolnoslaski Zwiasek Szachowy (Lower Silesian Chess Federation)

Address of the Organizer: Borowska 1–3, 50-529 Wrocław, Poland

Foreign players who prefer to pay in cash are asked to contact us in advance.

Players who have paid the entry fee on time and whose name has been marked on the starting list do not have to confirm their presence in the festival office - they can come directly to the first round of their group.

TOURNAMENT RULES

OPEN tournaments will be played in the Swiss system, 9 rounds.

Opening Blitz: Swiss system, 11 rounds, time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move.

Time control in open tournaments :

- OPEN A: 90 minutes for 40 moves, then 15 minutes to finish the game, with a 30-second increment per move from move 1.
- OPEN B, C, D, E, F: 90 minutes with a 30-second increment per move from move 1.
- OPEN G: 60 minutes with a 30-second increment per move from move 1.

OPEN A, B, C, D, E, and F will be FIDE rated. The current FIDE rules apply.

The default time for arrival is 30 minutes. A player arriving after this time shall lose the game.

Players are allowed two half-point byes in rounds 1-7, provided they give adequate notice and sign the bye-request paper by the arbiters' table, at the latest, before the end of the previous round.

Final standings shall be determined by the following tie-break criteria, in order: number of points, Buchholz CUT-1, Buchholz, Berger, progress, direct encounter, number of wins, and number of wins with black.

FESTIVAL OFFICE

The Festival Office will be open at the Zdrojowy Theatre (Parkowa Street 2, Polanica-Zdrój) at the following times:

- 14.08.2026 from 13:00 to 20:00;
- 15.08.2026 from 9:00 to 13:00;

PRIZES

	Opening Blitz	OPEN A	OPEN B	OPEN C	OPEN D	OPEN E
1 st place	2000 PLN	10000 PLN	3500 PLN	2000 PLN	1500 PLN	1500 PLN

At least 10% of participants will be awarded in each tournament.

Other prizes will be published before the fourth round of the Festival.

Money prizes are given in gross amounts. According to Polish law, prizes up to 2000 PLN are untaxed, while a 10% tax applies to all other prizes.

In OPEN F and OPEN G, the best players will receive non-cash prizes. In OPEN F, there will also be separate classifications for the best U10 and U8 players. All participants of OPEN F and OPEN G will receive gifts.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Morning Groups:	Afternoon Groups:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPEN B (ELO 1700 - 2100)• OPEN D (ELO <= 1700)• OPEN F (Under 14)• OPEN G (Under 14, Nat. Rating <= 1250)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPEN A (ELO >= 2000)• OPEN C (ELO <= 2000)• OPEN E (Seniors)
14.08.2026, at 20:00 - registration deadline 15.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 1 16.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 2 17.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 3 18.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 4 19.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 5 20.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 6 21.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 7 22.08.2026, at 9:30 – round 8 23.08.2026, at 9:00 – round 9 23.08.2026, at 13:30 – closing ceremony	15.08.2026, at 12:00 - registration deadline 15.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 1 16.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 2 17.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 3 18.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 4 19.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 5 20.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 6 21.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 7 22.08.2026, at 15:00 – round 8 23.08.2026, at 14:00 – round 9 23.08.2026, at 19:00 – closing ceremony

ACCOMPANYING TOURNAMENTS

Preliminary schedule of accompanying tournaments

- Saturday, 15.08.2026 at 20:30 – Pairs Blitz Tournament (team event, 9 rounds)
- Sunday, 16.08.2026 at 15:30 – Blitz chess tournament
- Monday, 17.08.2026 at 15:30 – Rapid chess tournament
- Tuesday, 18.08.2026 at 15:30 – Bughouse chess tournament
- Tuesday, 18.08.2026 at 20:30 – Evening blitz
- Wednesday, 19.08.2026 at 15:30 – Chess960 Tournament
- Thursday, 20.08.2026 at 15:30 – Blitz chess tournament
- Friday, 21.08.2026 at 20:30 – Evening blitz
- Saturday, 22.08.2026 at 15:30 – Rapid chess tournament

Entry fee for individual tournaments – 10 EUR, pair tournaments – 12 EUR/pair.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Special offers and discounts for Festival participants will be available at selected local partner venues. Details will be published on the Festival website.

Players, or their guardians in the case of minors, are responsible for the player's fitness to play. Players are responsible for their own insurance coverage.

The organizer reserves the right to make the final interpretation of these regulations.

The organizer reserves the right to amend these regulations.

Participation in the Festival constitutes consent to the processing of players' personal data to the extent necessary for the organization of the event, including the publication of results and reporting to the Polish Chess Federation and FIDE. Participation also constitutes consent to the free-of-charge recording and publication of photographs for documentary purposes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

How to get to Polanica-Zdrój

The nearest international airports are:

- Wrocław (WRO, Poland) – approx. 100 km
- Prague (PRG, Czech Republic) – approx. 180 km

From Wrocław, Polanica-Zdrój is accessible by direct train or long-distance bus.

From Prague, there are two convenient options:

- Direct FlixBus connections to Polanica-Zdrój are available and take approx. 3.5 hours.
- Alternatively, take a train to Kłodzko (via Pardubice or Ústí nad Orlicí).

From Kłodzko, local trains to Polanica-Zdrój run regularly and the ride takes about 25 minutes.

If you need help planning your journey, feel free to contact us – we'll be happy to assist.

Accommodation

Participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation.

If needed, the organizers will be happy to assist with recommendations or help with group reservations.

A list of hotel partners, including some offering special rates for Festival participants, is published on the official Festival website: www.rubinstein.dzszach.pl

Communication

The Festival will be conducted in both Polish and English.

English-speaking arbiters and organizers will be available throughout the Festival.

Registration and Payment = Confirmed Participation

Once your name appears on the starting list and your payment is received by the organizer, your participation is officially confirmed. No additional check-in at the Festival Office is required.

Visa Support

Players from outside the EU who require a visa to enter Poland may request an official invitation letter.

Please contact the organizer well in advance via polanica@dzszach.pl