

The largest chess open in Europe!

GRENKE Chess Open in Karlsruhe

At the same playing venue as the GRENKE Chess Classic

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| When: | 29 th March – 2 nd April 2018 (Easter) |
| Playing venue: | <p>Congress Centre Karlsruhe, Schwarzwaldhalle, Festplatz 3 in 76133 Karlsruhe, Germany.</p> <p>The Congress Centre Karlsruhe is one of the largest venues in Germany, offering a spacious hall for players, and is easy to reach being located in the city centre. Over 1,000 car parks are available for a fee. You can get to the congress centre from four airports: Airpark Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden (approx. 30 mins by car), international airport Frankfurt/Main or the airports Stuttgart and Straßburg (France) (approx. 50–60 mins by car). Karlsruhe is located at an important traffic junction and is easy to reach from all directions via highways A5, A8 or A65 stretching around the city. Karlsruhe is a transport hub for ICE, TGV, IC and EC train connections. The railway station also has an international bus station and is in walking distance to the Congress Centre. There are also tram and bus connections to the city centre. For information on Karlsruhe local transport go to http://en.kvv.de.</p> |
| Schedule: | <p>Opening and 1st round: Thursday, 29th March 2018 approx. 6.30 pm</p> <p>2nd round: Friday, 30th March 2018 at 9 am</p> <p>3rd round: Friday, 30th March 2018 at 3 pm</p> <p>4th round: Saturday, 31st March 2018 at 9 am</p> <p>5th round: Saturday, 31st March 2018 at 3 pm</p> <p>6th round: Sunday, 1st April 2018 at 9 am</p> <p>7th round: Sunday, 1st April 2018 at 3 pm</p> <p>8th round: Monday, 2nd April 2018 at 9 am</p> <p>9th round: Monday, 2nd April 2018 at 3 pm</p> <p>Award ceremony: After the last round</p> |
| Check-in: | <p>All participants have to sign in at the venue by 5 pm on the 29th of March, even if they have pre-registered online!</p> <p>The playing hall opens at 3 pm.</p> |
| Tournament mode: | 9 rounds Swiss-System, computer pairing, 2h for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game. Tolerance for late arrival is 30 mins or you forfeit the game (for the 1st round there may be a different time tolerance announced). |
| Ratings: | <p>The tournaments will be rated nationally and internationally (ELO)</p> <p>The A-Open offers the chance to play for IM/GM norms.</p> |
| Players without national or international rating (ELO) | <p>Foreign chess players without a rating are required to have a written statement from their chess federation citing their playing strength.</p> <p>The tournament director will decide in which category German players without a club membership or rating are allowed to play (please pre-register).</p> |

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| Prizes: | All prizes are guaranteed. Each player can only win one prize. In case of a tie in the A-Open, the prize money will be determined by "Hort-System". In B and C-Open, special and rating prizes will be decided by "Buchholz" (no sharing of prizes). Special prizes will only be paid out if there are at least five participants in each category. To receive any prize money you must be present at the award ceremony. Prize money for foreigners without permanent German residency will be taxed according to the German income tax law (EStG). |
| Registration: | Please transfer the entry fee on the account of Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. IBAN DE65 6625 0030 0030 2291 40 BIC SOLADES1BAD by the 23 rd March 2018. In your bank transfer please write in „reason of transfer“ your name, date of birth and club name. |
| Accommodation: | Karlsruhe offers a variety of accommodation possibilities. Please check an Internet booking site to find a room or apartment that suits your needs. The hotels closest to the Congress Centre are the Novotel and the Achat hotel. For further information on Karlsruhe tourism go to www.karlsruhe-tourismus.de . |
| Arbiters: | Jens Wolter, International Arbiter Daniel Fuchs, International Arbiter Bernhard Ast, FIDE-Arbiter Dirk Husemann, FIDE-Arbiter Sven Noppes, FIDE-Arbiter Michael Rütten, FIDE-Arbiter Andreas Warsitz, FIDE-Arbiter Achim Jooss, National Arbiter |
| Information: | Tournament director Sven Noppes Mobile: + 49 172/7258738 E-Mail: td@grenkechessopen.de Internet: www.grenkechessopen.de |
| Organizer: | Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. Chairman: FM Christian Bossert, Managing Director: Dr. Mario Ziegler |
| Total prize pool: | 60.000 EUR |
| A-Open (for Players national rating/ELO >1850) | |
| Prize pool: | 54.000 EUR |
| Prizes: | 15.000 EUR + Trophy, 10.000 EUR, 7.000 EUR, 5.000 EUR, 3.000 EUR, 2.000 EUR, 1.500 EUR, 1.000 EUR, 700 EUR, 500 EUR, 400 EUR, 300 EUR, 250 EUR, 200 EUR, 150 EUR, 100 EUR |
| Special prizes: | Team prize (4 players from the same club): 300 EUR, 200 EUR, 100 |

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| | <p>EUR Seniors: (1958 and older): 500 EUR Women: 2.500 EUR, 1.500 EUR, 1.000 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2350-2201: 200 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2200-2101: 200 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2100-2001: 200 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2000-1801: 200 EUR</p> |
| Entry fee: | <p>Adults 65 EUR Players born 1998 and younger 45 EUR Players born 2004 and younger 30 EUR Registration by Friday 23rd March 2018. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (70/50/35). Free entry for GM/IM/WGM/WIM</p> |
| <p>B-Open (for players national rating/ELO < 2000)</p> | |
| Prize pool: | 5.000 EUR |
| Prizes: | 1.500 EUR + Trophy, 1.000 EUR, 500 EUR, 300 EUR, 200 EUR, 100 EUR, 50 EUR |
| Special prizes: | <p>Team prize (4 players from the same club): 200 EUR, 150 EUR, 100 EUR Best student (born 2004 and younger): 150 EUR Best seniors (born 1958 and older): 150 EUR Best woman: 150 EUR ELO/DWZ 1700-1551: 150 EUR ELO/DWZ 1550-1: 150 EUR Biggest rating gain: 150 EUR (according to the preliminary results before the prize giving)</p> |
| Entry fee: | <p>Adults 50 EUR Players born 1998 and younger 35 EUR Players born 2004 and younger 25 EUR Registration by Friday 23rd March 2018. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (55/40/30)</p> |
| <p>C-Open (for Players national rating /ELO <1400 or without rating)</p> | |
| Prize pool: | 1.000 EUR |
| Prizes: | 500 EUR + Trophy, 300 EUR, 100 EUR |
| Special prizes: | <p>ELO/DWZ 1100-1: 50 EUR Biggest rating gain : 50 EUR (according to the preliminary results before the prize giving)</p> |

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| Entry fee: | Adults 30 EUR Players born 1998 and younger 25 EUR Players born 2004 and younger 20 EUR Registration by Friday 23 rd March 2018. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (35/30/25) |
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