
CZECH OPEN 2026

24th International Draughts Tournament

part of the 37th International Chess and Games Festival
17th – 19th July 2026 Pardubice, the Czech Republic

Organizer: AVE CHESS z.s. in cooperation with Czech Federation of Draughts

Tournament director: RNDr. Lumir Gatnar

17th July 2026: A) international tournament in FRYSK – Frisian Draughts Endings - 2nd EDITION – „a lot of fun yet serious game for grandmasters“, very low percentage of draws, chances to win even against material superiority, almost no theory, open chances even for total beginners, famous chess GMI Vasil Ivančuk shared 3rd place in the WC in Frisian Franeker on 8th March 2026; **part of 3D triathlon (3 variations of draughts)**

Right of participation: players without age and performance limitations

Game rules: see below

Tournament system: upon 8 participants round robin, on more 5 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 10 min + 10s/move

Prize money for FRYSK: 1500 CZK 1st place., 1000 CZK 2nd place, 500 CZK 3rd place

Material prizes for participants

Starting fee: 100 CZK

Discounts on starting fee for players registered by 30th June 2026 at the amount of:

youngsters up to 18 years of age and players over 65 years 50%

other players 25%

Fri 17. 7.	16.00-16.30	registration
	16.30-17.00	Demonstration FRYSK
	17.00–20.00	games
	20.00	results announcement

(time schedule is approximate, playing system and number of rounds could be modified according to the number of players)

Rules of Frisian draughts (100) and FRYSK (5 men on 5 man, basic row)

- The game is played on the international draughts board (100 fields) in such a way, that the field in the left-bottom is dark. The game is played on the dark fields. White starts the game.
- A Man can be moved forward diagonally.
- A Man can jump in 8 directions; diagonally and also horizontally and vertically.
- A Man that reaches the other side will turn to a King. Another Man is put on top of it. (If a Man passes the last line during a strike, it will remain what it was: a Man).
- A King can be moved backward and forward diagonally as far as possible.
- A King can be moved three times in a row; after that the King has to be made free by a jump (If necessary by the same King) or by moving another Man or King. This restriction is cancelled if there are only Kings left in the game.
- A King can jump in 8 directions (also horizontally and vertically). The King does not have to be put right behind the Man that has been jumped over.
- Jumping over more Men takes precedence. Two Men have more value than one King does. One Man has less value than one King does.
- Jumping with a King takes precedence. If a King and a Man can jump over equal value, the King must do jumping; otherwise the higher value takes precedence.
- After jumping, the Men that have been jumped over must be removed from the board. While jumping, one is allowed to move over the same field more than once, but it is not permitted to move twice over the same Man.
- If one has two Kings and the opponent has one King, then the player with two Kings has 7 moves to finish the game. If he cannot win, it is a draw. If neither can win, it is a draw (each player has one King).
- *The game is over (and won) when the opponent has no Man left or cannot move about any longer (he has been locked in).*

18th July 2026: B) open championship in International draughts, part of 3D triathlon (3 variations of draughts)

Right of participation: players without age and performance limitations

Game rules: according to FMJD rules (<http://www.fmjd.org/>) in the version of competition rules of the Czech Draughts Federation (<http://www.damweb.cz/pravidla/mdfull.html>)

Tournament system: upon 10 participants round robin, on more 7 rounds in Swiss system, 25min + 10s/move

Material prizes for participants

Starting fee: 8.5 EUR

Discounts on starting fee for players registered by 30th June 2026 at the amount of:

youngsters up to 18 years of age and players over 65 years 50%

other players 25%

Schedule:

Sat 18. 7.	09.00–09.45	registration
	10.00–12.30	Rounds 1 to 3
	13.30–17.00	Rounds 4 to 7
	17.30	results announcement

(time schedule is approximate, playing system and number of rounds could be modified according to the number of players)

19th July 2026: C) open championship in Czech draughts, part of 3D triathlon (3 variations of draughts)

Right of participation: players without age and performance limitations

Game rules: according to rules of Czech Draughts Federation (<http://www.damweb.cz/pravidla/cdfull.html>)

Tournament system: upon 10 participants round robin, on more 7 rounds in Swiss system, 20min + 5s/move for each participant

Material prizes for participants

Starting fee: 8.5 EUR

Discounts on starting fee for players registered by 30th June 2026 at the amount of:

youngsters up to 18 years of age and players over 65 years 50%

other players 25%

Schedule:

Sun 19. 7.	9.00–09.45	registration
	10.00–12.30	1 st - 3 rd round
	13.30–17.00	4 th - 7 th round
	17.30	results announcement

(time schedule is approximate, playing system and number of rounds could be modified according to the number of players)

17.–19. 7. 2026: triathlon 3D (3 variations of draughts game)

Right of participation: players without age and performance limitations

Points given in individual competitions:

1. place 15 points
2. place 12 points
3. place 10 points
4. place 8 points
5. place 7 points
6. place 6 points
7. place 5 points
8. place 4 points
9. place 3 points
10. place 2 points
11. place 1 point

Minimum number of participants in any competition is four. (first place 15, second place 12, third place 10, fourth place 8 pts etc.), if less than 4 participants, not classified.

Criteria:

- * highest number of points
- * highest point percentage
- * better place in any of 3D tournaments
- * better place in a tournament with highest number of participants
- * better place in FRYSK
- * barrage in FRYSK till first win, time 3 min + 2 s/move

Prize money for 3D triathlon: 1500 CZK 1st place., 1000 CZK 2nd place, 500 CZK 3rd place

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation facilities (everywhere Wi-Fi free of charge)	distance from the playing hall	shower + WC	Reception Breakfast	price for 1 night
University of Pardubice Dormitory **	1.2 km		till 22.00	
1-bed rooms classic * - block A, B		on the floor	no	34 EUR / room
2-bed rooms classic * - block A, B		on the floor	no	19 EUR / bed
1-bed rooms units ** - block A, B		for 2 rooms	no	40.5 EUR / room
1-bed apartments with a kitchenette ** - block C		yes	no	51 EUR / room
2-bed apartments with a kitchenette ** - block C		yes	no	60 EUR / room
Hurka hotel **	4 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms with a kitchenette for 2 rooms		for 2 rooms	no	32 EUR / room
2,3-bed rooms with a kitchenette for 2 rooms		for 2 rooms	no	21.5 EUR / bed
Kristl hotel ** garni	1.8 km		till 20.00	
(from 17 July)				
1-bed rooms		for 2 rooms	no	38.5 EUR / room
2,3-bed rooms		for 2 rooms	no	27.5 EUR / bed
Trim hotel ***	3.3 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms		yes	no	51 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	no	85 EUR / room
1-bed rooms		for 2 rooms	no	42.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		for 2 rooms	no	55.5 EUR / room
3-bed rooms		for 2 rooms	no	72.5 EUR / room
Arnost hotel *** garni	1 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms with a kitchenette		yes	no	55.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with a kitchenette or a balcony		yes	no	72.5 EUR / room
3-bed rooms with a kitchenette		yes	no	98 EUR / room

4-bed apartments with a kitchenette		yes	no	127.5 EUR / room
Zlata stika hotel ***	1.2 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms		yes	yes	68 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
3-bed rooms		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
Labe hotel ***	300 m		nonstop	
1-bed rooms		yes	yes	59.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	yes	68 EUR / room
3-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
1-bed rooms new ***+		yes	yes	70 EUR / room
2-bed rooms new ***+		yes	yes	78.5 EUR / room
Stare easy hotel ***+	1 km		till 22.00	
1-bed rooms		yes	yes	68 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	81 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	98 EUR / room
Austria guest house ***+	800 m		till 22.00	
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	76.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	93.5 EUR / room
3-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
2-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	106.5 EUR / room
3-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	132 EUR / room
4-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	161.5 EUR / room
Euro hotel ****	1.4 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	106.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
3-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	149 EUR / room

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the municipal fee in the amount of 30 CZK / night (~ 1.25 EUR) upon arrival at the reception.

OTHER INFORMATION

Complete on-line your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 30th June 2026 on <https://www.czechopen.net/en/information/applications> or send them by e-mail to office@avechess.cz.

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), **CZK** (in the rate 23.5:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) **or USD or by debit and credit cards:** Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club. The organizer can ask for the advance payment with some kinds of accommodation.

Playing halls, place of registration, accommodation and secretariat: enteria arena (ice hockey stadium), Sukova trida 1735, Pardubice

Transport: connection from the railway station by trolleybus no. 3 or bus no. 10, 16, 17 (4th stop).

Refreshments: festival party tent

Internet: during the whole festival wireless Internet access available free of charge

More detailed information at the internet festival web site www.czechopen.net/en

Interesting things: Facebook – [AVE CHESS](#), [Czech Open EN](#), Instagram – [AVE CHESS](#)

By participating in the tournament, the player gives the organizer the right to take photos and videos with his person and to use them.

Contact to the organizer: AVE CHESS z.s., tel. + 420 - 466 535 200; mobile phone + 420 – 608 203 007, e-mail: office@avechess.cz.