CZECH OPEN 2025

6th International FOLKY® Game Open Tournament

as part of the 36th International Festival of Chess and Games Pardubice 17. 7. – 3. 8. 2025

Venue: Congress Center IDEON, Jiráskova 1963, 53002 Pardubice, Czech Republic

Organizer: AVE CHESS z.s.

Festival Director: IO Jan Mazuch

Free Play – FOLKY® and Quartino games

Game Presentation and Quick Course: July 17–18, 2025 and July 23–25, 2025, from 17:00 to 19:00

Open Tournament in FOLKY® 26.7.2025, 9:00–15:30

Basic Information About the Game: FOLKY® is an abstract game developed in the Czech Republic. It combines principles of chess and the game GO. It uses certain chess pieces and a chessboard. The game is intended for all chess players and lovers of abstract board games who wish to test their combinational skills and imagination.

Game rules: https://www.folky.cz/rules

Example Games vs AI: https://www.folky.cz/replay/46454

https://www.folky.cz/replay/373825, https://www.folky.cz/replay/425326

Tournament Director: Petr Doubek

Right of participation: Open to all players, with no age or skill restrictions

Registration: until June 30, 2025 online at

https://www.czechopen.net/en/information/applications/applications-games

Time Control: 2x 20 minutes + 15 seconds / move

Tournament System: Swiss system

Material Prizes for Participants

Entry Fee: 100 CZK per player

Schedule:

Saturday, July 26, 2025	9:00	Registration
	9:30 – 15:00	1. – 7. round
	15:30	Award Ceremony

(The schedule is approximate and may be adjusted based on the number of participants.)

FOLKY® Game Rules Summary

- Played on a standard 8×8 chessboard
- Uses rooks, knights, bishops, and pawns
- Pieces start in standard chess positions and move as in chess
- Pawns are not on the board at the start
- No piece captures; pieces can only move to empty squares
- The goal is to place pawns on the board
- A pawn can be placed only on an empty square targeted by at least three of your own pieces
- Once placed, pawns do not move, do not threaten any square, and simply block it
- The winner is the first player to place all eight of their pawns on the board