

CZECH OPEN 2026

17th Mancala & Abstract Games Festival

Part of 37th International Chess and Games Festival

Pardubice 16th July - 2nd August 2026

Organizer: AVE CHESS z.s.

Tournament director and main arbiter: David Kotin

Rules of individual games and other information: <https://www.mankala.cz/>,
<https://www.czechopen.net>

General information:

Registration for all tournaments is until Friday 4pm. Additional registrations are always 15 minutes before the start of the tournament with the main referee.

Entry fee: when registering online for the Czech Open Festival until 30.6.

26 EUR - When paying this amount, you have the opportunity to play all tournaments from this section

8,50 EUR - When paying this amount, you have the opportunity to play one tournament from this section

When registering online after 30.6. or without online registration, there is a surcharge of 6 EUR when participating in 2 or more tournaments, 2 EUR when participating in 1 tournament.

25% discount for foreign players under 18, 25% discount for seniors over 65, 50% discount for Czech players under 18

The results of all mancala tournaments played from 17.7. to 20.7. will be announced on Monday 20.7. at 6pm

A) MANKALA - TogyzQumalaQ World Cup & Open classic - July 17

System: Swiss, 6 rounds

Time per player: 45 min + 5s per move

Participation limit: 2 men and 2 women / country for the World Cup. Players over the limit play in the Open tournament.

Time schedule:

Friday 17.7. – 1st and 2nd round 4pm – 8pm

Saturday 18.7. – 3rd and 4th round 4pm – 8pm

Sunday 19.7. – 5th and 6th round 4pm – 8pm

B) MANKALA – TogyzQumalaQ World Cup & Open rapid – July 18

System: Swiss, 6 rounds

Time per player: 15 min + 5s per move

Participation limit: 2 men and 2 women / country for the World Cup. Players over the limit play in the Open tournament.

Timetable:

Saturday 18.7. 9am – 4pm

C) MANKALA – TogyzQumalaQ World Cup blitz – July 19

System: Swiss, 9 rounds

Time per player: 5 min + 2s per move

Participation limit: no limit

Timetable:

Sunday 19.7. 9am – 12am

D) ABSTRACT GAMES – Othello – July 19

System: to be determined on site according to the number of participants

Time per player: 20 min

Participation limit: no limit

Timetable:

Sunday 19.7. 1pm – 4pm

E) MANKALA – Bestemshe – July 20

System: will be determined on site according to the number of participants

Time per player: 5 min + 2s per move

Participation restrictions: no restrictions

Time schedule:

Monday 20.7. 9am – 11am

F) MANKALA – Mangala – July 20

System: will be determined on site according to the number of participants

Time per player: 5 min + 2s per move

Participation restrictions: no restrictions

Time schedule:

Monday 20.7. 11am – 13am

G) MANKALA – Oware – July 20

System: will be determined on site according to the number of participants

Time per player: 10 min + 2s per move

Participation restrictions: no restrictions

Time schedule:

Monday 20.7. 2pm – 5pm

H) Free play of abstract and mancala games

Any time between 17th and 20th July, on other days according to the organizers' current availability.

The organizer reserves the right to change the program.