
CZECH OPEN 2026

9th Competition in Solving Sudoku and Logical Puzzles

part of the 37th International Chess and Games Festival
18th July 2026 Pardubice, Czech Republic

Organizer: AVE CHESS z.s.

Festival director: Karel Sterba

Schedule:

Saturday 18 th July	10.00–10.25	registration
	10.30–12.30	puzzle tournament categories A/B – 2 rounds
	13.30–15.30	sudoku tournament categories A/B – 2 rounds
	16.30–16.45	prize Giving

Starting fee: 6,5 EUR

Late registrations: Those players whose application will be registered after 30th of June 2026 will pay additional charge of 2 EUR for each competition.

Material prizes in all four tournaments.

BASIC INFORMATION

- There are two separate competitions, a competition in solving sudoku and a competition in solving logical puzzles, both held in category A and B.
- Anyone can participate without age and performance limitations (the category A contains harder puzzles designated for experienced players, the category B is more beginner-friendly).
- Logic competition offer wide scale of puzzles, the basic types includes a principles of number placement (Kakuro, Sudoku), object placement (Battleships, Starbattle), shading (Tapa, Nurikabe), region division (Shikaku, Fillomino), loops/paths (Masyu, Slitherlink) and others.
- Sudoku is one of the logical puzzles, the principle is to place numbers into the given grid so that they do not repeat in any rows, columns and outlined regions. In addition to this classical version there are sudoku variants where numbers in cells have to comply with other given conditions (sums, parities, extraregions, bigger/smaller etc. and also combinations of sudoku with other logical puzzles). Thanks to popularity of sudoku and its basic principles, the competitions devoted only to sudoku solving were separated (from other logical puzzles) as a worldwide trend.
- The way to find a solution in logical puzzles does not require knowledge of foreign language (competition booklets are prepared in Czech as well as in English language).

- The competitor will be given a set of puzzles which he/she solves within given time limit.
- For each correctly solved puzzle the competitor will get the predetermined number of points (depending on the difficulty of the puzzle).
- If the competitor solves correctly all puzzles within the given time limit, he/she gets time bonus for each minute saved.
- Criterion used for competition ranking is the total number of points in two rounds.
- HALAS – Czech Puzzle Association organizes the sudoku nad logical puzzle competitions every year incl. Czech Sudoku Championship and Czech Puzzle Championship.

DETAILED RULES

Competition process

The organizer will announce in advance tournament schedule and special conditions.

The player must arrive on time, sign in at the registration desk and take a seat. The seat is either individual or the table is separated by a partition.

The organizer opens the competition, subsequently introduces tournament rules, scoring system and person appointed as the tournament referee.

Prior to each of the competition round the organizer will announce time limit and time bonus for submission before the time limit. The organizer will distribute the competition booklets and make sure that puzzles are not visible before the start of the round.

During each individual round competitors must remain silent not disturbing other competitors. It is strictly forbidden to use any electronic devices.

The organizer keeps an eye on the time throughout the competition rounds, reminds competitors its remaining amount in a respectful way, and gives the signal when the time is over. After that, the competitor has to stop solving immediately, otherwise he/she may face disqualification.

If the player is sure that some puzzle has no solution within the given set of rules, he/she can get full credit of points by clear indicating that the puzzle is not valid next to it. If some puzzle has more than one valid solution, full points will be awarded for any solution that satisfies the given set of rules.

Booklets checking and dealing with protests

Players are asked for re-checking their competition booklets which were handed them out after the evaluation by the organizer. They are allowed to make an objection if they find their booklets evaluated incorrectly. The deadline for players' objections is up to 10 minutes following the distribution of booklets from the last competition round.

If the protesting player is not satisfied with the verdict of the organizer, the matter will be passed to the tournament referee. The referee will decide either alone or is allowed to cooperate with a committee consisted of experienced players formed by himself/herself.

If the protesting player is not even satisfied with the verdict of the tournament referee, he/she can file a protest to the board of the HALAS - Czech Puzzle Association. The board has to make a decision in 10 days and inform about it both the player and the organizer. If its decision affects tournament results, all players will be informed on the website of HALAS - Czech Puzzle Association.

Scoring and ranking

The cover page of the competition booklet should contain a list of puzzles in that round and their points distribution. The points value of each puzzle is also written next to the puzzle.

The tournament ranking is determined by the sum of points awarded for correctly solved puzzles in all rounds and bonus points for submission before the time limit.

If the competition is called in category A and B, the tournament ranking will be determined for both of them. Category A tends to be aimed at experienced players, whereas category B is intended for less experienced players and newcomers.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation facilities (everywhere Wi-Fi free of charge)	distance from the playing hall	shower + WC	Reception	price for 1 night
			Breakfast	
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 (from 17 July)	1.8 km		till 20.00	
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 casy 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.

In the application, also specify the competition, e.g. „sudoku A + logic B“.

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](https://www.facebook.com/AVECHESS), [Czech Open EN](https://www.czechopen.net/en), Instagram – [AVE CHESS](https://www.instagram.com/AVECHESS)

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.