

The world's largest open tournament 2025 is back!

# grenke Chess Open in Karlsruhe

Date:	17th – 21st April 2025 (Easter)	
Venue:	Congress Center Karlsruhe, Schwarzwaldhalle, Festplatz 5, 76137 Karlsruhe	
Schedule:	Opening and Round 1: Thursday, 17th April 2025 approx. 18:30 Round 2: Friday, 18th April 2025 at 10:00 Round 3: Friday, 18th April 2025, at 16:00 Round 4: Saturday, 19th April 2025 at 10:00 Round 5: Saturday, 19th April 2025 at 16:00 Round 6: Sunday, 20th April 2025 at 10:00 Round 7: Sunday, 20th April 2025 at 16:00 Round 8: Monday, 21st April 2025 at 10:00 Round 9: Monday, 21st April 2025 at 16:00 Awards Ceremony following the final round	
Registration Deadline:	All participants must confirm their participation on <b>17th April by 17:00</b> on-site or through online check-in (even if pre-registered)! The playing venue opens at <b>15:00</b>	
Format:	<b>9 Rounds Swiss System</b> , computer pairing with Swiss Chess <b>Time Control:</b> 90 minutes for the game + 30 seconds per move From the 2nd till the 5th round, it's possible to once <b>switch to the grenke Freestyle Chess Open</b> . The switch must be registered before the pairing of the respective round. Points earned in the grenke Chess Open will be carried over. <b>Default time:</b> 30 minutes (For Round 1, the default time will be announced at the opening)	
<b>Total Prize Fund: €70,000</b>		
<b>A-Open</b> (for players with DWZ or ELO greater than 1950)		
Prize Fund:	60.250 EUR	
Prizes:	1. €20,000 + Trophy 2. €10,000 3. €7,000 4. €5,000 5. €3,000 6. €2,000 7. €1,500	9. €700 10. €500 11. €400 12. €300 13. €250 14. €200 15. €150

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Special Prizes:	Team (4 players from the same club): €300, €200, €100 Best Woman: €3,000, €2,000, €1,000 Best Senior (born in 1965 or earlier): €750 TWZ 2350-2251: €200 TWZ 2250-2151: €200 TWZ 2150-2051: €200 TWZ 2050-1951: €200	
<b>B-Open</b> (for players with DWZ and ELO less than 2000)		
Prize Fund:	€7,750	
Prizes:	1. €2,000 + Trophy 2. €1,500 3. €1,000 4. €750 5. €500	6. €300 7. €200 8. €100 9. €50
Special Prizes:	Team (4 players from the same club): €200, €150, €100 Best Woman: €150 Best Pupil (born in 2011 or later): €150 Best Senior (born in 1965 or earlier): €150 TWZ 1800-1701: €150 TWZ 1700-1: €150 Largest rating gain (DWZ): €150 (based on preliminary results prior to the prize ceremony)	
<b>C-Open</b> (for players with DWZ less than 1400 and ELO less than 1600)		
Prize Fund:	€2,000	
Prizes:	1. €1,000 + Trophy 2. €500 3. €300 4. €100	
Special Prize:	DWZ 1100-1: €50 Largest rating gain (DWZ): €50 (based on preliminary results prior to the prize ceremony)	
Ratings:	The tournaments will be rated nationally and internationally (ELO). The A-Open offers the chance to play for IM/GM norms.	
Participation:	All participants require a FIDE ID. For more information, please contact your local chess federation. The specified DWZ and Elo limits are binding. The ratings at the start	

	<p>of the tournament determine the group allocation. If a rating limit is exceeded after registration, the player must switch to the corresponding higher tournament.</p> <p>For participation in the A-Open, it is sufficient if the required rating was achieved at least once during the registration period.</p>																
Players without DWZ and Elo Rating:	Foreign players without DWZ (German National Rating) or ELO Rating require a written confirmation of playing strength (e.g. national rating) from their chess federation. For German players without a rating, the tournament director decides on participation in A-, B-, or C-Open (pre-registration requested).																
Prizes:	<p>All prizes are guaranteed. Each player can only win one prize (except team prizes). In the event of a tie, Buchholz will be used as the tiebreaker.</p> <p>The main prizes in the A-Open are distributed according to the Hort system. Special prizes and rating prizes, as well as the prizes in the B- and C-Open, are not shared. Special prizes are awarded only if there are at least 5 participants per category.</p> <p>Rating prizes in the A- and B-Open are awarded based on TWZ. TWZ is the Elo rating if available, otherwise the DWZ rating is used.</p> <p>Attendance at the awards ceremony is mandatory for prize money payouts.</p> <p>Prize money for persons not subject to tax in Germany is handled in accordance with the German Income Tax Act (EStG).</p>																
Registration:	<p><b>Registration online at: <a href="http://grenkechessopen.de">grenkechessopen.de</a></b></p> <p>The entry fee must be transferred to the account of Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. - specified in the registration confirmation - by 11th April 2025. Please make sure to include your name, date of birth, and club in the payment reference.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Entry Fees</th> <th>A-Open</th> <th>B-Open</th> <th>C-Open</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Adults</td> <td>€80</td> <td>€65</td> <td>€45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juniors (born 2005 - 2010)</td> <td>€60</td> <td>€50</td> <td>€40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pupils (born 2011 or later)</td> <td>€45</td> <td>€40</td> <td>€35</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>GM/IM/WGM/WIM in A-Open: Free entry  Late Registration Fee: +10€ for registration or payment after 11th April 2025  <b>On-site Registration: 17th April 2025, until 17:00</b></p>	Entry Fees	A-Open	B-Open	C-Open	Adults	€80	€65	€45	Juniors (born 2005 - 2010)	€60	€50	€40	Pupils (born 2011 or later)	€45	€40	€35
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Arbiters:	<p>Jens Wolter, International Arbiter  Michael Rütten, International Arbiter  Sven Noppes, FIDE Arbiter  WGM Hanna Marie Klek, National Arbiter</p>																
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Organizer :	Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V.																

	Chairman: FM Christian Bossert
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