



**FIDE World Cadet Rapid & Blitz
Championships 2024**
Durrës (Albania)
25 – 29 April, 2024

Invitation letter

1. Invitation

International Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Albanian Chess Federation invite all FIDE member federations and eligible players to participate in the World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Championships 2024. The championships will be held in Durrës (Adriatic Sea-Side). The dates are April 25th (arrivals) to April 29th 2024 (departures).

The playing venue of the tournament will be the official hotel of the Championships Grand Blue FAFA Resort/5-stars.

2. Schedule

**25 April
Thursday**

Arrival Day

**26 April
Friday. Rapid**

10:00 — Technical Meeting
14:30 — Opening Ceremony
15:00 — 1 Round
16:15 — 2 Round
17:30 — 3 Round
18:45 — 4 Round
20:00 — 5 Round

**27 April
Saturday. Rapid**

10:00 — 6 Round
11:15 — 7 Round
12:30 — 8 Round
16:00 — 9 Round
17:15 — 10 Round
18:30 — 11 Round

**28 April
Sunday. Blitz**

10:00 — 1 Round
10:40 — 2 Round
11:20 — 3 Round
12:00 — 4 Round
12:40 — 5 Round
15:00 — 6 Round
15:40 — 7 Round
16:20 — 8 Round
17:00 — 9 Round
17:40 — 10 Round
18:20 — 11 Round
20:30 — Closing Ceremony

**29 April
Monday**

Departure Day

3. Participation

- Each federation can register any number of players.
- A player must not have reached his/her 8th, 10th, 12th, birthday, respectively, before January 1st of the year 2024:
 - Under 8 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2016 and after;
 - Under 10 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2014 and after;
 - Under 12 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2012 and after.
- FIDE-affiliated organizations, as approved by the FIDE Council, also have the right to register players.
- FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies also have the right to register players through their respective National Chess Federation (BCF) with copy to TRG for endorsement.
- The Champions of 2023 World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Championships have personal right to participate in the World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Championships 2024 of the corresponding age category or higher age category, if the above-mentioned age requirements are met. Free accommodation and full board will be provided to all personal right players (12 players in total) from 25 April (lunch) to 29 April (breakfast) sharing a double room. Such players must also be registered through national federations or FIDE affiliated organisations, FIDE- endorsed Chess Academies.

4. Registration

- The deadline for the registration is **February 25th 2024**.
- The Registration fee is 120 EUR for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Tirana International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.
- The **Payment deadline is March 5th 2024**.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations must fully complete the official registration form <https://worldcadetr2024.fide.com/registration> before the registration deadline of **February 25th 2024**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 100 EUR for each late registration will be charged to participants.
- **Every federation must be presented with head of delegation – responsible person for the delegation (appointed by the federation)**. The Head of Delegation must have a FIDE ID.

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

5. FIDE Fee

FIDE fee of 70 EUR (blitz 35 & rapid 35 EUR) for each player shall be paid by FIDE member federations directly to the FIDE bank account.

6. Visa Information

Players and accompanying persons from visa-required countries <https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/regjimi-i-vizave-per-te-huajt/> are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before the 15th of March 2024 and apply on time to the respective Albanian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete Visa applications.

7. Travel from Airport to the Hotel

- The organizer will provide free transport services of all participants to the official hotel on April 25th as well as the departure transfer on April 29th. "Mother Theresa" Tirana International Airport (TIA) is 45 minutes (40 km) from the official hotel. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.

8. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- The reservation will be done on the "First Come, First Served" basis.
- Hotel reservation deadline is February 25th 2024.
- For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2024.
- All players and guests are invited to stay in 5 stars Hotel Grand Blue FAFA Resort with next prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Single	97 EUR
Double	80 EUR
Triple	77 EUR

- Payment deadline for hotels is **March 5th 2024**.
- To ensure the comfort of guests, as well as to save time and effort, players will have their playing venue within the hotel complex.

9. Payments

- After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

- The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is **March 5th 2024**.

Holder	Federata Shqiptare e Shahut
Bank	Raiffeisen
Reference	worldcadetr2024
Account No	0021050488
Iban	AL08202110060000000021050488
Swift Code/BIC	SGSBALTX

- A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

10. Technical Regulations

- The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.

- The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.

- Upon arrival or any time during the event, Head of delegations or players may be required to present passports for verification of players' age eligibility.

- The tournaments will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. If a player doesn't have an existing FIDE rapid and blitz rating, then his/her standard rating will be used, where applicable.

- Time control for the rapid championships will be 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move starting from move one.

- Time control for the blitz championships will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move starting from move one.

- The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) Buchholz cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Number of Games Played with Black (unplayed games count as played with white);
- e) Number of Games Won

11. Additional competition rules

- Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall. During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analysing.

- Only the players, head of delegations and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.

- As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

- It is assumed that all the players have read the Regulations and accept to conform to them. The English text of these Regulations is the authentic version.

12. Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

13. Prizes

Rapid Section

Open 8, 10, 12 and Girls 8, 10, 12

I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 600 EUR
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 450 EUR
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 350 EUR
IV	Diploma, 250 EUR
V	Diploma, 150 EUR

Blitz Section

Open 8, 10, 12 and Girls 8, 10, 12

I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 500 EUR
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 400 EUR
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, 300 EUR
IV	Diploma, 200 EUR
V	Diploma, 100 EUR

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

Prize money will be not shared and will be given according to final rankings after the tie-break.

14. Covid and Health Protocol

The organizers and the participants should follow the official FIDE Health Measures.

15. Electricity

Albania operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

16. Temperature in April

April is spring in Albania and generally an enjoyable time to visit. The average temperature is between 11°C (52°F) and 19°C (66°F).

17. Contact Information

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