



WCF Durres Rapid Challenge

Part of the World Chess Festival 2026-27

Durres, Albania
Friday, 24 April 2026

1. Invitation

The WCF (World Chess Festival) and the Grand Blue Fafa Resort invite players of all age and gender categories to participate in the WCF Durres Rapid Challenge, a rapid chess tournament organised in Durres, Albania on 24 April 2026.

2. WCF Qualifying Event

The WCF Durres Rapid Challenge 2026 is a qualifying event, part of the World Chess Festival 2026-27, providing also ranking points towards determining the overall winner of the World Chess Festival 2026-27 ("WCF Grand-Prix"). The ranking points for each qualifying event, along with money prizes & other rewards, are described in article 6 below. The full regulations of the World Chess Festival 2026-27 are also at <https://WorldChessFestival.com> (link "regulations").

3. Participation & Registration Fee

Participants must register by 22 April 2026 via email: wcf.chess.events@gmail.com The first 80 players will be registered. Additional spots may be allocated upon hall space availability. The entry fee is 10 euros. Players with titles of GM, wGM, IM and wIM do not pay a registration fee.

4. Tournament system and venue

- * 7 rounds, Swiss system, FIDE rated (Rapid).
- * Time control: 10 minutes for the whole game + 5 seconds per move.
- * Tournament hall: Grand Blue Fafa Resort (Long Beach Golem, Durres).
- * Tie-breaks:
 - a) Results of direct encounters between tied players
(applies only if all tied players have played each other)
 - b) Buchholz Cut 1
 - c) Buchholz
 - d) The greater number of games played with black
 - e) The Greater number of wins.

5. Schedule

Friday 24 April	Registration confirmations until -->	13:45
	Opening Ceremony and 1 st round -->	14:00
	Closing Ceremony -->	After the end of the 7th round.

6. Prize Money, WCF Ranking Points & WCF Final Tournament grant

PLACE	PRIZE MONEY (in euros)	WCF RANKING POINTS
<u>1st</u>	€ 200	250
<u>2nd</u>	€ 150	150
<u>3rd</u>	€ 100	100

The winner of the WCF Durres Rapid Challenge is invited to participate in the Final GP Tournament of the World Chess Festival 2026-27 which will be held in the summer of 2027. He/she will be provided with full accommodation and board in a double room.

Only the money prizes and WCF ranking points are shared equally in case of any tied positions.

7. Registration deadline

The registration deadline is Wednesday 22 April and each player must submit his/her full name and FIDE ID number. Upon registration, each participant will receive payment instructions for the entry fee of 10 euros.

The deadline can end earlier if 80 players register before 22 April.

All registrations should be sent by email: wcf.chess.events@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you in Durres!



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