

The largest chess open in Germany goes chess festival!
GRENKE Chess Open in Karlsruhe

At the same playing venue as the GRENKE Chess Classic
 (GM-Tournament with World Champion Magnus Carlsen,
 Fabiano Caruana, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Levon Aronian,
 Arkadij Naiditsch, Hou Yifan, Matthias Blübaum, Georg Meier)

When:	13. – 17. of April 2017 (Easter)
Playing venue:	<p>Congress Centre Karlsruhe, Schwarzwaldhalle, Festplatz 3 in 76133 Karlsruhe, Germany.</p> <p>The Congress Centre Karlsruhe is one of the largest venues in Germany, offering a spacious hall for players, and is easy to reach being located in the city centre. Over 1,000 car parks are available for a fee. You can get to the congress centre from four airports: Airpark Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden (approx. 30 mins by car), international airport Frankfurt/Main or the airports Stuttgart and Straßburg (France) (approx. 50–60 mins by car). Karlsruhe is located at an important traffic junction and is easy to reach from all directions via highways A5, A8 or A65 stretching around the city. Karlsruhe is a transport hub for ICE, TGV, IC and EC train connections. The railway station also has an international bus station and is in walking distance to the Congress Centre. There are also tram and bus connections to the city centre. For information on Karlsruhe local transport go to http://en.kvv.de.</p>
Schedule:	<p>Opening and 1st round: Thursday, 13. April 2017 approx. 6.30 pm</p> <p>2nd round: Friday, 14. April 2017 at 9 am</p> <p>3rd round: Friday, 14. April 2017 at 3 pm</p> <p>4th round: Saturday, 15. April 2017 at 9 am</p> <p>5th round: Saturday, 15. April 2017 at 3 pm</p> <p>6th round: Sunday, 16. April 2017 at 9 am</p> <p>7th round: Sunday, 16. April 2017 at 3 pm</p> <p>8th round: Monday, 17. April 2017 at 9 am</p> <p>9th round: Monday, 17. April 2017 at 3 pm</p> <p>Award ceremony: After the last round</p>
Check-in:	<p>All participants have to sign in at the venue by 5 pm on the 13th of April, even if they have pre-registered online!</p> <p>The playing hall opens at 3 pm.</p>
Tournament mode:	<p>9 rounds Swiss-System, computer pairing, 2h for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game. Tolerance for late arrival is 30 mins or you forfeit the game (for the 1st round there may be a different time tolerance announced).</p>

Ratings:	The tournaments will be rated nationally and internationally (ELO) The A-Open offers the chance to play for IM/GM norms.
Players without national or international rating (ELO)	Foreign chess players without a rating are required to have a written statement from their chess federation citing their playing strength. The tournament director will decide in which category German players without a club membership or rating are allowed to play (please pre-register).
Prizes:	All prizes are guaranteed. Each player can only win 1 prize. In case of a tie in the A-Open, the prize money will be determined by "Hort-System". In B and C-Open, special and rating prizes will be decided by "Buchholz" (no sharing of prizes). Special prizes will only be paid out if there are at least 5 participants in each category. To receive any prize money you must be present at the award ceremony. Prize money for foreigners without permanent German residency will be taxed according to the German income tax law (EStG).
Registration:	Please transfer the entry fee on the account of Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. IBAN DE65 6625 0030 0030 2291 40 BIC SOLADES1BAD by the 7th of April 2017. In your bank transfer please write in „reason of transfer“ your name, date of birth and club name.
Accommodation:	Karlsruhe offers a variety of accommodation possibilities. Please check an Internet booking site to find a room or apartment that suits your needs. The hotels closest to the Congress Centre are the Novotel and the Achat hotel. For further information on Karlsruhe tourism go to www.karlsruhe-tourismus.de .
Arbiters:	Jens Wolter, International Arbiter Daniel Fuchs, International Arbiter Bernhard Ast, FIDE-Arbiter Dirk Husemann, FIDE-Arbiter Michael Rütten, FIDE-Arbiter Andreas Warsitz, FIDE-Arbiter Sven Noppes, FIDE-Arbiter GM Roland Schmaltz, Regional Arbiter
Information:	Tournament director Sven Noppes Mobile: + 49 172/7258738 E-Mail: td@grenkechessopen.de Internet: www.grenkechessopen.de
Organizer:	Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. Chairman: FM Christian Bossert, Managing Director: GM Roland

	Schmaltz
Total prize pool:	40.800 EUR
A-Open (for Players national rating/ELO >= 1800)	
Prize pool:	37.000 EUR
Prizes:	10.000 EUR + Trophy, 7.000 EUR, 5.000 EUR, 3.000 EUR, 2.000 EUR, 1.500 EUR, 1.000 EUR, 750 EUR, 500 EUR, 400 EUR, 300 EUR, 250 EUR, 200 EUR, 150 EUR, 100 EUR
Special prizes:	Team prize (4 players from the same club): 200 EUR, 150 EUR, 100 EUR Seniors: (1957 and older): 300 EUR Women: 2.000 EUR, 1.000 EUR, 500 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2350-2201: 150 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2200-2101: 150 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2100-2001: 150 EUR Rating ELO/DWZ 2000-1801: 150 EUR
Entry fee:	Adults 65 EUR Players born 1997 and younger 45 EUR Players born 2003 and younger 30 EUR Registration by Friday 7th of April 2017. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (70/50/35). Free entry for GM/IM/WGM/WIM
B-Open (for players national rating/ELO <= 2000)	
Prize pool:	3.200 EUR
Prizes:	1.000 EUR + Trophy, 500 EUR, 300 EUR, 200 EUR, 100 EUR, 50 EUR
Special prizes:	Team prize (4 players from the same club): 200 EUR, 150 EUR, 100 EUR Best student (born 2003 and younger): 100 EUR Best seniors (born 1957 and older): 100 EUR

	<p>Best woman: 100 EUR</p> <p>ELO/DWZ 1700-1551: 100 EUR</p> <p>ELO/DWZ 1550-1: 100 EUR</p> <p>Biggest rating gain: 100 EUR (according to the preliminary results before the prize giving)</p>
Entry fee:	<p>Adults 50 EUR</p> <p>Players born 1997 and younger 35 EUR</p> <p>Players born 2003 and younger 25 EUR</p> <p>Registration by Friday 7th of April 2017. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (55/40/30)</p>
<p>C-Open (for Players national rating /ELO <= 1400 or without rating)</p>	
Prize pool:	600 EUR
Prizes:	250 EUR + Trophy, 150 EUR, 100 EUR
Special prizes:	<p>ELO/DWZ 1100-1: 50 EUR</p> <p>Biggest rating gain : 50 EUR (according to the preliminary results before the prize giving)</p>
Entry fee:	<p>Adults 30 EUR</p> <p>Players born 1997 and younger 25 EUR</p> <p>Players born 2003 and younger 20 EUR</p> <p>Registration by Friday 7th of April 2017. After that date registration will be +5 EUR = (35/30/25)</p>