

The world's largest open – 2024, 2025, and now back again this year!

grenke Chess Open in Karlsruhe

Date:	2nd – 6th April 2026 (Easter)	
Venue:	Congress Center Karlsruhe, Schwarzwaldhalle, Festplatz 5, 76137 Karlsruhe	
Schedule:	Opening and Round 1: Thursday, 2nd April 2026 approx. 18:30 Round 2: Friday, 3rd April 2026 at 10:00 Round 3: Friday, 3rd April 2026, at 16:00 Round 4: Saturday, 4th April 2026 at 10:00 Round 5: Saturday, 4th April 2026 at 16:00 Round 6: Sunday, 5th April 2026 at 10:00 Round 7: Sunday, 5th April 2026 at 16:00 Round 8: Monday, 6th April 2026 at 10:00 Round 9: Monday, 6th April 2026 at 16:00 Awards Ceremony following the final round	
Registration Deadline:	All participants must confirm their participation on 2nd April by 17:00 on-site or through online check-in (even if pre-registered)! The playing venue opens at 15:00	
Format:	9 Rounds Swiss System , computer pairing with Swiss Chess Time Control: 90 minutes for the game + 30 seconds per move A one-time transfer from the grenke Chess Open to the grenke Freestyle Chess Open is permitted up to Round 5. The transfer must be registered before the pairing of the respective round. Points earned in the grenke Chess Open will be carried over. Players who transfer to the Freestyle A-Open are not eligible for prizes there . Default time: 30 minutes (For Round 1, the default time will be announced at the opening)	
Total Prize Fund: EUR 70,000		
A-Open (for players with DWZ or ELO greater than 1950)		
Prize Fund:	EUR 60,250	
Prizes:	1. EUR 20,000 + Trophy 2. EUR 10,000 3. EUR 7,000 4. EUR 5,000 5. EUR 3,000 6. EUR 2,000 7. EUR 1,500	9. EUR 700 10. EUR 500 11. EUR 400 12. EUR 300 13. EUR 250 14. EUR 200 15. EUR 150

	8. EUR 1,000	16. EUR 100
Special Prizes:	Team (4 players from the same club): EUR 300, EUR 200, EUR 100 Best Woman: EUR 3,000, EUR 2,000, EUR 1,000 Best Senior (born in 1966 or earlier): EUR 750 TWZ 2350-2251: EUR 200 TWZ 2250-2151: EUR 200 TWZ 2150-2051: EUR 200 TWZ 2050-1951: EUR 200	
B-Open (for players with DWZ and ELO less than 2000)		
Prize Fund:	EUR 7,750	
Prizes:	1. EUR 2,000 + Trophy 2. EUR 1,500 3. EUR 1,000 4. EUR 750 5. EUR 500	6. EUR 300 7. EUR 200 8. EUR 100 9. EUR 50
Special Prizes:	Team (4 players from the same club): EUR 200, EUR 150, EUR 100 Best Woman: EUR 150 Best Pupil (born in 2011 or later): EUR 150 Best Senior (born in 1965 or earlier): EUR 150 TWZ 1800-1701: EUR 150 TWZ 1700-1: EUR 150 Largest rating gain (DWZ): EUR 150 (based on preliminary results prior to the awards ceremony)	
C-Open (for players with DWZ less than 1400 and ELO less than 1600)		
Prize Fund:	EUR 2,000	
Prizes:	1. EUR 500 + Trophy 2. EUR 400 3. EUR 300 4. EUR 200 5. EUR 100	
Special Prizes:	Best Team (4 players from the same club): EUR 100 Best Woman: EUR 100 Best Pupil (born in 2012 or later): EUR 100 Best Senior (born in 1966 or earlier): EUR 100 DWZ 1100-1: EUR 50 Largest rating gain (DWZ): EUR 50 (based on preliminary results prior to the awards ceremony)	
Ratings:	The tournaments will be rated nationally and internationally (ELO).	

	The A-Open offers the chance to play for IM/GM norms.																
Participation:	<p>All participants require a FIDE-ID. For more information, please contact your local chess federation.</p> <p>The stated DWZ and Elo limits are binding. The ratings at the start of the event 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:	For players without a rating, the tournament director will decide on participation in the A-, B-, or C-Open (pre-registration required).																
Prizes:	<p>All prizes are guaranteed. Each player may win only one prize (except for team prizes). In the event of a tie, Buchholz shall 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 five 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>Prize money is paid by bank transfer. Attendance at the awards ceremony is mandatory for main prize winners.</p> <p>Prize money for persons not subject to tax in Germany will be handled in accordance with the German Income Tax Act (EStG).</p>																
Chess Tigers Gold Tour:	<p>The grenke Freestyle Chess Open is part of the Chess Tigers Gold Tour, a tournament series combining competitive chess with outstanding prizes. For each full point scored at an official Gold Tour event, eligible players receive one Tiger Gold ticket. All tickets are automatically entered into the end-of-year raffle with top-tier prizes. Players exempt from the entry fee (e.g. GMs) are not eligible to receive Tiger Gold tickets.</p> <p>More information: Chess Tigers Gold Tour</p>																
Registration:	<p>Registration online at: grenkechessopen.de</p> <p>The entry fee must be transferred to the account of Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. - specified in the registration confirmation - by 27th March 2026. 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>EUR 95</td> <td>EUR 80</td> <td>EUR 60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Juniors (born 2006 - 2011)</td> <td>EUR 70</td> <td>EUR 60</td> <td>EUR 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pupils (born 2012 or later)</td> <td>EUR 55</td> <td>EUR 50</td> <td>EUR 45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>GM/IM/WGM/WIM in A-Open: Free entry</p> <p>Late Registration Fee: + EUR 10 for registration or payment after 27th March 2026</p> <p>In the event of non-participation, a refund will be issued less a processing fee of EUR 20.</p> <p>On-site Registration: 2nd April 2026, until 17:00</p>	Entry Fees	A-Open	B-Open	C-Open	Adults	EUR 95	EUR 80	EUR 60	Juniors (born 2006 - 2011)	EUR 70	EUR 60	EUR 50	Pupils (born 2012 or later)	EUR 55	EUR 50	EUR 45
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<p>Partner hotel:</p>	<p>As part of the Chess Tigers Gold Program, hotel rooms at Motel One Karlsruhe can be booked at special rates via the online tournament registration form on grenkechessopen.de</p> <p>During the tournament days, Chess Tigers will organize an additional social program at Motel One, including live commentary and broadcasts, blitz and tandem chess with titled players, and the Chess Skybar.</p> <p>Room rates per night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room without breakfast: EUR 79.90 • Single room with breakfast: EUR 89.90 • Double room without breakfast: EUR 89.90 • Double room with breakfast: EUR 99.90 <p>In addition, the City of Karlsruhe charges a city tax of EUR 4.00 per night and per person.</p>
<p>Information:</p>	<p>Tournament Director: Sven Noppes Mobile: +49 172 7258738 Email: td@grenkechessopen.de Website: www.grenkechessopen.de</p>
<p>Organizer :</p>	<p>Schachzentrum Baden-Baden e.V. Chairman: FM Christian Bossert</p>