



**LAKE QUEEN 2026
YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL
- RISING STARS -
Hotel Drim, STRUGA
5 – 8 September 2026.**

 GENERAL REGULATIONS

 1. Invitation

 **Chess Club "Youth Chess School" Struga** is pleased to invite all young chess players to participate in the **7th International Youth Chess Festival "Lake Queen" 2026 – RISING STARS**, to be held at **Hotel Drim, Struga, (North Macedonia)** from **5–8 September 2026**.

 2. Eligibility for Participation

 The tournaments are divided into age categories:

- **A** Tournament – U20 (players born in 2006 or later)
- **B** Tournament – U16 (players born in 2010 or later)
- **C** Tournament – U12 (players born in 2014 or later)
- **D** Tournament – U10 (players born in 2016 or later)
- **E** Tournament – U8 (players born in 2018 or later)

 A player may enter a higher age category but is not permitted to enter a lower age category than the one corresponding to their year of birth.

 **All players are required to confirm their participation by registering in person at the playing hall of Hotel Drim in Struga no later than 10:30 a.m. on 5 September 2026.**

 The Organizer reserves the right to invite players who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out in these Regulations.

3. Playing System

 The list of registered players will be published on the Chess-Results website:

 <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1450341.aspx?lan=1&flag=30&turdet=YES&SNode=S0>

 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss system in 7 rounds, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess for standard chess.

 Time control:

 **A Tournament** – 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

 **B Tournament** – 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

 **C Tournament** – 60 minutes + 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

 **D Tournament** – 30 minutes + 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

 **E Tournament** – 30 minutes + 10 seconds per move starting from move one.

 Depending on the number of participants, the Organizer reserves the right to change the format and number of tournaments (including merging categories), to be agreed and announced at the opening of the festival.

 Tournaments **A, B, and C** will be rated by FIDE.

4. Prize

 The guaranteed total prize fund amounts to 30,000 denars (500 EUR).

A Tournament 12.000 den		B Tournament 9.500 den		C Tournament 8.500 den	
1st place	5.000	1st place	3.500	1st place	3.000
2nd place	3.000	2nd place	2.500	2nd place	2.000
3rd place	2.000	3rd place	1.500	3rd place	1.500
Best female player	1.000	Best female player	1.000	Best female player	1.000
Best Player from Struga	1.000	Best Player from Struga	1.000	Best Player from Struga	1.000

 Suitable material prizes are awarded to participants in Tournaments D and E!

Additional prizes

-    Trophies and medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all tournaments;

 Gold medals for the best players:

- Under 18
- Under 14

    Medals for girls in all tournaments:

- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

 Gold medals for the **best players from Struga** in all tournaments

  Gold medal for the **youngest participant of the festival**

 Certificates of participation for all competitors

 Payment of Cash Prizes:

- For domestic players, prizes will be paid via bank transfer no later than 10 days after the end of the festival;
- For foreign players, prizes will be paid in cash on the day of the closing of the festival.

5. Tie-break Criteria

In case of equal points, the following tie-break criteria will be applied:

-  Buchholz (-1)
-  Buchholz
-  Greater number of wins
-  Progress

 **Special prizes are not cumulative. If a player wins a prize in the general classification, the special prize shall be awarded to the next best-placed eligible participant in the respective category.**



6. Tournament Committee

- The Tournament Committee shall consist of 3 members (a chairman and members)
- Responsible for resolving all possible appeals and disputes
- Its decisions are final and binding.

7. Festival entry fee:

A	Tournament A (U20)	900 denars
B	Tournament B (U16)	800 denars
C	Tournament C (U12)	600 denars
D	Tournament D (U10)	500 denars
E	Tournament E (U8)	500 denars

8. Registration and deadlines

- Registration: **01.09.2026**
- The deadline for hotel reservations is: **01.09.2026**
- Early hotel reservation deadline: **15.08.2026**



PLAYER REGISTRATION



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

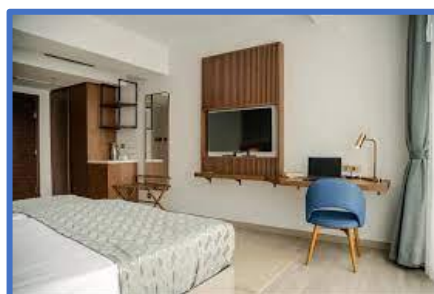
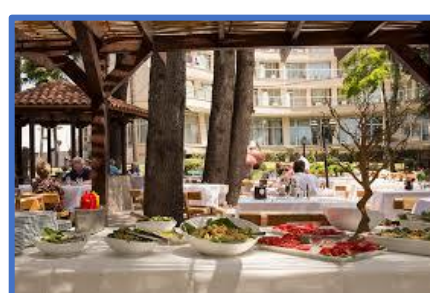
9. Playing Hall, Reservations Accommodation

- The tournament will be played in the Congress Hall of Hotel Drim in Struga.
- Reservations must be made exclusively through the Organizer.

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Hotel Drim Struga – 4★ Superior – http://www.drim.com.mk The prices are valid for accommodation from 4 to 8 September and apply to both players and accompanying persons..	
Single room per person – full board	75 eur
Double room per person – full board	55 eur
Triple and quadruple rooms per person – full board	50 eur
Children up to 6 years – full board	Free
Children up to 12 years (in a room with 2 adults) – full board	32 eur
Early booking	5% discount
The price includes:	Spa center, Fitness center, Bowling alley



 **10. Schedule**

Date	Activities	Time
05.09.2026	Arrival	
05.09.2026	Registration	10:30 A.M
05.09.2026	Opening Ceremony	11:00 A.M
05.09.2026	1 round	11:30 A.M
05.09.2026	2 round	17:00 P.M
06.09.2026	3 round	10.00 A.M
06.09.2026	4 round	17.00 P.M
07.09.2026	5 round	10.00 A.M
07.09.2026	6 round	17.00 P.M
08.09.2026	7 round	09:00 A.M
08.09.2026	Departure	
The closing ceremony will be held 30 minutes after the end of the last game.		

 11. For information **International Youth Chess Festival “Lake Queen”** [FB: International Youth Chess Festival "Lake Queen"](#) Information : Youth Chess School Struga Tel: +389 77 897 218 Tournament Director: Gjoko Koteski E-mail: lake_queen@yahoo.com**Organizer****Struga, July 2026****Chess Club "Youth Chess School" Struga**