ΣΚΑΚΙΣΤΙΚΟΣ ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΡΟΔΟΥ "ΙΠΠΟΤΗΣ"
CHESS CLUB OF RHODES "IPPOTIS"

Rodos Palace Hotel abve^2 International Open Chess Tournament

Prize Fund: 12,000 euros

Rhodes island, GREECE // 24 August - 03 September 2026

Venue: 5-star Rodos Palace Resort

INVITATION & INTRODUCTION to RHODES

Combine Grandmaster Strategy with 5-Star Luxury!

We are delighted to extend an official invitation to all chess players with a valid FIDE ID to participate in the prestigious **"Rodos Palace International Open Chess Tournament."** This isn't just a tournament; it is a premier chess experience designed to offer the perfect balance between high-level competition and an unforgettable Mediterranean escape.

Why Participate?

- **Massive Prize Pool:** Compete for a total of **€12,000 in cash prizes** across all categories, including General Standings, Women, Veterans, and Juniors.
- **Elite Venue:** Experience the world-class hospitality of the **5-star Rodos Palace Hotel**, one of the largest and most iconic resorts in Greece, offering premium amenities and breathtaking sea views.
- **FIDE Rated:** A great opportunity to gain international ELO points and compete for title norms in a professional environment.

Discover the "Island of the Sun"

Rhodes is not just a destination; it is a journey through time. Known as the **"Island of the Knights"** and the **"Pearl of the Mediterranean,"** Rhodes offers a unique backdrop for every traveler:

- **A Living Museum:** Walk through the cobblestone alleys of the **Medieval Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that remains one of the best-preserved fortified cities in Europe.
- **Ancient Wonders:** Stand where the **Colossus of Rhodes**, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, once guarded the harbor.
- **Golden Beaches & Nature:** Between rounds, relax on sun-drenched beaches with crystal-clear turquoise waters or explore the famous Valley of the Butterflies.
- **Gastronomy & Nightlife:** Savor exquisite Greek cuisine and vibrant cosmopolitan vibes that make Rhodes a top-tier global tourist destination.

Whether you are chasing the first prize or looking for the ultimate family chess holiday, the **Rodos Palace International Open** is the place to be this summer.
Prepare your moves. Experience the Legend of Rhodes.

1. Playing Venue

The "Rodos Palace Hotel abve2 International Open Chess Tourament" will be held in the **5-star Conference Hotel "Rodos Palace"**, on the northern seaside of Rhodes. The venue is 10 km away from the island's international airport (IATA code of the airport: RHO).

2. Tournament schedule

24 August	**14:00**	Arrival of participants
25 August	**10:30**	Technical meeting
25 August	**15:45**	Opening Ceremony
25 August	**16:00**	-> Round 1
26 August	**16:00**	-> Round 2
27 August	**16:00**	-> Round 3
28 August	**16:00**	-> Round 4
29 August	**16:00**	-> Round 5
30 August	**16:00**	-> Round 6
31 August	**16:00**	-> Round 7
01 September	**16:00**	-> Round 8
02 September	**15:00**	-> Round 9
02 September	**21:30**	Closing Ceremony
03 September	**11:00**	Departure of participants

3. Technical Regulations

3.1 The tournament will be a 9-round Swiss, FIDE rated and open to all players with a FIDE ID number.

3.2 The time limit for each player is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 15 minutes for the rest of the game game + 30 seconds increment for every move played, starting from the 1st move.

3.3 A player forfeits the game if he/she hasn't appeared at the board within 30 minutes of starting time.

3.4 Tie-break criteria: The final ranking of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If, at the end of the tournament, two or more players tie for 1st place or for any place in the standings, the tie shall be broken according to the following criteria for Swiss events, in order of priority:

i. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other).
ii. Buccholz Cut 1.
iii. Buccholz.
iv. The greater number of games played with black.
v. The greater number of wins.

3.5 The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for this tournament.

3.6 Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 20 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with 150 €, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited and added to the prize fund as additional amount for the 1st place. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

3.7. The Tournament Director is Mr. Nikolaos Vasilakis, Chief Arbiter is Ms. Tania Karali IA.

4. Prize Fund 12,000 euros (€)

4.1 PRIZE LIST (Total Prize Fund: 12,000 €)		
GENERAL STANDINGS	**GROUP A (>2000 ELO)**	**GROUP B (<2000 ELO)**
1st Place	3.000,00€	500€
2nd Place	1.700,00€	350€
3rd Place	1.100,00€	250€
4th Place	700€	150€
5th Place	550€	100€
6th Place	400€	-
7th Place	300€	-
8th Place	250€	-
9th Place	150€	-
10th Place	100€	-

4.2 SPECIAL CATEGORIES			
CATEGORY	**1st Place**	**2nd Place**	**3rd Place**
Women (Group A)	400€	250€	150€
Women (Group B)	250€	150€	100€
Seniors S50+	200€	-	-
Seniors S65+	200€	-	-
Boys U18	150€	100€	50€
Girls U18	150€	100€	50€
Rating <1700 (Group B)	100€	-	-
Grand Total:	**12.000,00€**		

4.3 In case of a tie, prizes are divided by **the Hort system**.

4.4 A player qualifying for more than one prize(s), receives all of them.

4.5 Cup to the 1st place winners and medals to the 3 first winners of each category will also be awarded (tie-break criteria apply here).

5. Registration cost and deadline

OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star RODOS PALACE (*****)

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation for **10 nights**.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily including potable water (full board).
- All registration & accreditation fees.
- Eligibility for tournament awards and prizes.
- All local taxes including, except national tourism tax (10€/room per night) .

Price in double occupancy room	1,100 per person
Price in single occupancy room	1,800 per person

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, possible at a proportional cost.

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **19 July 2026**, together with a 30% deposit payment for the selected registration-accommodation package. Kindly note that August is an incredibly busy, high season period for tourism in Greece. Therefore, it is very possible that the event's capacity may be sold out before the deadline of 19 July 2026. Make sure that you register before the deadline!

Special accommodation conditions for GMs, IMs WGMs , WIMS according to ratings, upon request.

6. Enry Fees

Players **staying outside** the official tournament hotel **will be charged** the registration entry fee as listed above. The deadline for registrations is **19 July 2026**.

Group A:

- above 2400 free,
- 2000-2399 120€,

- **Group B:**
- 2000-2100 100€,
- 1600-1999 100€,
- 0-1599 100€

Chess Club of Rhodes "IPPOTIS" members and chess players fee is 60 €

Limit of entries is 160 persons in total 2 Croups

7. Registration procedure

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register before the deadline of **19 July 2026**, together with a 30% deposit payment of the registration package described in article 6 above. After the deadline, a late registration fee of 120 euros per participant may be required.
Final payment should be settled before the start of the event.

The complete registration of each person must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (**for visa only purpose**) of each player and each accompanying person. In case of organized delegations, it must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Chief of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the tournament are possible only through the appointed Organizer in the official hotel and only via application by email: cc.ippotis@gmail.com

8. Cancelation Policy

Entry fees are fully refundable (minus any transaction expenses) only before 19th July.
Players with Rating above 2400 are not required to pay an entry fee.
Participants can prepay fees: until **July 19th**. From **July 19th** and onwards,
an increase of 10€ in participation fee.

9.Visa information

Players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Greece, are requested to contact the Organizer earlier, before the **19th of July 2026**. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired for accommodation package, as described in articles 5 and 7 above. Schengen visas are valid in Greece.

Any situation that is not covered by the regulations will be resolved by the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

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