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INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

APATIN NEW YEAR OPEN 2025

Standard 60+30

26-30 December

We are pleased to invite you to the **International Chess Tournament** – Apatin New Year Open 2025, taking place from **December 26 to 30, 2025**, at the beautiful **Junaković Spa in Apatin, Serbia.**

The tournament is open to players of all ages and categories with a FIDE rating up to 2400. Alongside excellent organization and strong competition, participants will also have the opportunity to achieve prestigious FIDE titles such as FIDE Master (FM) and Woman FIDE Master (WFM).

Highlights include

7 rounds, Swiss system, FIDE rated
Prize fund of minimum **€1,000**
Special prizes for women, juniors, and seniors 60+
Additional **blitz** tournaments on **December 28 & 30**
Accommodation at the playing venue – Junaković Spa
Organized transport from Belgrade, Osijek, and Budapest airports

Join us to celebrate the end of the chess year in a competitive yet friendly spirit, enjoying great games and the renowned hospitality of Apatin!

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1. ORGANIZER

Apatin Chess Club *“Vulkan Protektor”*, in cooperation with Junaković Spa, is organizing the chess tournament Apatin New Year Open 2025, open to players of all ages and categories with a FIDE rating up to 2400.

2. LOCATION

Banja Junaković
Banjski put 71, Apatin 25260, Serbia
maps.app.goo.gl

3. DATE

The tournament will take place from **December 26 to 30, 2025**, starting on **Friday at 4:00 PM**, in the ceremonial hall of **Junaković Spa in Apatin**.

3. SYSTEM AND RULES OF PLAY

The tournament will be played in **7 rounds**, **Swiss** system, and will be **FIDE rated**.
Time control: **60 minutes** per player with a **30-second** increment per move.
Pairings will be made by computer according to the Swiss system.

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE General Competition Rules.

In the first four rounds, with prior notice, a player may request one half-point bye.

The default time is 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the round.

Recording of moves is mandatory until the end of the game.

Final standings will be determined by points scored. Tie-break criteria:

1. Direct encounter(s)
2. Buchholz -1 (lowest opponent excluded)
3. Buchholz
4. Sonneborn-Berger
5. Greater number of wins
6. Drawing of lots

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4. SCHEDULE

The tournament will be played with two rounds per day: First round at **10:00 AM,** Second round at **3:30 PM**

SCHEDULE		
Friday, 26 December	3:30 PM	Opening Ceremony
Friday, 26 December	4:00 PM	Round 1
Saturday, 27 December	10:00 AM	Round 2
Saturday, 27 December	3:30 PM	Round 3
Sunday, 28 December	10:00 AM	Round 4
Sunday, 28 December	4:00 PM	**Blitz 3+2**
Monday, 29 December	10:00 AM	Round 5
Monday, 29 December	3:30 PM	Round 6
Tuesday, 30 December	10:00 AM	Round 7
Tuesday, **30 December**	2:00 PM	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving
Tuesday, 30 December	2:30 PM	**Blitz 3+2**

The **Blitz** tournament will be played in **9 rounds**, **Swiss** system, with computer pairings, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Blitz Chess. The event will be **FIDE rated** for the Blitz rating list. The entry fee for the Blitz tournament is **€10**.

5. ENTRY FEE

Grandmasters (GM) and International Masters (IM) are exempt from the entry fee. Payments should be made to the club’s bank account, and the applicable fee corresponds to the day of payment.

Until 15 November	**Until 15 December**	**From 16 December**
30 EUR	40 EUR	50 EUR

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6. PRIZES

The prize fund is guaranteed in full provided that a minimum of 40 players participate in each tournament. Otherwise, the prizes will be announced during the tournament.

	Standard 60+30	Blitz 3+2
1 Place	€300	€70
2 Place	€200	€60
3 Place	€150	€40
4 Place	€100	€30
5 Place	€50	€20
6 Place	-	
7 Place	-	

SPECIAL PRIZES

The minimum requirement for special prizes is at least 4 players in the given category.

	Standard 60+30	Blitz 3+2
U1750	€50	€20
W	€50	€20
U16	€50	€20
S60	€50	€20

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8. ACCOMMODATION - Banja Junaković (Venue)

Prices are per person, in RSD, valid from June 1, 2025.

1 EUR ≈ 117 RSD

FULL BOARD – PA	Blok A – Standard	Blok A – Standard+	Blok B
1/2 Room	4.750,00 ≈ (€40)	5.000,00 ≈ (€43)	5.250,00 ≈ (€45)

HALF BOARD – PP	Blok A – Standard	Blok A – Standard+	Blok B
1/2 Room	4.250,00 ≈ (€36)	4.500,00 ≈ (€38)	4.750,00 ≈ (€40)

The prices do not include a tourist tax of 90.00 RSD and insurance of 5.00 RSD per person per day.

Children up to 7 years old are exempt from the tourist tax, while children aged 7 to 15 pay **50%** of the full tourist tax.

When accompanied by 2 adults, children up to 7 years stay free, and children aged 7 to 12 receive a **50% discount**.

A third adult on an extra bed receives a **30% discount**.

Single room supplement: 1,500.00 RSD (€13) per day.

Upgrades:

- Deluxe rooms: additional 1,000.00 RSD ≈ (€8.5) per day per room
- Duplex rooms: additional 1,800.00 RSD ≈ (€15) per day per room compared to Block B prices

Payment method:

To confirm a reservation, the guest guarantees the booking by paying a **30% advance** of the total package within 3 days of receiving the proforma invoice. The remaining amount can be paid upon arrival, either in cash (RSD) or by card (VISA, DINA, MASTER, MAESTRO, or Poštanska štedionica cards).

Information and reservations: +381 25 772 311, rezervacije@banja-junakovic.rs

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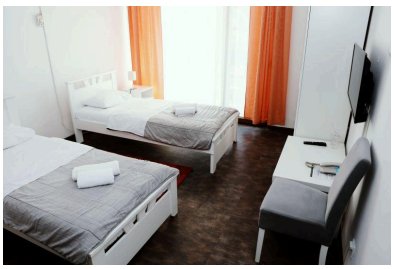
Banja Junaković is one of Serbia’s well-known locations for chess events, attracting players from across the region. The spa has a long tradition of hosting chess tournaments and training camps, and it has even welcomed legendary players such as Anatoly Karpov. Its combination of professional facilities, comfortable accommodation, and relaxing environment makes it a perfect place to play chess and enjoy a winter retreat.



ACCOMMODATION IN APATIN

You can find a variety of accommodation options in Apatin on Booking.com, including apartments, rooms, and cottages at different prices and locations. Browse, compare, and book the most suitable option in just a few clicks!

For more information about tourism in Apatin, visit the official website of the Tourist Organization of Apatin.

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9. TRANSPORT

Organized transport is available from Belgrade, Osijek, and Budapest.

9.1 Airport Belgrad - Apatin

4 Passengers	8 Passengers
€120	€180

9.2 Airport Osijek (EU) - Apatin

4 Passengers	8 Passengers
€80	€100

9.3 Airport Budapest (EU) - Apatin

4 Passengers	8 Passengers
€170	€200

10. INFORMATION, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT, AND REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is December 22. Players must register by sending an SMS, Viber, or WhatsApp message, or by calling +381 63 84 47 152.

Registration must include the player’s **full name, middle name, date of birth, or FIDE ID**.

For more information, contact us via email: ask.vulkan.protektor@gmail.com
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11. SPONSORS

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