52nd International Chess Open
"CITY of SEVILLE"

"In Memoriam Ricardo Montecatine Ríos"

From January 8 to 16, 2027

RULES

1. Participants.

Players with the ESP flag in FIDE must have a valid federation license in Spain for the tournament and foreign players must have a FIDE code before the start of the tournament. Participants have the obligation to verify their personal data, ELO and codes among others. Everyone must be registered at www.gefe.net

2. Venue and schedule.

The tournament will be held at the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos (Salón Albaicín), located in Avenida Alcalde Luis Uruñuela, 1, 41020 – Seville.

1st Round	January 8	5:30 pm
2nd Round	January 9	5:30 pm
3rd Round	January 10	5:30 pm
4th Round	January 11	5:30 pm
5th Round	January 12	5:30 pm
6th Round	January 13	5:30 pm
7th Round	January 14	5:30 pm
8th Round	January 15	5:30 pm
9th Round	January 16	9:30 am

The closing ceremony and awards ceremony will be on January 16 at 2:30 pm approximately.

3. System and pace of play.

Swiss system, according to the VEGACHESS program, 9 rounds. Complaints regarding computer pairing are not accepted, except for errors in data entry. Pairings will be considered oficial at 10:00 am, except for the last round, which will be oficial 2 hours after being published on the website.

The pace of play will be, for each player, 90 minutes plus a 30 seconds of increment per move.

Analysis or reproduction of games will not be permitted in the gaming room. You may not leavethe Game Room, with the game in progress, without authorization from the Arbiter.

4. Initial Order.

According to current FIDE ELO (in those excluded from the list, their last published ELO). Next, by ELO FADA. In equality FIDE ratings, the best FIDE title will be considered and then in alphabetical order.

5. Application for BYE/Breaks.

There will be up to 3 BYE available to players (except invited players), they can be requested or canceled before the previous round begins (for example: to request a bye for round 5, it must be requested before starting round 4), applicable in the first 6 rounds of the tournament. In the requested round, the BYE applicant player will not be paired and will be awarded half a point. In all petitions the final decisión is made by the Chief Arbiter base on the proper development of the competition, taking into account the number of points and/or the existence of non-appearances.

6. Delays, failure to appear and disqualifications.

A maximium delay of 60 minutes is allowed, counting the time from the oficial start time of the game.

The player who does not show up at the beginning of the first round may be replaced by another participant and will be excluded from the tournament. The failure of a player to appear in a round will cause his disqualification, unless he requests in writing to continue, before the pairing for the next round is published.

It supposes definitive disqualification: the accumulation of two non-appearances, justified or not.

7. Electronic devices.

Unless expressly authorised by the arbiters, it is forbidden to use or carry any electronic device during the games. Such devices are permitted to be stored in players´ bags, as long as the device is completely turned off. This bag must be placed in the place assigned by the Arbiter, players are prohibited from using this bag without the Arbiter´s permission. Failure to comply results in the loss of the game. Neither the organization nor the Arbiters are responsible for the safekeeping and custody of electronic devices.

8. Annotation of the games.

Players have the obligation to deliver the original signed scoresheet with the correct result to the arbiter at the end of the game. The plays will be noted in as clear and legible a way as posible, algebraic notation. Remember that with this pace of play you cannot stop scoring at any time.

9. Valid for ELO.

The tournament will be valid for obtaining the title and the ELO FIDE and FADA classification standards, in accordance with current regulations.

10. Tiebreakers.

The following tiebreaker systems will be applied (games not played will be governed by the provisions of FIDE C.07)

a) Penalizing premature draws*
b) Bucholz -2 (BH-C2)
c) Bucholz -1 (BH-C1)
d) Individual result (DE)
e) Number of Wins (WIN)
f) Average opponent performance (APRO)

*The penalty for early draws will be applied to games that ended in a draw without both players having made 30 moves each or within 1 hour before the start of the round (30 moves must be made by each side and 1 hour must have passed to avoid the penalty. That is, both requirements must be met). The tiebreak will be 0 for those who do not have any premature draws and negative for those who do, at a rate of -1 point for each game penalized for premature draws.

11. Conditions on play.

Players have the right to decent, regulatory and comfortable playing conditions; to fair and respectful treatment by the Organization and the Arbiters; to sufficient services; to a complete general sports information about the tournament; to specific information on title results; and have open access to the playing area 30 minutes before the start of the round.

12. Conditions of participation.

To participate in the tournament, you must accept the publication of images and personal data (name, surname, year of birth and sports data), in different media, for the necessary dissemination and promotion of the event (lists of results, classifications, participants, games,…). Participants will be required to sign this authorization before starting the tournament.

The tournament will be governed by the FIDE Chess Laws in force. Registration in the tournament implies acceptance of these rules and the pairing program used. These rules may be briefly modified before the start of the tournament.

13. Competition and complaints committee

The Competition Committee will be made up of the Tournament Director, with a casting vote, and 4 regular players and 2 substitutes. Only those born before 2008 and with a FIDE rating above 1700 can be part of the committee. Firstly, they will be chosen from among the players who are certified Arbiters. If these are less than 6, everyone will become part of the committee and the other places will be chosen by lottery among the remaining players. If there are more than 6, it will be chosen by lottery.

A decision of the Chief Arbiter may be appealed to the Competition Committee, in writing, within 15 minutes following the end of the game in question, under the terms authorized by the Laws of Chess. Sanctions outside the game, decided by the Chief Arbiter, are also appealable within 15 minutes of their notification. Complaints to the arbitration decisions may

be presented to the committee at the end of the game about which the claim is raised and a deposit of €50 must be delivered to the organization, which will be returned only if the committee favorably resolves the claim.

14. Inscriptions.

The following registration fees are established:

- General Fee – 60€
- Player Fee (Andalusian Federation) – 50€
- Player Fee (Sevillian Delegation) – 40€
- Children´s Fee (year 2013) – 30€
- TUSSAM workers – Gratis
- Players staying at the Official Hotel and those with recognized disability (33%) – Discount of 10€ on the corresponding fee.
- Titleds **WFM y FM** – 50€* / **WIM, IM, WGM, GM** – Free

*Titleds (WFM, FM): WFM and FM titleds must pay €35 as a deposit, which will be returned once the tournament is over, as long as they have completed the tournament.

Cancellations: They can be requested until 03/01/2027, the registration amount will be refunded by transfer, minus 50% for administrative and management expenses.

Groups: €5 discount per participant, for clubs registered in groups with more than 10 registrations. The refund will be made by transfer, once the tournament is over, if the players have played at least 50% the games.

The PAYMENT of the FEE will be made through DEPOSIT / TRANSFER into the account of Banco Sabadell **ES96 0081 7438 0900 0125 0433** in the name of the **Sevillian Chess Delegation**, clearly indicating your name and surname, year of birth and your country, province or club. The registration deadline is 03/01/2027 and will be done through the website: **www.gefe.net** in its public part by clicking on registration. A drop-down menu must open with the list of available tournaments – **Seville Open 2027**.

* Email for incidents, consult group travel facilities and conditions for titleds – **abiertosevilla@fsajedrez.com**

* MORE INFORMATION (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.): 695 79 65 10 (Mr. Fernández)

15. PRIZES.

The prizes are not just handed out; they are awarded strictly according to ranking, including tiebreakers. First, the overall prizes are given, followed by local prizes, categories, and finally by ELO ranges. If someone qualifies for two prizes, they get the one of higher value; if the amounts are the same, the order of assignment is 1st Overall, 2nd Local, 3rd Categorias, and 4th Ranges In the prizes by ELO sections, the FIDE ELO of the player will be taken, in case of not having FIDE ELO the FADA will be taken into account. In any case, the highest ELO in effect at the start of the tournament will count. The withholdings established by current legislation will be applied to all prizes (19% for Spanish players and 25% for foreign players) and will be paid by bank transfer.

Players federated in the Sevillian Chess Delegation and who have accredited residence in the province of Sevilla during the 24 months prior to the competition are entitled to local prizes, Children (U14) are considered those born in 2013 and later, Youth (U18) are those born between 2009 and 2012. Veterans (Supra50) are those born between 1963 and 1977, Veterans (Supra65) are those born in 1962 and earlier. The presence of the awarded player at the awards ceremony is mandatory. Otherwise, it will be understood that they forfeit the award.

PRIZES (10.800€)

GENERAL		**LOCAL** (federated in the DSA and registered +2 years in Seville or Province)	
1st Ranked	Trophy + 2.000€	1º Local	Trophy + 350€
2nd Ranked	Trophy + 1.500€	2º Local	Trophy + 315€
3rd Ranked	Trophy + 1.000€	3º Local	Trophy + 250€
4th Ranked	700€	4º Local	200€
5th Ranked	600€	5º Local	150€
6th Ranked	500€	6º Local	100€
7th Ranked	400€	7º Local	50€
8th Ranked	300€	8º Local	50€
9th Ranked	200€	9º Local	50€
10th Ranked	150€	10º Local	50€
11th Ranked	150€	1st Veteran Supra50	Trophy + 50€
12th Ranked	100€	1st Veteran Supra65	Trophy + 50€
13th Ranked	100€	Best Child	Trophy + Book
14th Ranked	100€	Best Youth	Trophy + Book
15th Ranked	100€	**ELO SECTIONES**	
16th Ranked	100€		
17th Ranked	100€	1st Sub2200	95€
18th Ranked	100€	1st Sub2100	85€
CATEGORIES		1st Sub2000	75€
		1st Sub1900	65€
1st Veteran Supra50	Trophy + 100€	1st Sub1800	55€
1st Veteran Supra65	Trophy + 100€	1st Sub1700	55€
Best Child	Trophy + Book	1st Sub1600	55€
Best Youth	Trophy + Book		

"Youtuber" Prize (250€) – To the participant who has uploaded a video related to the city and the tournament, published during the event, with a minium duration of 60 seconds and at least 100 views.
Participants must send the video link to the organizers by email before Saturday, **January 16th at 9:00 AM.**
The winner will be chosen by a jury from among the videos that meet the requirements.

The PRIZES AREN´T ACCUMULATIONS (except for the "Youtuber" Award)**.**
The withholdings established by current legislation will be applied to all prizes.

OFFICIAL HOTEL - Vértice Sevilla Hotel ****

We recommend the **HOTEL VÉRTICE SEVILLA**, located 2.5 km from FIBES. They offer a 15% discount to tournament participants using the code **SEVILLAOPEN2027**. Additionally, guests staying at the hotel receive a €10 discount on the corresponding registration fee (mínimum 5 nights) and will have a ticket for the Royal Alcázar (January 11) and a free bus pass.

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN A 15% DISCOUNT

1. Go to the official hotel website - **https://www.verticehoteles.com/hotel-vertice-sevilla**

2. Book now - Enter dates and room type

3. Add promotional code - **SevillaOpen2027**

4. Once the reservation is confirmed, send it by email to **abiertosevilla@fsajedrez.com**