



ŞAHÎNŞCOALĂ

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS FESTIVAL

IV EDITION

IASI, ROMANIA

JUNE 24 – JUNE 27, 2026

“Chess in School” National Program



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- **Venue:** Hotel Unirea****, city of Iasi, Romania.
- **Participants:** school teams of 4 children (at least 1 girl), 1 Team Captain.
- **Team composition:** 3 boards open (for boys and girls), 1 board for girls. Board order of the players on the 3 boards (open) is according to ELO ratings. A team may have substitutes 1 boy and 1 girl.
- **Players must have FIDE ID.**
- **A school may register one or more teams.**
- **Tournaments:**

Section A – Primary school teams - children U12 (born in 2014 or later).

Section B – Secondary school teams - children U18 (born in 2008 or later).

A child U12 can play in a U18 team.

- **Playing system:** classical chess, 1hr + 30 sec./move.
- **Team Captain** is registering the team with team composition, together with a letter from the school endorsing that players belong to the school, by the June 5.
- **System of play:** Swiss system, 7 rounds.
- **Rankings:**
 - **Teams tie-breaks:** match points (2 for win, 1 for draw, 0 for loss), total boards points, direct encounter, extended Sonneborn Berger for teams – 1 (EMGSB), Bucholtz – 1
 - **Boards tie-breaks:** number of points, Bucholtz – 1, Bucholtz, number of games played with black pieces, number of wins. If still equal, players will be awarded ex-aequo
- **The tournaments are FIDE registered and comply with FIDE rules.**
- **Limited number of participants**

Prizes, in each A and B section:

- **First 3 teams:** 1 Cup, medals and diplomas for all components, prizes in objects
- **First 3 players on each board receive:** medal, diploma and prizes in objects
- **All participants receive diplomas**
- **Program:**
 - June 23:** Arrival day
 - June 24, 09:30 hrs.** Opening ceremony and Technical meeting
 - June 24: 10:00 hrs.** Round 1; **16:00 hrs.** Round 2



June 25: 10:00 hrs. Round 3; 16:00 hrs. Round 4

June 26: 10:00 hrs. Round 5; 16:00 hrs. Round 6

June 27: 10:00 hrs. Round 7

June 27: 14:00 hrs. Awarding Ceremony

June 27/28: Departure days

Side activity: Chess in Schools International Conference

Venue: Playing halls and accommodation in Hotel Unirea****

Accommodation for players, Team Captains and accompanying persons (parents and family members, others) with full board free of charge

Parents - cost/person/day: 65 Euro place in double room, 85 Euro place in single room.

Organizers are providing for all participants (players, Team Captains, accompanying persons) transfer from airport to hotel, accreditation, for a fee of 100 Euro/team and 50 Euro/each accompanying person (parent or family member, others).

Registration of teams, together with accommodation and due payments, must be sent by 5 June 2026.

Organizer: Sports Club "Gambitul Damei Iasi"

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