

XIV INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

CIUDAD DE PONTEVEDRA

From July 24 to July 30, 2026

ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT



COLLABORATING ENTITIES



Concello
de Pontevedra



Deputación
Pontevedra

Universidade de Vigo



OFFICIAL WEBSITES

www.xadrezpontevedra.com – <http://deportepo.blogspot.com.es> –
www.depo.es/es/deportes -- www.colegiolossauces.com/pontevedra

VENUE

University Sports Pavilion of Pontevedra – University of Vigo

Cruz Roja s/n – 36.002 Pontevedra

(0034) 986 80 20 90

TRANSPORTATION

Buses: www.autobusespontevedra.com

Train: www.renfe.es

Car: Free parking at Pazo da Cultura

Radiotaxi Pontevedra: (0034)986 86 85 85

ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, hostels, lodges, and guesthouses.

Check the official website: www.xadrezpontevedra.com

LIVE BROADCAST OF THE EVENT

www.xadrezpontevedra.com -- www.playchess.com -- www.argedrez.com
www.chesbomb.com -- www.chess.com -- www.lichess.org

TECHNICAL RULES

Official tournament of the International Chess Federation. **Rated for ELO FIDE, FEDA, and international norms (Tournament A).**

The tournament will be played in a two-group format:

GROUP A (MASTER)

Open to all players with a valid federation license.

CATEGORIES

Absolute, Under2300FIDE, Under2150FIDE, Senior (+60), Female,

GROUP B (AMATEUR)

Open to all players with a valid federation license and a FIDE ELO **rating under 2000** in the last two lists published by FIDE (**June and July**).

Players who have exceeded 2100 ELO points between 01/07/2025 and 01/07/2026 will not be allowed to participate.

CATEGORIES

Under2000FIDE, Under1800FIDE, Under1600FIDE, Senior (+60), Female, U08, U10, U12, U14, U16

SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL FOR BOTH TOURNAMENTS

Swiss tournament with **9 rounds, 90 minutes + 30 seconds** increment **per move**.

PONTEVEDRA RULE

Out of respect for the audience and event sponsors, players at the top **15 boards** must make a minimum of **20 moves**, and their games cannot last less than **1 hour**.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronic devices with a battery are strictly prohibited in the playing areas. The organizers will provide solutions for players who need to bring such devices to the venue.

The tournament follows the FIDE Laws of Chess for this type of event (**90th FIDE Congress, Baku (Azerbaijan) 2023**). Any issues not specified in these rules or in these regulations will be resolved by the arbiters. The arbiters' decisions, once confirmed by the chief arbiter, are final and cannot be appealed.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Rounds	1 ^a 24-07	2 ^a 25-07	3 ^a 25-07	4 ^a 26-07	5 ^a 27-07	6 ^a 27-07	7 ^a 28-07	8 ^a 29-07	9 ^a 30-07
Schedule	16.30	09.30	16.30	16.30	09.30	16:30	16:30	16.30	09.30

* A maximum delay of 45 minutes from the official start time of the games will be allowed.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Thursday, July 30 at 14:15. Closing ceremony and award presentation.

PLAYER ACCREDITATION – FROM 10:00 TO 13:00 ON 24 JULY

All players are required to check in either in person at the playing hall or by phone or email.
Players who fail to check in will not be paired in the first round.

BYES

A maximum of **3 byes** worth **0.5 points** can be requested in writing. No bye will be official without the express confirmation of the organization. Byes requested for **rounds 7, 8, and 9** will be worth **0 points**.
Invited players may not request byes..

TIEBREAKS

- Average Buchholz of the opponents. (**AOB**)
- Bucholz-1 (Removing the lowest value). (**BH-C1**)
- Bucholz Total (**BH**)
- Direct Encounter (**DE**)
- APRO System (Average Performance Rating of Opponents). (**APRO**)

During the first round, an Appeals Committee will be established. Any claim must be submitted in writing to the arbiter within 30 minutes after the end of the round.

The player submitting a claim to the Appeals Committee must pay a deposit of 80 euros, which will be refunded if the claim is resolved in their favor. The decision of this Committee will not, under any circumstances, result in a modification of the game result.

REGISTRATIONS*

By sending an email to escola@xadrezpontevedra.com or calling **(0034) 650 64 53 18**

Players must provide their full name, ID (DNI), date of birth, FIDE ID, and the tournament in which they wish to participate.

Any player requiring an invitation letter to apply for a visa must first pay the registration fee to confirm their participation.

If a player does not select a tournament, the organization reserves the right to assign them to one of the groups at its discretion.

60,00€ Absolute Category **
50,00€ Under-16, Senior (+60)
40,00€ EXP Members and University of Vigo Community **

Registration fee for players with FIDE Elo <2000 (Masters Tournament)	
FIDE Elo Range	Registration fee
1900 - 1999	90€
1700 – 1899	150€
1500 - 1699	200€
<1500	250€

Players holding the GM or IM title, or whose FIDE Elo rating is equal to or higher than 2300, are exempt from this fee.

EARLY REGISTRATION PROMOTION

Until 2:00 PM on June 25, by sending proof of payment or bank transfer.
20% DISCOUNT ON THE REGISTRATION FEE

Bank: BBVA Account Holder
 Name: Escola Xadrez Pontevedra
 Bank Account: ES94 0182 5151 2702 0161 9025
 SWIFT/BIC CODE: BBVAESMMXXX

Participants must be properly registered with the federation before the start of the event. Otherwise, they must contact the organization

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PRIZES

All prizes will be subject to the applicable legislation. Players must provide a bank account number to receive their prize payment via bank transfer.

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TOURNAMENT A MASTERS	TOURNAMENT B UNDER2000	TOTAL
1º. 2.000,00€ + Trophy	1º. 1000,00€ + Trophy	
2º. 1.200,00€ + Trophy	2º. 700,00€ + Trophy	
3º. 800,00€ + Trophy	3º. 500,00€ + Trophy	
4º. 700,00€	4º. 400,00€	
5º. 600,00€	5º. 300,00€	
6º. 500,00€	6º. 200,00€	
7º. 400,00€	7º. 200,00€	
8º. 300,00€	8º. 150,00€	
9º. 250,00€	9º. 150,00€	
10º. 250,00€	10º. 150,00€	
11º. 200,00€	11º. 100,00€	
12º. 200,00€	12º. 100,00€	
13º. 150,00€		
14º. 150,00€	1º. U-1800 150,00€	
15º. 150,00€	1º. U-1600 150,00€	
	Best Female Player. 150,00€ + Trophy	
	Sports or educational material for the top two players in the U16 to U8 categories	
	1º. U-2300 150,00€	
	1º. U-2150 150,00€	
	Best Female Player. 150,00€ + Trophy	
	SPECIAL PRIZE RAMÓN ESCUDEIRO TILVE 150,00€ + Trophy	
	Senior (+60) Masters. Trophy + book	
	Senior (+60) Amateur. Trophy + book	
		12.850,00

Prizes are non-cumulative. If a player qualifies for two or more prizes, they will receive the one with the highest value. If the value is identical, they will be awarded the prize corresponding to the higher category.

RAMÓN ESCUDEIRO TILVE PRIZE FOR THE BEST ATTACKING GAME

- The organization will appoint a jury to select the winning game.
- *Candidate games must be submitted to the tournament management no later than one hour after the end of the 8th round. The organization reserves the right to nominate any game that meets the required criteria. ***
- The organization reserves the right to declare the prize void, based on the decision of the appointed jury.

ANTI-CHEATING MEASURES

To ensure the integrity and fairness of the tournament, the following anti-cheating measures will be implemented:

- **Strict Prohibition of Electronic Devices:** Carrying any electronic device in the playing hall is strictly forbidden. A secure storage area will be available for players who need to deposit their devices before the game.
- **Random Anti-Cheating Checks:** Inspections using metal detectors will be conducted, and random checks may take place during and after games.
- **Use of Technological Anti-Cheating Tools:** Games will be analyzed using specialized software to detect anomalous playing patterns.
- **Additional Observers and Arbiters:** Specialized personnel will be present in the playing hall to detect suspicious behavior.
- **Strict Consequences:** Any player caught cheating will be immediately disqualified, and the relevant chess authorities (FIDE, FEDA) will be informed.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- All participants must maintain a respectful attitude towards arbiters, organizers, and fellow players.
- Loud comments during games are prohibited, and any unsportsmanlike behavior may result in expulsion from the tournament.
- The use of electronic devices in the playing area is strictly prohibited.

LOPD (Organic Law on Data Protection):

ACCEPTANCE

The delegates of each club and the registered players authorize the championship organization to disseminate information and use images, as well as the team's name and its players, in media, broadcasts, advertisements, and competition reports, provided that this does not harm their honor or reputation or infringe upon their rights. This authorization is always within the legal framework established by the Civil Code, the Code of Civil Procedure, and Organic Law 3/2018 of December 5 on the Protection of Personal Data and the Guarantee of Digital Rights.

IMAGE RIGHTS TRANSFER

Registration in this tournament implies acceptance of its rules, as well as the express and voluntary authorization for the **ORGANIZATION** to freely use videos, images, and/or audio recordings in which the participant appears, including those provided by the player themselves, for the purpose of:

Publishing them on the organization's website, as well as on any of its social media platforms, or in any other printed and/or digital publication, with the aim of increasing visibility and promoting the organization's activities.

This authorization applies to all possible uses of videos, images, and/or audio recordings in which the participant appears, utilizing both current and future technological means, and for any application. The only exception and limitation are those uses or applications that may infringe upon the right to honor, as established in **Organic Law 1/1982 of May 5, on Civil Protection of the Right to Honor, Personal and Family Privacy, and One's Own Image.**

The authorization does not set any time limit for its granting or for the use of the material in which the participant appears and is therefore considered to be granted for an **indefinite period.**

The organization reserves the right to modify the rules, with the sole requirement of publishing the updates on the event's official website.