



SC Zitadelle Spandau

9th INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHESSOPEN 2026

Assessment of ELO and DWZ rating

***PRIZE FUNDS: 2650 €**

A-Open

First 800€ Second 500€ Third 300€ 4th 200€ 5th 150€ 6th 100€ 7th 50€

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS CHESSOPEN DECEMBER 27TH-30TH 2026

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE DISTRICT MAYOR OF SPANDAU

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*Prizes are guaranteed with 100 paying participants. With less paying participants the prizes are adapted to the number of participants by the tournament committee. For foreign players who are not taxable in Germany, applies § 50a Income Tax Act. The higher among the two rating numbers determines the category for the rating prizes. Only one prize per player. Prize-giving only to players attending the award ceremony. Players who do not compete in at least two of their games will be eliminated from the tournament.



Individual registration on December 27th, 9.00-9.45 am is mandatory!

The maximum number of participants is initially limited to 120.

Players from the waiting list will be considered from 9.45 am according to the order of application.

Extra prizes:

For women and juniors (born in 2008 or later)

Rating prizes:

100 €, 50 €, material prizes for DWZ/ELO <2100, <1900

Hoster:

SC Zitadelle Spandau 1977 e. V.

Organization:

Manfred Strzeletz, Reinhard Giese, Alexander Heimann
Matthias Bandlow

Main arbiter:

Location:

Spandau town hall, Carl-Schurz-Straße 2-6, 13597 Berlin
Adults 60 € (receipt of payment by November 30th: 50 €)

Entry fee:

Juniors (born in 2008 or later): 50 € (receipt of payment by November 30th: 40 €)

[Entry fee exemption for GM and IM.](#)

Location approach:

Railway / subway station (Rathaus) Spandau; sufficient chargeable parking area available.

Eligibility to play:

All players with DWZ/ELO >1700.

Registration:

Only by E-Mail to turnier@zitaschach.de. Must contain fore- and surname, nationality, date of birth, club, ELO, valid FIDE-ID together with the transfer of the entry fee, payment reference „Fore- and surname, A-Open 2026“ by December 23rd, 2026. Later only at the registration, cash with 10 € extra charge. A valid FIDE ID is mandatory.

The current registration status can be viewed at:

www.zitaschach.de/weihnachts-festival-2026/

Bank account:

Schachclub Zitadelle Spandau 1977 e. V.

IBAN: DE18 8601 0090 0608 4399 07 | BIC: PBNKDEFFXXX

Modus:

7 rounds CH-System (Software: Swiss Chess)
Assessment of ELO and DWZ rating.

Respite:

90 min. + 30s bonus per move.

Waiting period: 30 minutes. FIDE laws of chess in their current version are applied.

Tie-breaking criteria: 1. Buchholz, 2. Sonneborn-Berger, 3. Lots.

Catering:

Drinks and small snacks are available on site for a reasonable price.

SCHEDULE

27.12.	10.00 am Opening / 1st round	3.30 pm 2nd round
28.12.	10.00 am 3rd round	3.30 pm 4th round
29.12.	10.00 am 5th round	3.30 pm 6th round
30.12.	10.00 am 7th round	3.30 pm approx. award ceremony, afterward blitz tournament



By registering for the tournament, participants or their legal guardians agree that they may be photographed and filmed during their stay at the event venue. These recordings may be used and published by the club for public relations purposes in online and print media without time restrictions.