



**1st MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT**  
**“IN MEMORY OF CHESS PLAYERS FROM BIJELO POLJE”**  
**OFFICIAL INVITATION**

**3 January 2025 – Hotel Franca – Bijelo Polje**

The 1st Memorial International Chess Tournament “In Memory of Chess Players from Bijelo Polje” will be held on the occasion of the Day of the Municipality of Bijelo Polje, organized by the Rokada Chess Club and Centre for Sports and Recreation Bijelo Polje.

Following a period in which memorial tournaments weren't organized in Bijelo Polje, the Rokada Chess Club has made an effort to bring this tradition back. Namely, the memorial tournaments “Dr. Ljubomir Đurđić” and “Veselin Bošković” brought together great chess figures from Montenegro and the region every year, and these tournaments had a long tradition (the “Dr. Ljubomir Đurđić” Memorial was organized for over 30 years). However, this tradition ended abruptly, and Bijelo Polje was left without big and important tournaments for the past 10 years.

Considering that Bijelo Polje lost several important chess figures after the coronavirus, an idea came up to hold a joint memorial tournament, in memory of all the deceased chess players from Bijelo Polje. This idea has been realized, accompanied by a generous prize fund, with the support of the Centre for Sports and Recreation, as well as numerous sponsors.

**Tournament information:**

1) Venue: [Hotel Franca Bijelo Polje](#), 1st floor

2) Date: 3 January 2025 (Friday)

3) Registration for the tournament: the deadline for registration will last until January 2, until 22:30 in the evening, and registration is to be made through the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOPqzvjc174YEpUpTyCuLhZHn7yXkMVxlntQ0oNA4RIQSg/viewform>

Confirmations of participation in the tournament will be received on January 3 from 9:00 till 10:00

4) The opening ceremony is at 10:00, and the start of the first round at 10:30 at the latest

5) Chief Arbiter – Luka Lješковиć, IA; Deputy Arbiters: Željko Obadović NA; Ivan Marjanović NA

6) Rate of play and tournament system: 10+5, 9 rounds, Swiss system

7) The tournament will be rated

8) Registration fee: 20 euros. Players from Bijelo Polje are exempt from paying the registration fee

**\*Note: all players from the Montenegrin list who have an ID number on the FIDE website are required to pay 10 euros to the account of the Montenegro Chess Federation on the day of the tournament. The fee is mandatory for rated tournaments and will be valid until the end of 2025; it may be paid on the day of the tournament to the Chief Arbiter.**

**Players from the Montenegrin list who don't have an ID number must pay an additional 10 euros on the day of the tournament in order to open this number.**

**Players not on the Montenegrin list who don't have an ID number won't be able to participate in the tournament.**

9) With the help of MCF, the organizer has provided chess sets and clocks for 250 players. The maximum capacity of the playing hall is 300 players

**10) The organizer has provided a trophy for the winner and medals for the top three finishers, 10 general and 12 special prizes.**

The total prize fund amounts to **EUR 4.940**, and is divided into **10** general and **12** special prizes, namely:

**General prizes (EUR 3.900):**

- 1. place EUR 1.000**
- 2. place EUR 750**
- 3. place EUR 550**
- 4. place EUR 400**
- 5. place EUR 300**
- 6. place EUR 250**
- 7. place EUR 200**
- 8. place EUR 170**
- 9. place EUR 150**
- 10. place EUR 130**

**Special prizes (EUR 1.040):**

- The best player from Bijelo Polje:  
1) EUR 80 2) EUR 60 3) EUR 50**
- The best youth player (0-18 years):  
1) EUR 50**
- The best senior player (65+ years):  
1) EUR 50**
- The best female player (provided that at least  
5 participants register):  
1) EUR 150 2) EUR 100**
  
- The best player rated:  
0 – 1600: 1) EUR 100  
1601 – 1800: 1) EUR 100  
1801 – 2000: 1) EUR 100  
2001 – 2200: 1) EUR 100  
2201 – 2400: 1) EUR 100**

Prizes will not be shared, the standings will be determined by the tie-break criteria.

Prizes cannot be accumulated, i.e. each player can win only one prize.

The first 10 boards will be transmitted via ID Chess technology, which will also be used as a VAR system (to assist the arbiters in disputed situations).

Tournament organizer: **Rokada Chess Club**

Co-organizer: **MCF**

General sponsor-patron: **Centre for Sports and Recreation Bijelo Polje**

**Accommodation: the organizer doesn't provide accommodation. We recommend:**

1) [Hotel Franca \(playing venue\)](#)

2) [Hotel Dvor](#)

3) [Hotel Durmitor](#)

4) [Hotel Dominus](#)

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**Details not included in the official invitation will be specified by the tournament regulations.**

