



Mitropa Cup 2025

Tournament Regulations and Information

Teams

The following chess federations are invited to participate in the Mitropa Cup 2025: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland. The Slovak Chess Federation is organising the Mitropa Cup 2025 in Trencin, hotel Magnus.

Travel advice

The teams please report their expected arrival in Trencin. The venue is less than one kilometer from the train station, about 12 minutes by foot. We will arrange a transfer from the train station to the venue upon request.

Schedule

Tuesday	13.05.2025	all day	Arrival
	13.05.2025	21:00	Technical meeting
Wednesday	14.05.2025	14:45	Opening ceremony
	14.05.2025	15:00	Round 1
Thursday	15.05.2025	15:00	Round 2
Friday	16.05.2025	15:00	Round 3
Saturday	17.05.2025	15:00	Round 4
Sunday	18.05.2025	15:00	Round 5
Monday	19.05.2025	15:00	Round 6
Tuesday	20.05.2025	15:00	Round 7
Wednesday	21.05.2025	15:00	Round 8
Thursday	22.05.2025	10:00	Round 9
	22.05.2025	16:00	Closing ceremony, departure

Playing Venue

Hotel Magnus, Trencin, Povazska 1706/35

Organisation

Tournament director: IO Milan Roman (info@milanroman.sk, +421 905 410 990)

CA: IA Ivan Syrový

DCA and contact person: IA Martin Dobrotka (dobrotka.martin.pd@gmail.com, +421 905 360 654)

Accommodation

Hotel Magnus, Trencin, Povazska 1706/35

Hotel Gaborik, Trencin, Hodzova 6844 (the distance between the hotels is about 400m)

Accommodation with full board (start with dinner on the day of arrival), each team receives 5 rooms for 10 people to share. Whoever applies first will have priority in the selection process.

Variant A : 2, 2, 2, 2, 2

Variant B : 3, 2, 2, 2, 1

Additional persons can be booked for an extra charge. The extra night before or after can be booked for a fee. (on request and depending on hotels capacity)

Full board accommodation

Hotel Magnus

single room - 120€ / room and night

double room - 170€ / room and night

Hotel Gaborik

single room - 100€ / room and night

double room - 140€ / room and night

Registration

The chess federations must confirm their participation by April 15th.

The chess federations must nominate the players by April 30th.

Rate of Play

90 minutes for 40 moves, 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for each move starting from move one. The time is added after the first flag falls (NOT after move 40).

The default time at the start of all rounds is 15 minutes.

Tournament format

Mitropa Cup is a team event for ten European federations in two sections, the open section and the women's section, playing a round robin tournament.

Each team consists of four players plus one reserve player (the same in open and women section).

The tournament is FIDE rated. It is possible to achieve title norms.

The pairings are made by drawing of lots at the captain's meeting using the Berger Tables. The team mentioned first in the respective round has white on the boards with odd numbers.

Team Compositions

At the captain's meeting before the start of the tournament each team has to deliver the final list of players for open and women's section in fixed board order (final players list). The reserve players shall play on the last board of the respective section.

Each team has to deliver for each round the team compositions for open and women's section until 10.00 a.m. (CET) for all rounds except the last round, when the lists of players must be delivered on 21st of May not later than midnight. The team compositions must be submitted electronically. Details will be announced and explained during the Captains Meeting. In the event of technical problems, the team compositions can also be sent to the Chief Arbiter by e-mail instead, but in no case later than 10 minutes after the stated deadline.

If a team does not deliver the team composition for a specific round it has to play in the respective round without the reserve player.

All team compositions will be announced on the website of the tournament as soon as possible.

Rules

The FIDE Laws of chess will apply.

Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black.

Live broadcast will have a delay of 15 minutes.

Team captains and Players

Regarding the role of the captains Article 12 of the ECU General Tournament Regulations applies:

1. Each team must have a team captain.
2. The team captain may be one of the players or any of the reserves of the team, in which case he is referred to as a "playing captain". If he is no player of the team he is referred to as a "non-playing captain" and must be FIDE licensed trainer.
3. Each team is entitled to have only one team captain. The team captain may appoint a deputy to exercise his function but must inform the Chief Arbiter of this in writing. However, during the course of playing only one team captain will be allowed into the playing area.

4. The chief of delegation is not allowed to enter the playing area.
5. In the exercise of his function the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players, but it is his duty to ensure that the members of his team who are not involved in the current match or have finished their games do not enter or remain in this area.
6. During the games the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players on the offering or accepting of draws or resigning of games, provided that he makes no comment on the actual position on the chess board, and confines himself to giving brief information which can in no way be regarded as an opinion about the progress of the game. The exchange of information should be done in the presence of the Arbiter.
7. At the end of the playing session the captain is responsible for signing the match protocol and confirming the result.
8. Players are subject to the same prohibitions. Even though in a team competition there is a certain team loyalty, which goes beyond a player's individual game, a game of chess is basically a contest between two players. Therefore a player must have the final say over the conduct of his own game. Although the advice of the captain should weigh heavily with the player, the player is not absolutely compelled to accept that advice. Likewise, the captain cannot act on behalf of a player and his game without the knowledge and consent of the player.
9. A team captain should encourage his team always to follow both the letter and the spirit of Article 12 of the FIDE Laws of Chess concerning the conduct of the players. Team championships, in particular, should be conducted in the spirit of the highest sportsmanship.

Fair Play

Unless authorized by the Chief Arbiter, mobile phones or any other kind of electronic device, own watches and own pens are banned in the playing venue and any contiguous area designated by the arbiter even if they are completely switched off. This applies for players and team captains.

There could be entry checks and random checks at the end of the game.

Decisions of the Chief Arbiter about Fair-Play are final.

Scoring, Tie-breaks, Prizes

The final ranking will be established separately for the open and the women section.

The final ranking will be made by the number of match points (2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss) each team obtained.

In case of equal match points the tie will be broken by

1. Game points
2. Result of the individual match(es)
3. Sonneborn-Berger points based on the result of the match (the sum of the scores of the opponent teams, each multiplied by the scores achieved against this opponent team)
4. equal place.

Trophies as well as gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first three teams.

In addition individual board prizes will be awarded to the best players. For this purpose the player's performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 6 rounds for basic players or 4 rounds for reserve players. The highest performance rating wins.

In case of a tie it shall be broken by:

- (a) mutual results (if all played each other);
 - (b) number of games, the highest number wins;
 - (c) percentage score, the highest number wins;
1. final ranking of a team, the player in the highest ranked team wins.

Appeals

A player or his team captain may appeal in written form against any ruling made by the Chief Arbiter or one of his assistants but not later than 30 minutes after the end of the relevant game.

Decisions about such protests are taken by an Appeals Committee, which is appointed at the captain's meeting. The Appeals Committee consists of a Chairman, two members and two reserve members. The Chairman, the

members and reserve members shall be from different federations. No member of the Appeals Committee involved in the dispute shall rule in that dispute.
The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

Payment

According to the mutual agreement, each participating team has to pay an amount of 250 € per person to the MCA (Mitropa Chess Association). The total amount will be invoiced by MCA and forwarded to the organizer.

Account Holder: Mitropa Chess Association

Bank: Raiffeisen-Landesbank-Steiermark

IBAN: AT09 3800 0000 0093 3325

SWIFT/BIC: RZSTAT2G

The organizer of the event charge for additional rooms, upgrades, splitting and special requests.

Account Holder: Slovak Chess Federation

Bank: FIO Banka

IBAN: SK54 8330 0000 0026 0093 2871

SWIFT/BIC: FIOZSKBA

After registration each delegation receives an invoice of the amount to be paid.

Anti-Doping

MCA confirm that all athletes taking part in the competition are bound by the SADA (Slovak Anti-Doping Agency) anti-doping rules and those rules are WADA-Code compliant.

Information

The Organizer may photograph, videotape or record players' image, voice and/or property on any media and in any form or manner during their involvement or participation in the Mitropa Cup, for the purpose of public information and promotion worldwide of the Mitropa Cup. Unless a notice of refusal is given in writing to Organizer prior to 1th May 2025, each player grants the Organizer the irrevocable permission to photograph, videotape or record their image, voice, and property in any form or manner during their involvement or participation in the Mitropa Cup, and in the Organizer's sole discretion to use and/or reproduce at any time such photographs, tapes, recordings of their image, voice or property for the above purpose, without limitation in promotional materials, audiovisual works and displays by any means whatsoever, including the internet. Players are not entitled to any compensation or other remuneration whatsoever as a result of such use by the Organizer under this article.