



Academia de Xadrez da Maia



International Maia Chess Festival

LOCATION

TECMAIA, R. Eng. Frederico Ulrich 2650, 4470-605 Maia

<https://goo.gl/maps/tKCBjGzU2vwcS7D78>

GPS: 41.259249, -8.642422

DATES

August 21st to 31st 2025

Please note that tournament regulations, structure, or format may be subject to change based on requirements and player number. No significant changes are planned after August 1st 2025.

ORGANIZATION

The Festival is organized by the Maia Chess Academy and includes the following events:

- 9-Round Maia Chess Open - International Masters, aiming to facilitate chess norm opportunities (August 22nd to 30th);
- 9-Round Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament (August 22nd to 30th);
- Douro Blitz Cruise (August 21st);
- Queens Blitz (August 24th);
- Masterclasses (August 25th, 26th, 28th and 29th);
- Chess Congress (August 27th);
- Night Chess Party (August 27th).

All games adhere to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

RATING

All sections will be submitted for FIDE and Portuguese Chess Federation ratings. Data provided at the time of entry will be forwarded to the FIDE for rating purposes.

- The tournament ratings are determined by the FIDE Standard Ratings (as of August 1st 2025).



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Maia Chess Open – Portugal 2025

Maia Masters U2000 Tournament

REGULATION

ORGANIZATION

The Tournament is organized by the Maia Chess Academy with the support of the Maia City Council.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND ARBITERS TEAM

The director and arbiters' team will be nominated by the Maia Chess Academy.

LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

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GPS: 41.259249, -8.642422 Linha C do Metro of Porto (station of Mandim)

Transport included by the organization: Maia Center – TECMAIA – Maia Center.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| August 21 st 16:00 | Douro Blitz Cruise – Festival Welcome |
| August 22 nd 16:00 | Reception, accreditation and Welcome Ceremony |
| August 22 nd 19:00 | 1 st Round |
| August 23 rd 16:00 | 2 nd Round |
| August 24 th 16:00 | 3 rd Round |
| August 25 th 16:00 | 4 th Round |
| August 26 th 16:00 | 5 th Round |
| August 27 th 10:00 | 6 th Round |
| August 28 th 16:00 | 7 th Round |
| August 29 th 16:00 | 8 th Round |
| August 30 th 10:00 | 9 th Round |
| August 30 th 16:00 | Prize Ceremony |



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PARTICIPANTS

Maia Chess Open - Maia Masters: Entry requirement of 2000 or higher FIDE Standard Rating at the time of booking.

Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament: Open to all players duly affiliated with the Portuguese Chess Federation which FIDE Standard Rating is below 2000. The organization reserves the right of admission to the tournament.

All athletes not affiliated with the Portuguese Chess Federation will be affiliated by the organization if they wish to do so, without any additional cost.

REGISTRATIONS

| Registrations Maia Chess Open - Maia Masters (2000 or higher ELO) | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Until March 31 st (inclusive) | Until July 31 st (inclusive) | From August 1 st (inclusive) |
| 50,00 € | 60,00 € | 70,00€ |

Players with GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles are exempt from the entry fee.

Organization can accept exceptions for players under 2000 rating for Maia Masters. It will have a fee of 150 € and the approval from the direction of the tournament is needed.

| Registrations Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Until March 31 st (inclusive) | Until July 31 st (inclusive) | From August 1 st (inclusive) |
| 50,00 € | 60,00 € | 70,00€ |

Entries must be made by sending the Name and FIDE ID to geral.axm@gmail.com or by using the following form

<https://forms.gle/ZxuSKE6GE9nrRP55A>

The registration will only be valid after payment of the registration fee to the Maia Chess Academy's account for the IBAN PT50 0010 0000 5839 7720 0015 0 or by Paypal: with the link https://paypal.me/axmaia?country.x=PT&locale.x=pt_PT.



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Proof of payment must be sent to the email geral.axm@gmail.com. The date of the payment determines the deadline and, therefore, the respective fee.

PARINGS SYSTEM

Swiss system of 9 rounds. The Direction may decide on accelerated pairings in the first two or three rounds by applying the accelerated pairing method (in accordance with the amendments introduced in Annex C.04.5.1 Baku Acceleration of the Laws of the Game, approved at the 87th FIDE Congress and in force since 1 July 2017), depending on the number of participants. Each player will have 1 hour and 30 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by another 30 minutes, with an increment of 30 from the first move.

The maximum waiting time after the start of each session will be 30 minutes.

Draw agreements before 30 moves have been completed without the referee's agreement are not allowed.

FORFEITS

Players who miss the first session or who fail to show up will be eliminated from the tournament, except in a particular exceptional situation accepted by the competition management.

BYES

Until round 4 (inclusive), each player can request three *byes* of half point each. In the last rounds *byes* are allowed, but with 0 points.

No *bye* request by players who have not paid the registration fee of the tournament will be considered.



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WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals until August 1st will be refunded with the registration fee in full and, after this date until August 19th, they will be refunded in 50%. From August 20th there will be no right to refund.

PRIZES LIST

Maia Chess Open – Maia Masters (2000 or higher ELO)

| | | |
|-----|--------------|--------|
| 1st | Place | 2.000€ |
| 2nd | Place | 1.000€ |
| 3rd | Place | 500€ |
| 4th | Place | 300 € |
| 5th | Place | 200 € |
| 6th | Place | 100 € |
| 1st | Female place | 200 € |
| 2nd | Female place | 100 € |
| 3th | Female place | 50 € |
| 1st | Veteran +50 | 100 € |
| 1st | Veteran +65 | 100 € |

Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament

| | | |
|------|--------------|--------|
| 1st | Place | 1.000€ |
| 2nd | Place | 600€ |
| 3rd | Place | 400€ |
| 4th | Place | 300 € |
| 5th | Place | 200 € |
| 6th | Place | 100 € |
| 7th | Place | 50 € |
| 8th | Place | 50 € |
| 9th | Place | 50 € |
| 10th | Place | 50 € |
| 1st | Female place | 200 € |
| 2nd | Female place | 100 € |
| 3th | Female place | 50 € |
| 1st | Veteran +50 | 100 € |
| 1st | Veteran +65 | 100 € |

They will be awarded trophies for the 1st place in the U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 categories in the U2000 tournament.



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Non-attendance at the delivery of prizes implies the loss of it. Money prizes are not cumulative, and the player will always be entitled to the prize with the highest value.

HOMOLOGATION

The tournament will be approved for ELO FIDE and will count towards the 2024/2025 FPX Portugal Chess Tour.

The Tournament will count for FIDE and FPX Rating and will be valid for achieving GM and IM title norms.

FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Registration and participation assume the express acceptance of the provisions contained in this regulation, the FPX and FIDE regulations;

It is strictly forbidden to possess and use (manipulate) any electronic device by athletes, assistants and/or companions in the playing area;

It is also forbidden any communication between athletes with elements foreign to the evidence without the knowledge and supervision of the refereeing team;

In the entrance hall there will be a reception where electronic devices should be left;

Players must appear in the game room with appropriate attire for the event and have a correct and sporty behavior during the competition;

Participants authorize the organization to use photos or videos for dissemination on the Internet and social media. Participants accept the collection and dissemination of test images for use in media that management deems appropriate. The personal data collected is intended only for the organization of the event and for information to registrants about it;

Omissions will be decided by the Direction, taking into consideration the FPX and FIDE Regulations, with no appeal against their decisions;

The Organization reserves the right to:

- admission to the tournament;
- amend the present Regulation until the day of the proof;
- exclude a player from the tournament that the refereeing team considers to be justified due cheating or other violation of the rules;
- the registration in the tournaments makes the acceptance of the present regulation mandatory.

[Maia Chess Open 2024 - Maia Chess Festival](#)



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MAIA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL SCHEDULE 2025

| Events | Date |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Douro Blitz Cruise | August 21st |
| Maia Chess Open - Maia Masters | August 22 nd to 30 th |
| Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament | August 22 nd to 30 th |
| V Congress - "Strong Minds" | August 27 th |
| Night Chess Party | August 27 th |
| Maia Streamers Blitz Cup | August 27 th |
| Queens Event | August 24 th |
| Master Class | August 25 th to 29 th |

More information by geral.axm@gmail.com, www.axm.pt and +351 966 000 194

[Academia de Xadrez da Maia - YouTube](#)

DOURO BLITZ CRUISE



91Registration is conditioned to the number of existing places.

Swiss-system of 6 rounds, 3m+2s for each player. The tournament will be approved for rating FIDE.

| Athlete Registrations | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Until 30 July of 2025 | | | Until 20 August of 2025 | | |
| General | Maia Chess Open players | Club Groups more than 5 | General | Maia Chess Open players | Club Groups with more than 5 |
| 60,00 € | 50,00 € | 50,00 € | 70,00 € | 60,00 € | 60,00 € |
| Companies Registrations | | | | | |
| 1 st registered Company | Other Companies | Club Groups with more than 5 | 1. ^o registered Company | Other Companies | Club Groups with more than 5 |
| 30 € | 40 € | 30 € | 40€ | 50 € | 40 € |

Players with higher than 2500 FIDE Blitz Rating are exempt from the entry fee.

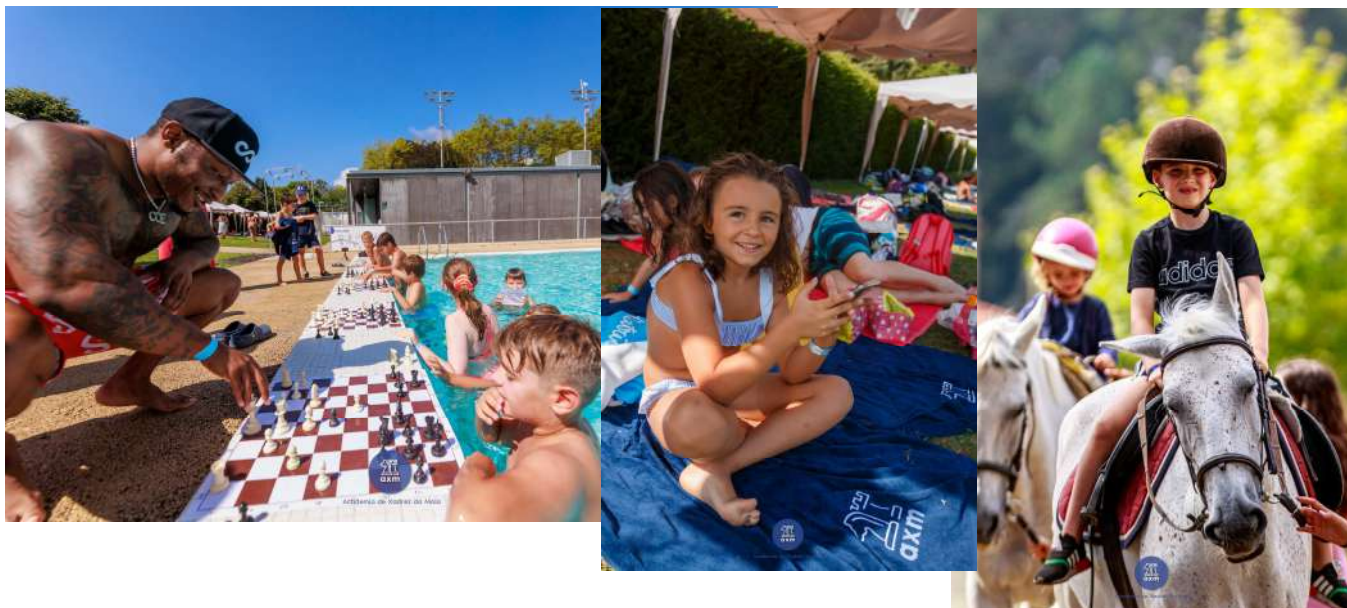
Registrations must be made by sending Name, FPX Or FIDE Number to the email geral.axm@gmail.com.

Open bar with drinks is included in the registration fee.

[Maia Blitz Cruise 2024 - Maia Chess Festival](#)

SUMMER CHESS CAMP

6 to 15 years old



| SUMMER CHESS CAMP + MAIA CHESS OPEN | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Until 30 July of 2025 | | Until 22 August of 2025 | |
| General | Athletes AC - Maia | General | Athletes AC - Maia |
| 100,00 € | 80,00 € | 120,00 € | 100,00 € |

Price includes lunch and transportation to Maia Chess Open;
 10% discount is applicable for siblings;
 Registration via email: geral.axm@gmail.com



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Accommodation

Accommodations from organization must contact by email: geral.axm@gmail.com

Maia:

Hotel Premium Porto Maia

R. Simão Bolívar 375, 4470-214 Maia • +351 22 943 5650

Hotel Central Parque

Av. Visc. de Barreiros 83, 4470-151 Maia • +351 22 947 5563

Oporto Airport & Business Hotel

Rua de, R. Casimiro Albano Monteiro 35, 4470-428 • +351 22 496 3455

STAY HOTEL PORTO AEROPORTO

Rua Vasconcelos Costa 466, 4470-558 Moreira • +351 22 004 6590

Park Hotel Porto Aeroporto

Av. do Aeroporto 241, 4470-558 Maia • +351 22 940 1300

Hotel 3K Porto Aeroporto

R. Casimiro Albano Monteiro, 4470-428 Maia • +351 22 014 9750

Stay in the center of Porto (with metro nearby – 20-minute trip to Maia)

Carlos Alberto Square Apartments, Porto

Praça Carlos Alberto, 93 4050-158 Porto • +351 963 711 650

NH COLLECTION PORTO BATALHA - Praça da Batalha, 62 | 4000-101 Porto | PORTUGAL

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Low cost accommodations

Pousada e Hostel das Flores

R. de São Gens 2787, 4460-282 Sra. da Hora • +351 911 757 723

Residência Céu Azul

R. João das Regras 163, 4000-293 Porto • +351 22 205 4163