



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 30th 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 - Maia 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 FIDE Laws of Chess.

RATING

All sections will be submitted for FIDE and Portuguese Chess Federation ratings. The tournament ratings are determined by the FIDE Standard Ratings (as of August 1st 2025).

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 Line C of Metro of Porto (station 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 to the 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 the Maia Chess Open - Maia Masters. It will have a fee of 150 € and the approval from the direction of the tournament is needed.

| Registrations to the 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 2 or 3 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 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by another 30 minutes after move 40, with an increment of 30 seconds from move 1.

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 points 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, from 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)

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

Maia Chess Open - U2000 Tournament

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



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

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 FIDE ELO and count towards the 2024/2025 FPX Portugal Chess Tour. The Tournament 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 and the regulations from FPX and FIDE;

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 of images for use in media that the organization deems appropriate. The personal data collected is intended only for the organization of the event and for information to registrants about it;

The Organization reserves the rights of:

- 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;

Omissions will be decided by the direction, with no appeal against their decisions;

[Maia Chess Open 2022 Parte 1 - YouTube](#)

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MAIA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2025 - SCHEDULE

| Events | Date |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Douro Blitz Cruise | August 21 st |
| 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 |

For more information, please contact geral.axm@gmail.com by email, check the website www.axm.pt or text +351 966 000 194 in Whatsapp

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

DOURO BLITZ CRUISE



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The registration is conditioned to the number of existing places.

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

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

[Douro Blitz Cruze 2022 - YouTube](#)

SUMMER CHESS CAMP

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From 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 the Maia Chess Open;

10% discount is applicable for siblings;

Registration via email: geral.axm@gmail.com

Accommodation

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For accommodations from organization, 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

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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