



FEDERAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE XADREZ PARA DEFICIENTES VISUAIS
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OFFICIAL INVITATION No. 01/2026 Pan-American Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired, IBCA 2026

São Paulo, Brazil, October 18 to 23, 2026

The Brazilian Chess Federation for the Visually Impaired (FBXDV), with the endorsement of IBCA Americas, is pleased to extend the invitation for the Pan-American Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired IBCA 2026, to be held in the city of São Paulo, Brazil. The invitation is for all countries of the American continent represented by their National Federations or Chess Associations in the International Braille Chess Association (IBCA).

- **Airport:** Guarulhos International Airport (GRU).
- **Accommodation:** Brazilian Paralympic Training Center, Rodovia dos Imigrantes, km 11.5 Vila Guarani, São Paulo/SP.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. First Deadline

- **Intention to participate:** June 15, 2026.

2. Final Deadline

- **Completion of the registration form:** Until August 15, 2026. All medical and dietary restrictions must be indicated, as well as whether the participant is a wheelchair user.

3. Registration

- **Fee:** US\$ 220 per participant.



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- **Exemption:** 50% discount for the current absolute champion of the Blind and Visually Impaired categories recognized by IBCA Americas.
- **Inclusions:** The fee includes accommodation, meals, and transfers. Only members registered within the official registration period will receive these services; persons registered after the deadline will be considered "extras" and will not be entitled to them, with services available only subject to accommodation availability.
- **Accommodation:** 80 vacancies will be made available at the Paralympic TC in São Paulo / SP, distributed among double, quadruple, and sextuple rooms. Vacancies will be filled according to the order of registration by delegation.
- **Uniforms:** The use of a uniform is mandatory. Each delegation will be responsible for its team's uniform.
- **Payment: Bank transfer to:**
 - **Intermediary Bank:** (104) CEF - Caixa Econômica Federal
 - **Agency:** 1522
 - **Checking Account:** 577.606.992-7

4. Accreditation

- Each athlete, coach, assistant, or other delegation member must be accredited by filling out their details in the respective forms, including a photograph.

5. Insurance



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- Participants are responsible for their own insurance. It is recommended to purchase personal, medical, and accident insurance for the entire duration of the championship, including travel days.

6. Contact Information

- **VINICIUS RICIERI:** Mobile +55 119 4859-1121
- secretariageral@fbxdv.org.br

7. Registration Form

- The form is attached to this invitation. Players must have a FIDE identification (ID) from their respective national federations, which must be specified in the form.
- It must be clearly specified whether the player is blind or has low vision.
- The FBXDV reserves the right to refuse registrations that do not contain the FIDE identification number or the type of disability.
- **Link:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2VAVr986BaJRfQZ60zmPDRh_9y6LM90TGmpaw0--HM_2BNA/viewform?usp=publish-editor

8. Eligibility to Participate

- Open to National Braille Chess Federations that are members of IBCA Americas, without financial pendencies. Federations in arrears must settle their debts by August 31, 2026.



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- The event is exclusively for blind or low-vision individuals who prove their disability through a scanned official medical certificate, which must be sent along with the registration.
- Each delegation must designate a Head or Delegate.
- National federations assume full responsibility for the conduct of their players.
- Rooms at the Paralympic Training Center can be double, quadruple, or sextuple. Special cases must be paid for by the interested party in hotels of their choice.

9. Playing Conditions

- All matches will be played exclusively on Braille Chess boards.
- **Mandatory:** Each player must bring their adapted board. Each delegation must provide one (1) clock for every two players, in addition to annotation/recording material.
- The organization will not provide adapted boards or talking clocks (only conventional clocks).
- It is the responsibility of each chess player to record their match, whether in audio, braille, or ink.

II. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. Current Rules



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- The championship will follow the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE General Competition Regulations, the IBCA Rules, and these Technical Regulations. Unforeseen cases will be decided by the IBCA President.

2. Participation

- Open to all players representing Member Federations of IBCA Americas, with no limit on participants per federation.
- Players from countries without an associated federation can participate under the IBCA flag, upon prior request (secretary@ibca-info.org) and presentation of FIDE ID.
- Registrations must be made in bulk by an authorized representative of each delegation.

3. Format and System

- **Categories:** Blind (B1) and Visually Impaired (B2 and B3). For the B1 category, the use of a blindfold or occluders during matches is mandatory.
- **System:** Swiss, 7 rounds. Two matches per day (except on the fourth day, with only one round).
- Pairing via FIDE-certified software, using the September 2026 FIDE Standard Rating.

4. Time Control and Tolerance

- **Time Control:** 90 minutes for each player, with an increment of 30 seconds per move (Fischer Increment) starting from move 1 (90'+30").



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- **Tolerance:** Delays exceeding 30 minutes after the start of the round will result in a walkover (W.O.) loss.

5. Tiebreaks As per FIDE recommendations, the criteria will be:

1. Buchholz Cut 1
2. Buchholz
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Cumulative system (Sum of progressive scores)
5. Direct encounter
6. Greatest number of victories
7. Greatest number of victories with the black pieces

6. Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Oct 18	14:00 - 18:30	Arrival of delegations - Dinner	Paralympic TC Residential
		20:00	Technical meeting	
Monday	Oct 19	06:30	Breakfast	
		08:30	Opening Ceremony	Paralympic TC
		09:30	Round 1	
		12:30	Lunch	



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DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
		15:30	Round 2	
		18:30	Dinner	
Tuesday	Oct 20	06:30	Breakfast	
		09:00	Round 3	Paralympic TC
		12:30	Lunch	
		15:30	Round 4	
		18:30	Dinner	
Wednesday	Oct 21	06:30	Breakfast	Paralympic TC
		09:00	Round 5	
		12:30	Lunch	
		15:30	Round 6	
		18:30	Dinner	
Thursday	Oct 22	06:30	Breakfast	Paralympic TC
		09:00	Round 7	
		12:30	Lunch	
		14:30	Closing Ceremony	
		18:30	Dinner	
Friday	Oct 23	06:30	Breakfast	



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		12:00	Departure of delegations	Paralympic TC

(FBXDV reserves the right to change the schedule in case of force majeure, notifying the participants in advance).

7. Player Conduct

- Mandatory use of the uniform of their respective delegation.
- Mandatory attendance at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Collaboration with the press for short interviews after matches.
- Maintain dignified appearance and posture according to the FIDE Handbook.

8. Fair Play and Electronic Equipment

- It is prohibited to carry unapproved electronic devices during the match (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, tablets, headphones, etc.). They can be kept in the player's bag (completely turned off) with the arbiter's permission.
- Audio move recording equipment is the only permitted exception.
- Companions and spectators cannot use electronics in the playing hall (except for photos with the arbiter's permission and without interfering with the competition's official communication).

9. Appeals Committee (Appeals)



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- Composed of members from different federations.
- Protests must be submitted in writing up to one (1) hour after the match/incident.
- Protest fee: US\$ 100 (refunded if the protest is accepted).
- The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final and unappealable.

10. Prizes

- Trophies for the top three in each absolute category (Blind and Visually Impaired), including the female category (Blind and Visually Impaired) and medals for the respective 4th and 5th places.
- Participation certificates for all players present.

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11. Organizing Committee and Directors

- Composed of the President of IBCA Americas, Mr. Fernando Daza (Colombia), and the Technical Director of the Tournament, Mr. Vinícius Ricieri (Brazil), among others.
- The Chief Arbiter will be the President of the Appeals Committee.

Organization's Note: This championship represents a milestone for adapted chess in the Americas, reaffirming Brazil's commitment to inclusion, sports excellence, and integration among nations.

Salvador/BA, March 27, 2026.

Executive Board

Brazilian Chess Federation for the Visually Impaired (FBXDV)