**The 2025 Classic and Rapid IBCA World Individual Chess Championship**

**for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

 **17-29 August 2025 – Rzeszow, Poland**

INVITATION

The International Braille Chess Association (IBCA) and The Polish Chess Federation have a great pleasure to invite to the 2025 Classic and Rapid IBCA World Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

1. **Dates, location and venue.**

The 2025 Classic IBCA World Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be held in Rzeszow, Poland from 17 to 27 August.

The 2025 Rapid IBCA World Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be held in Rzeszow, Poland from 26 to 29 August.

These tournaments will take place in the Hotel “Rzeszow” (\*\*\*\*) J. Pilsudskiego 44, Rzeszow.

# Eligibility to participate; Delegation.

The 2025 Classic and Rapid IBCA World Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired is open to all IBCA members countries. Every eligible organization can register any number of players of any gender.

# Event program.

* Classic - arrival on 17 August 2025 – Departure on 27 August 2025.
* Rapid - arrival on 26 August 2025 – Departure on 29 August 2025.
* Travel details: by plane to Rzeszow – airport Rzeszów - Jasionka or by train - train station Rzeszow Glowny or by car to Hotel “Rzeszow”.
* A half day excursion is scheduled.
* During these tournaments the IBCA Congress will take place.

# Technical information and schedule.

Classic - The tournament will be held under the official IBCA and FIDE rules as a nine-round, Swiss system event, with one (1) round per day from 18 to 26 August. Time control – 2 hours + 30 seconds from the first move.

Rapid - The tournament will be held under the official IBCA and FIDE rules as a nine-round, Swiss system event, from 27 to 28 August. Time control – 25 minutes + 15 seconds from the first move.

1. **Chess equipment.**

All games in the tournaments will be played only on Braille Board. The organizer will provide 30 Echo DGT clocks.

# Accommodation, registration fees and deposits.

# Hotel “Rzeszow” (\*\*\*\*)

Price/person with full board (three meals/day):

# Room type: Price:

Double room per person/day 94 euro

Single room per person/day 114 euro

For security reasons, all members of the delegations, including players, coaches and accompanying persons, shall stay in the official hotel (Hotel “Rzeszow”). The Organizing Committee will not accept any person who does not book rooms in the official hotel. Only the Organizing Committee is in charge of all hotel registration. All accommodations requests shall go through the Organizing Committee.

**Registration fee:**

Classic - 80 euro/player (includes the Organizer Fee of 40 euro and the IBCA entry Fee of 40 euro).

Rapid - 20 euro/player (includes the Organizer Fee of 10 euro and the IBCA entry Fee of 10 euro)

All delegations must pay a full Registration Fee + a deposit equal to 50% of the total cost for accommodation, no later than 6 June 2025, to the bank account indicated:

**Name: POLISH CHESS FEDERATION**

**Bank name : ING Bank Śląski S.A.**

**IBAN: PL39 1050 1025 1000 0090 3044 5150**

**Kod BIC Swift: INGBPLPW**

**Bank address: ul. Sokolska 34, 40-086 Katowice**

The advance deposit and registration fees are not refundable.

# Transportation from and to the airport.

Organizer will provide transportation for all participants from/to the airport Rzeszow-Jasionka and the train station Rzeszow Glowny. All delegation must send their flight details (dates, times and flight numbers for arrival/departure) to the Organizing Committee, no later than 25 July 2025.

# Registration and deadlines.

Only an authorized representative of the National Chess Organization that is the IBCA member, can register a delegation to participate in this tournament. All players, officials and accompanying persons from the same country shall be registered as a single delegation.

When registering a delegation, every National Chess Organization shall use the „Registration Form” provided by the organizer.

The following deadlines shall be respected:

* **To confirm intention of participating:** no later than: **04/04/2025**
* **To register the participants:** no later than: **02/05/2025**
* **To pay Registration Fee + 50% deposit:** no later than: **06/06/2025**
* **To submit last 50% of payment:** no later than: **25/07/2025**
* **To submit flight details:** no later than: **25/07/2025**

# Tournament Head and Additional Arbiters:

The Organizer will appoint the IBCA Head and Additional Arbiters.

# Prizes:

The players who win the championships will be declared accordingly the 2025 Classic or Rapid IBCA World Individual Chess Champion and will be awarded a trophy. Second and third places will be awarded also with trophies.

# Visa information:

Players and other delegation members who need visa to enter Poland, are requested to contact the Organizer before 02/05/2025.

# Medical insurance:

All persons who are part of the delegations of the participating countries must have medical insurance. The organizer will not provide any payment regarding a possible medical problem.

# Contact information:

Local Organizing Committee:

Polish Chess Federation

Director of the tournaments:

Paweł Zaskalski

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