



IBCA WORLD TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

for the persons with visual impairment

**Petrovac, Montenegro
17th April – 28th April 2026**

GENERAL REGULATION

1. INVITATION

Union of the Blind of Montenegro in cooperation with **The International Braille Chess Association (IBCA)**, **Paralympic Committee of Montenegro** and **Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF)** have the honor to cordially invite all eligible players to the **IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026 for the persons with visual impairment**.

Tournament will be held in Petrovac, Montenegro from 17th April (arrival) to 28th April (departure).

2. PARTICIPATION & DELEGATIONS

2.1 The **IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026 for the persons with visual impairment** is open to all national Braille chess federations from countries member to IBCA.

2.2 Every team shall include four (4) players and up to two (2) reserves. Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players or reserves. The national Braille Chess Federations assume full responsibility for the conduct of their players. Each federation may designate a Head of Delegation. It may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust the team captain, or one of the players or reserves, with this function.

3. REGISTRATION FEE

3.1 The registration fee (includes IBCA and all fees plus free transportation from airport) is **60 EUR** for each player and accredited person. Deadline for registration is a **February 1st 2026**. Registration fee includes transportation free from Montenegrin airports (Podgorica and Tivat).

3.2 In case of a late registration an extra fee in the amount of **50 EUR** will be charged.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 **All teams shall register until a February 1st 2026** (application deadline). Official email for registering is: ibca.wtcc.2026@gmail.com

4.2 Only a duty authorized representative of the National Braille Chess Federation that is the IBCA member in good standing can register a delegation to participate in this tournament. The countries are required to pay their debt to the IBCA in full in order to proceed with the registration. The IBCA and the Organizers will not accept any registrations that attempt to circumvent National Braille Chess Federations.

4.3 All players, officials, and accompanying persons from the same member country shall be registered as a single delegation by the specified deadline.

4.4 When registering a delegation, every National Braille Chess Federation shall use the registration form provided by the Organizer and shall clearly designate:

- ❖ four players (last name, first name, FIDE ID) in the preferred board order,
- ❖ two reserves,

- ❖ team captain,
- ❖ head of the delegation (if it wishes to appoint one according to art. 2)
- ❖ coaches (if any)
- ❖ accompanying persons (if any)
- ❖ flight details for all delegation members

For every participant, last name, first name, FIDE ID, and FIDE title (if any) shall be provided.

4.5 At the latest by the **1st February 2026** the fees + 30% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred to the bank account of the Union of the Blind of Montenegro.

4.6 Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed no later than **1st March 2026**.

4.7 INCOMING PAYMENT INSTRUCTION:

Intermediary bank:

Swift Address: DEUTDEFF
Name: Deutsche Bank AG Frankfurt

Account with Institution:

Party Identifier: 100 9363045 0000
Swift Address: **CKBCMEPG**
Name: CRNOGORSKA KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD PODGORICA

Beneficiary Customer:

IBAN: **ME25510000000021116552**
Name & Address: SAVEZ SLIJEPIH CRNE GORE
NJEGOŠEVA BR. 6
81000, Podgorica, MONTENEGRO

4.8 The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.

5. ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation and board will be provided at the Hotel "Palas" 4*.

5.2 Prices per person with full board (three meals per day)

Hotel "Palas" 4*

Room type	Price per day
Single room	108 €
Double room	85 € per person

*All listed prices are based on the full board and include all hotel benefits.

5.3 For security reasons, all members of the delegation, including players, captains, coaches, and accompanying persons, shall stay in the official hotel. The Organizing Committee will not accept any person to be a participant who doesn't book in the official hotel. It is the Organizing Committee that is in charge of all hotel registrations. All accommodation requests shall go through the Organizing Committee. No registrations made privately with the hotel will be accepted.

6. CHESS EQUIPMENT

All games in the tournament will be played only on Braille chess sets.

As a condition of its participation, every national team shall bring at least four (4) Braille chess set and two (2) Braille clock and sufficient writing (recording) equipment.

7. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The tournament will be held under the official IBCA and FIDE rules as a 9 round Swiss system event. Please see the Tournament Regulations for the **IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026 for the persons with visual impairment** which form is an integral part of this Invitation.

8. SCHEDULE

The championship will be held from 17th April to 28th April 2026 in Petrovac. Playing venue will be situated at the Hotel "Palas" in Petrovac.

Friday	17.04.2026.	Arrival of Participants	
Saturday	18.04.2026.	Technical meeting	11:00
		Opening ceremony	14:30
		Round 1	15:00
Sunday	19.04.2026.	Round 2	15:00
Monday	20.04.2026.	Round 3	15:00
Tuesday	21.04.2026.	Round 4	15:00
Wednesday	22.04.2026.	Round 5	15:00
Thursday	23.04.2026.	Rest day, excursion	
Friday	24.04.2026.	Round 6	15:00
Saturday	25.04.2026.	Round 7	15:00
Sunday	26.04.2026.	Round 8	15:00
Monday	27.04.2026.	Round 9	14:00
		Closing ceremony	20:30
Tuesday	28.04.2026.	Departure	

9. PRIZES

Please see the Tournament Regulations for the **IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026 for the persons with visual impairment** for a complete description of the team and individual prizes. The prizes will be awarded at the official closing ceremony. All players shall receive their prizes in person.

10. VISA INFORMATION

Players and other delegation members who need a visa to enter Montenegro are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before **1st February 2026**. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

11. TRANSPORT

The Organizer will arrange transfers between the airports (Podgorica or Tivat) and the hotel. Transfer is free for all players and accredited accompanying persons. All delegations must send their flight details (dates, times and flight numbers for arrival/departure).

12. CONTACT AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Tournament Director: Milos Ranitovic +382 68 027260

Organizing Committee contact: +382 67 237360

Chief Arbiter: IA Igor Vujacic

E-mail: ibca.wtcc.2026@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. GOVERNING REGULATIONS

IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026 for the persons with visual impairment shall be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions, the applicable IBCA Rules and present Technical Regulations. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered by the above regulations shall be referred to the IBCA President for a final decision.

2. TEAM COMPOSITION & TEAM LISTS

Every team shall include four (4) players and up to two (2) reserves. When registering a delegation, every team shall designate a team captain. A captain may be one of the players or the reserve, or another member of this team's delegation.

A captain shall submit the preferred board order ("starting list") for his team by the start of the Technical Meeting.

As per FIDE Regulations the captain is required to deliver at a specific time a written list naming the players in his team participating in each round. If the list is not delivered by the required time, the team list for that round shall be the first four named players in the "starting list". The times required to deliver the lists for each round will be announced at the Technical Meeting. The captain shall communicate the board order and the pairings to his players.

3. FORMAT & SYSTEM

The tournament shall be played as a nine (9) round Team Swiss system event with one round per day including rest day.

Pairings will be handled by FIDE certified software (Swiss Manager) under the responsibility of the Pairings Officer and the Chief Arbiter. The starting list and all pairings will use the FIDE Standard rating list valid at the tournament starting date. The tournament will be rated by FIDE.

4. TIME CONTROL & DEFAULT TIME

Time control for tournament is 2 hours for each player per game + 30 seconds increment starting from move 1.

As per the FIDE Regulations at the start of any round a participating team has to be present with more than 50% players. If 50% or less of the players are present at the start of any round the players present are not allowed to start their games. If a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of more than 30 minutes from the actual start of the round, his game will be declared lost by a forfeit.

5. TIE-BREAKS

Each match is scored by match points. A winner gets 2 points, a draw gives 1 point to each team and a loss 0 points. If two (2) or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie is broken as follows:

- ❖ Total number of game points;
- ❖ Direct encounter (the results of the matches between the teams involved in the tie);
- ❖ Sonneborn-Berger Olympiad variation;
- ❖ More points on 1st board than 2nd board, 3rd board and 4th board;
- ❖ Draws.

6. PLAYER CONDUCT

All participants are bound by the Laws of Chess and shall behave at all times during the tournament in accordance with the IBCA and FIDE regulations and the highest principles of sportsmanship.

The players are expected to be present at all official events approved by the IBCA and the Organizer, including the Opening and the Closing ceremonies.

The captains are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

The players are expected to cooperate with the media and be available for short interviews immediately after each game.

The players shall comply with the requirements of FIDE Regulations to maintain their dignified appearance at all times during the event.

7. FAIR PLAY & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Fair Play measures will be in place according the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines with the sole exception of the move recording equipment.

During a game players and captains are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief arbiter in the playing venue. Such devices may be stored in a player's bag, provided the device is completely switched off. This bag must be placed as agreed with the Chief arbiter and the player is forbidden to use this bag without the arbiter's permission. Accompanying persons or spectators are forbidden to use electronic devices at the playing venue except for photography when explicitly approved by the Chief arbiter.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The IBCA and the Organizer will nominate the Chairman and two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, as well as two (2) reserve members, all from different National Braille Chess Federations. All names shall be announced not later than at the start of the Technical Meeting.

None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee shall make decisions if a dispute involving a player from his National Braille Chess Federations. A reserve member takes his place in such a case.

A protest can be lodged only by a player or a team captain. All protests shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing not more than one (1) hour after the completion of relevant game, or an alleged occurrence of an infringement complained against.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of 100 EUR. If the protest is

accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee shall be forfeited to the IBCA.

The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- ❖ an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- ❖ a protest against a player's or a captain's behavior,
- ❖ all other matters which the Committee considers relevant.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute is final.

9. TOURNAMENT PRINCIPALS

In compliance with the appropriate regulations and as per the mutual agreement, the IBCA and Organizer will appoint Principals and the Organizer will provide the required conditions. The Organizer will appoint Arbiters as per FIDE guidelines for a total number of arbiters depending on the competition size.

10. PRIZES

The team that wins the championship will be declared the **IBCA World Team Chess Championship 2026** and will be awarded a trophy. Players of the teams that won the first, second and third places will be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively.

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition for individual board prizes namely: gold, silver, and bronze medals. For the purposes of this award, the players performance ratings shall be compared. The highest performance rating wins. In case of a tie, it shall be broken in order of priority by:

- a) number of games played (the highest number wins);
- b) percentage score (the highest number wins);
- c) final ranking of a team (the player on the highest ranked team wins).

For Boards 1-4, only players who have played a minimum of six (6) games shall be eligible for board prizes. For Board 5, only players who have played a minimum of five (5) games shall be eligible for board prizes.