

3rd Populus Open - Winter Rapid Tournament 2025

Organizer: Chess House Praha, z.s.

Date of tournament: 21.12.2025

Playing venue: EA Hotel Populus, U Staré cihelny 2182/11, 130 00 Praha 3 ([map](#))

Tournament director: Dominik Rous (domirous64@gmail.com)

Tournament arbiters: NA Dominik Rous

Right to participate: Players registered and unregistered with the Czech Chess Federation, foreign players registered with FIDE with a FIDE ID number.

Tournament system: Open rapid chess tournament according to FIDE rules, played using the Swiss system over 7 rounds, counting towards the national rapid Elo rating and FIDE rapid chess Elo rating, with the application of Article A.5.

Game tempo: 12 minutes per game + 3 seconds per move.

Waiting time: A player who does not arrive at the game within the specified limit of 12 minutes after the start of the round loses by default and will not be drawn into the next round.

Playing equipment: Each player must bring their own tournament chess set and digital clock.

The organizer can lend a limited number of chess sets and clocks for a fee of CZK 60.

Ranking: 1. number of points, 2. mutual games between the players in question (according to the FIDE system), 3. Buchholz reduced by the result of the opponent with the lowest point score, 4. Buchholz, 5. Sonneborn-Berger, 6. more times black, 7. draw

Cash prizes: CZK 5,650, guaranteed if 60 players pay the entry fee, in the women's category (min. 4 players), the U20 junior category (min. 4 players) and the 60+ senior category (min. 4 players).

1st place CZK 2,100, 2nd place CZK 1,200, 3rd place CZK 750, 4th place CZK 500, 5th place CZK 200

best woman CZK 300, best senior 60+ CZK 300, best junior U20 CZK 300

Prizes are cumulative.

Cups for the top 3 players in the overall ranking and the best junior, woman, and senior
Diplomas and medals for young people born in 2007 and younger in 1st to 3rd place.

Applications: Fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/JZY3vSiJKmbgoBfS8> or send an email to - kontakt@chesshousepraha.com, or domirous64@gmail.com

Entry fee:

CZK 350 - basic - with lunch (CZK 185) - must be paid in advance by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2025

CZK 320 - discounted with lunch (CZK 185) - must be paid in advance by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2025

Basic without lunch - CZK 260 - payment on site or in advance

Players born in 2007 and younger and 1960 and older are eligible for discounted entry fees. Applications after December 16, 2025 are not eligible for discounts.

Players with IM and GM titles only pay for lunch - CZK 185 - in advance by 11:59 p.m. on December 16, 2025.

The "with lunch" entry fee option includes lunch at Hotel Populus for CZK 185 - fried chicken schnitzel with potato salad and cucumber.

There is no fee for registering the tournament with ELO FIDE; it is included in the entry fee. Bank details: Account 2302986660 / 2010 held at FIO Bank (IBAN:CZ8320100000 002302986660, BIC/SWIFT: FIOBCZPPXXX), variable symbol = FIDE ID or ELO ČR registration number.

Registration: Players who have paid the entry fee will be listed on the starting list published on <https://chess-results.com/tnr1277404.aspx?lan=5&SNode=S0> and will have "OK" in the "Group" column.. They are then duly registered and will be automatically entered into the first round.

Registration will not be checked on the day of the tournament.

Tournament schedule:

8:45 - 9:15 Attendance for unpaid players

9:25 Start of the tournament and announcement of the first round draw

9:30 - 12:20 1. - 4. round

12:20 - 13:00 lunch

13:05 - 15:10 5. - 7. round

10 minutes after the end of the last game

Announcement of results

Transport connections: Bus stops for lines 133, 146, and 155 (Malešická) are located 20 meters from the hotel building.

From metro line A, get off at Želivského station and change to bus no. 155, which will take you to the Malešická stop.

From metro line C, get off at Florenc station, where you will change to bus no. 133, which will take you to the Malešická stop.

Other: The accompanying person over the age of 18 is responsible for the safety of the players during the tournament.

The tournament participant acknowledges that photos from this tournament may be published on the organizer's website.

The organizer reserves the right to refuse a player's participation in the tournament. The number of players in the tournament is limited by the capacity of the playing hall. The deposit for the appeals committee is CZK 1,000 and must be paid within 5 minutes of the referee's decision. The organizer reserves the right to change the rules.

Rankings from previous years

2024	1. Hlavina M. /2035	2. Ocelák J. /2239	3. Jun R. /2215
2023	1. Přibyl J. /2219	2. Vojta T. /2366	3. Martirosyan D. /1861

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