

XANTHI CHESS CLUB XANTHI "DIMOKRITOS" CHESS ACADEMY	
«9th Old Town Festival Chess Tournament 2026 – Georgios Platsidis»	
TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT	
<u>RAPID</u>	
ORGANIZED BY	Xanthi Chess Club Xanthi "Dimokritos" Chess Academy
CO-ORGANIZED BY	Region of East Macedonia & Thrace – Regional Unit of Xanthi
ELIGIBILITY	Open to all chess players (men and women) (Up to 200 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis)
TOURNAMENT SYSTEM	9-round Swiss system, in three groups: Group A – rated players with ELO $\geq$ 1600; Group B – rated players with ELO 0–1599; Group C – unrated players. Players competing in Groups A and B must have paid their Hellenic Chess Federation (ESO) membership renewal fee.
RULES	The rules of the Hellenic Chess Federation (ESO) and FIDE apply.
SCHEDULE	<u>Confirmation of entries — Saturday 05/09/2026 — until 15:30</u>
	Round 1 — Saturday 05/09/2026 — 16:00
	Round 2 — Saturday 05/09/2026 — 16:40
	Round 3 — Saturday 05/09/2026 — 17:20
	Round 4 — Saturday 05/09/2026 — 18:00
	Round 5 — Saturday 05/09/2026 — 18:40
	Round 6 — Sunday 06/09/2026 — 10:20
	Round 7 — Sunday 06/09/2026 — 11:40
	Round 8 — Sunday 06/09/2026 — 12:20
	Round 9 — Sunday 06/09/2026 — 13:00
	<u>Prize ceremony — Sunday 06/09/2026 — 14:00</u>
VENUE	Xanthi Municipal Amphitheatre
TIME CONTROL	10 minutes for the whole game, plus 5 seconds increment per move from move one
CHIEF ARBITER	Georgios Kouimtsidis (Tournament Director)
ARBITER	Paraskevas Efstathios Papageorgiou
POSTPONEMENTS / EXCEPTIONS	None granted under any circumstances.
TIE-BREAK CRITERIA	A) Result of the game(s) between the tied players
	B) Buchholz (cut 1)
	C) Buchholz
	D) Sonneborn–Berger
PRIZES – GROUP A WINNERS	Trophies: 1st – 2nd – 3rd overall and 1st woman Medals for the top finishers in the U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 age categories S50 (senior, subject to number of participants)
	If a player is eligible for more than one prize, only the prize from the higher category is awarded.
PRIZES – GROUP B WINNERS	Trophies: 1st – 2nd – 3rd overall and 1st woman Medals for the top finishers in the U8, U10 and U12 age categories
PRIZES – GROUP C WINNERS	Medals: 1st – 2nd – 3rd overall Medals for the top finishers in the U6, U8, U10 and U12 age categories, and for the top-placed girls in these categories
CASH PRIZES – GROUP A ONLY	Overall ranking: 1st (€200), 2nd (€150), 3rd (€100), 1st woman (€50)
CASH PRIZES – GROUP B ONLY	Overall ranking: 1st (€70), 2nd (€50), 3rd (€30), 1st woman (€20)
ENTRIES	Complete the form at the link below: Registration form For information, call: +30 6974 571803 and +30 6974 681746
	<i>Entries will be accepted through September 2, 2026.</i>
GENERAL	For any matter not covered by this announcement, the rules of the Hellenic Chess Federation (ESO) and FIDE shall apply, and the Tournament Directorate has jurisdiction.

ENTRY FEE – GROUP A	Free for men with ELO > 2200 and women with ELO > 2000 €20 for players with ELO 1600–2200 €20 for women with ELO 1600–2000 €30 for players with ELO 1400–1599 €5 discount for the second family member, €5 discount for the third family member
ENTRY FEE – GROUP B	€15 for everyone €5 discount for the second family member, €5 discount for the third family member
ENTRY FEE – GROUP C	€10 for everyone €5 discount for the second family member, €5 discount for the third family member
PAYMENT	Depositing the entry fee to account GR60 0260 3140 0003 7020 2673 773 confirms tournament participation. Family members must play in the same group to be eligible for the family discount.
XANTHI CHESS CLUBS – XANTHI, September 4–6, 2026	

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ELIGIBILITY	Open to all chess players (men and women) (Up to 200 participants, on a first-come, first-served basis)
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	Round 9 — Friday 04/09/2026 — 19:00
	<u>Prize ceremony — Friday 04/09/2026 — 19:30</u>
VENUE	Xanthi Municipal Amphitheatre
TIME CONTROL	3 minutes for the whole game, plus 2 seconds increment per move from move one
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ARBITER	Paraskevas Efsthios Papageorgiou
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PRIZES – GROUP C WINNERS	Medals: 1st – 2nd – 3rd overall Medals for the top finishers in the U6, U8, U10 and U12 age categories, and for the top-placed girls in these categories
CASH PRIZES – GROUP A ONLY	Overall ranking: 1st (€120), 2nd (€80), 3rd (€50), 1st woman (€50)
CASH PRIZES – GROUP B ONLY	Overall ranking: 1st (€50), 2nd (€30), 3rd (€20)
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