

# Tournament rules

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Sant Boi will be the third stage of a chess festival that has the intention to become annual and will be held in Baix Llobregat, Barcelona. It will be organized by the editor of **EI Llobregat, Xavier Pérez Llorca**, and has the Argentine International **Master Marcelo Panelo** as director of the tournament.

elllobregat Open Chess Tournament is an open tournament authorized and approved by the **Federació Catalana d'Escacs**, valid for **international ELO and obtaining international norms and titles**, which will be played between November 30 and December 8, 2022. Our second edition, has had the highest average ELO of all the open contested in Spain (2306) and since our beginnings we have awarded 15 norms (7 GM, 5 IM and 3-WIM). The ELO is the measure that establishes the strength of a chess player.

## Dates and Hours

Round	Day	Date	Hour
1	Wednesday	11/30/2022	17:00
2	Thursday	01/12/2022	17:00
3	Friday	02/12/2022	17:00
4	Saturday	03/12/2022	17:00
5	Sunday	04/12/2022	17:00
6	Monday	05/12/2022	17:00
7	Tuesday	06/12/2022	17:00
8	Wednesday	07/12/2022	17:00
9	Thursday	08/12/2022	10:00

## How to get to Sant Boi from Barcelona

The journey from Plaza de España to Sant Boi is 18 minutes and the line is the Ferrocarriles de la Generalitat. The game room is 600 meters away (5 minutes walk from Sant Boi station).

## General rules

Those players who have a valid federal license and the ELO requirements detailed above may participate. In the case of players with foreign flag must have FIDE code.

1. For the present edition the FIDE Chess Laws and its annexes, in force since January 1, 2018 and FIDE tournament regulations (C.05) will be applied.
2. The initial order of forces and prize ratio will be determined on the basis of the FIDE STANDARD ELO ready November 2022.
3. Participation in the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt tournament implies knowledge and tacit acceptance of these rules of play.
4. Players agree to attend the game rooms with the proper clothing and to have a correct and sporting behavior.
5. Smoking and eating will not be allowed in the entire playing area.
6. It will be the responsibility of each player to check the correctness of the data that appear in the different registration lists and in the classifications, and in case of finding any error, he/she must communicate it to the Organization of the Open. If it is discovered that a player has deliberately provided incorrect information, he/she will be directly expelled from the Open.
7. Cell phones will not be allowed in the playing enclosure unless they are turned off and in a bag or backpack provided by the player for that purpose and kept so for the duration of the entire round. Any electronic device that could be used to provide any kind of chess aid to the players will not be allowed either. The player shall authorize the referee team to check that his phone is turned off in case of any doubt on this point.
8. Players may not leave the playing area without justification or permission from an arbiter while their games are in progress.
9. The participation in elllobregat Open Chess Tournament implies the acceptance by the player that his personal data and games may be published in the different media that the Organization considers appropriate for a better dissemination of the event. Among these media are, for example, registration lists (on paper and online in different media), results of games, tournament rankings, broadcasts, photographs, etc.

## **Participation rules**

Registered players who do not confirm their presence to the Organization at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament will not be paired.

Any player who does not show up for a round without justification will be considered to have dropped out of the tournament.

**Likewise, any player who does not show up for two consecutive or alternate rounds will be automatically eliminated from the tournament, even if he/she could have had an excuse. In order to justify a no-show, the player must contact the Open Organization before the end of the round he/she did not attend, so that he/she can be paired in the next round.**

## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR TOURNAMENT A**

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### **Inscriptions and registration**

The tournament is open to all players with a valid FIDE license and FIDE ELO of at least 2100 points.

The Organization reserves the right to invite any player who has had more than 2150 ELO STANDARD points since January 1st, 2020.

Valid for ELO FIDE, FEDA and FCE, and for obtaining international standards.

### Registration schedule

This year we are introducing the tournament registration schedule by groups. The players will be allowed to register for participation in the tournament during different periods exclusively.

- Group 1) GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, more than 2400 ELO and players who will stay at official Hotel from May 25th to November 15th.
- Group 2) FMs and players with more than 2.300 ELO from July 18th to November 15th.
- Group 3) Rest of the players from September 5th to November 15th.

In all the cases, we could close registrations before if we reach the full capacity.

Players can register for the tournament A of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt, through the following form:

Filling in the form that you will find in this web page.

**The registration to the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. tournament will only be valid once the confirmation email is received. The Organization reserves the right of admission, and may reject any application for registration it deems appropriate, as well as the right to cancel the tournament without notice, provided it is for reasons of force majeure (such as the coronavirus pandemic), without having to compensate financially to the participants, only with the return of the registration fee or reservation of accommodation.**

### Registration fees

- General: 90 € (70 € if paid before 15/09/2022)
- Players U-14 and over 65: 80€ (60€ if paid before 15/09/2022)
- Players with recognized disability: 80€ (60€ if paid before 15/09/2022)
- Players with more than 2400 FIDE: Free registration.
- GM, WGM and IM: Free registration.

### Capacity

As it is public knowledge, the capacity of the closed spaces has been reduced due to the circulation of the COVID virus. The playing room for this 2022 edition of elllobregat Open Chess, has 800 m<sup>2</sup> and the capacity of the participants will be established in 150/200

participants in the tournament A and 100/150 in the tournament B. The organization may modify this number according to the recommendations of the health authorities.

### **System of play**

9-round Swiss system. The pairings will be made through the Swiss Manager program, being the main arbiter responsible for them.

### **Rate of Play**

90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 30 minutes to finish the game with 30 seconds increment from move 1.

### **Waiting time**

Tolerance time is set at 1 hour.

### **Byes**

Byes are zero points and must be requested at the latest, before the end of the game of the previous round. A maximum of 1 bye per player is allowed. Titled players are not eligible for this request unless the head referee allows this exception for reasons of force majeure. In case a player requests a bye in the eighth round, he/she will not be paired in the ninth round.

### **Ties**

Ties shall be valid both for ranking purposes and for trophies and cash prizes. Therefore, neither trophies nor cash prizes will be divisible among players who may have tied on points.

The tie-breaking system of the Open shall be as follows and in the following order:

1. Buchholz FIDE minus the worst result (37) (1,0,N S,0,N).
2. Buchholz FIDE total. (37) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
3. Sonnenborg Berger. (52) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
4. Particular Result (11)
5. Average of the recursive performance of the rivals (55) (0,0,1000)

For the purpose of calculating the Buchholz systems, the "virtual opponent" will be applied in unplayed games.

Once the above tie-breaking systems have been applied, a provisional overall ranking will be available. However, if there is a tie in points between some of the first 4 classified in this provisional classification, the match-play tie-breaker will be applied to obtain the final general classification. This match-play tie-breaker will consist of an elimination system (semifinal and final in case there are 3 or 4 tied players) between the players who have finished the tournament with the same number of points (whether the champion is to be decided or not), as follows:

2 blitz games with a rhythm of 5 minutes + 3 seconds per move (5' + 3"), alternating colors.

In case of a draw, an "Armageddon" blitz game, with 6 minutes for the player with white and 5 minutes for the player with black. The color of each player will be drawn by lot and, in case of a draw, the player who played with black will win.

Handicapped players may choose to play or not to play the tiebreaks in rapid games. If they do not do so, they will get the prize they would have in the provisional standings, without applying these tiebreakers.

Examples:

- First 4 players tied on points: 2 semi-finals and final to decide the first to fourth places.
- Champion decided by points, but 3 players tied on points in the second to fourth places: 1 semi-final (third and fourth) and a final (the second player would go directly to the final).
- 2 players tied on points in the first 2 places, and 2 players tied on points in the third and fourth places: 2 finals, one to decide the champion, and one to decide the third place.

### **Referee claims**

Any complaint about a referee's decision must be made in writing to the Competition Committee. It must be made no later than one hour after the end of the game in which the disputed decision took place.

This Competition Committee will be composed of the director of the Open and 4 participating players (2 regular and 2 alternates, the latter for those conflicts in which any of the regular players could be involved, or in case of not being able to locate any regular member). During the first round of play of the elllobregat Open Chess tmnt, the Festival Organization will proceed to choose this Committee.

The decisions of this Committee will be final and unappealable.

In the tiebreaks of rapid games, the decisions of the main arbiter will be final.

### **Link to Chess Results**

<https://chess-results.com/Tnr636420.aspx>

## **SPECIFIC RULES TOURNAMENT B**

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### **Inscriptions and registration**

The tournament is open to all players with a valid FIDE license and FIDE ELO below 2100 points and who have not reached and/or exceeded 2150 points since the FRL January 1, 2020.

Valid for ELO FCE, FEDA and FIDE Players may register for the tournament B of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt, through the following form:

Filling out the form that you will find on this website.

**The registration to the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. tournament will only be valid once the confirmation email has been received. The Organization reserves the right of admission, and may reject any application for registration it deems appropriate, as well as the right to cancel the tournament without notice, provided it is for reasons of force majeure (such as the coronavirus pandemic), without having to compensate financially to the participants, only with the return of the registration fee or reservation of accommodation.**

### **Registration fees**

General: 70 € (60 € if paid before 15/09/2022)

### **Capacity**

As is well known, the capacity of the closed spaces has been reduced due to the circulation of the COVID virus. The playing room for this 2022 edition of elllobregat Open Chess, has 800 m2 and the capacity of the participants will be established in 150/200 participants in the tournament A and 100/150 in the tournament B. The organization may modify this number according to the recommendations of the health authorities.

### **System of play**

9-round Swiss system. The pairings will be made through the Swiss Manager program, being the main arbiter responsible for them.

### **Rate of Play**

90 minutes for the whole game plus 30 seconds increment from move 1.

### **Waiting time**

Tolerance time is set at 1 hour.

### **Byes**

Byes are zero points and must be requested at the latest, before the end of the game of the previous round. A maximum of 2 byes per player is allowed. In case a player requests a bye in the eighth round, he/she will not be paired in the ninth round.

### **Ties**

Ties will be valid both for ranking purposes and for trophies and cash prizes. Therefore, neither trophies nor cash prizes will be divisible among players who may have tied on points.

The tie-breaking system for Open B shall be as follows and in the following order:

1. Buchholz FIDE minus the worst result. (37) (1,0,N S,0,N)
2. Buchholz FIDE total. (37) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
3. Sonnenborg Berger. (52) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
4. Particular Result (11)
5. Average of the recursive performance of the rivals (55) (0,0,1000)

For the purpose of calculating the Buchholz systems, the "virtual opponent" will be applied in unplayed games.

### **Arbitration claims**

Any complaint about a referee's decision must be addressed in writing to the Competition Committee. It must be made no later than one hour after the end of the game in which the disputed decision took place.

The Competition Committee shall be composed of the director of the Open and 4 participating players (2 regular players and 2 substitutes, the latter for those conflicts in which one of the regular players may be involved, or in case a regular member cannot be located). During the first round of play of the elllobregat Open Chess tmnt, the Festival Organization will proceed to choose this Committee.

The decisions of this Committee will be final and unappealable.

### **Link to Chess Results**

<https://chess-results.com/Tnr636421.aspx>

## **SPECIFIC RULES BLITZ MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

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### **Specific rules**

Game Day: Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:00 am.

Participation is exclusively open to:

- GM and WGM who dispute the 9 rounds of elllobregat Open Chess 2022.
- IMs born in 1972 and earlier who play the 9 rounds of elllobregat Open Chess 2022.
- Players with more than 2500 points of ELO STANDARD

Free registration to be confirmed in the playing room on December 1st from 16 to 22 hours.

Swiss System 9 rounds with a Rate of Play of 3 min + 2 s per move.

Valid for ELO FIDE BLITZ and ELO FCE BLITZ.

### **Ties**

1. Buchholz FIDE minus worst score (37) (1,0,N Y,0,N)
2. Buchholz FIDE total. (37) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
3. Sonnenborg Berger. (52) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
4. Particular Result (11)
5. Average recursive performance of the opponents (55) (0,0,1000)

### **Link to Chess Results**

<https://chess-results.com/Tnr636422.aspx>

## **SPECIFIC RULES FOR WOMEN'S BLITZ TOURNAMENT**

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### **Specific rules**

Game Day: Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00 am.

Only women who play the 9 rounds of elllobregat Open Chess 2022 A or B can participate.

Free registration to be confirmed in the game room on December 1 from 16 to 22 hours.

Swiss System 9 rounds with a Rate of Play of 3 min + 2 s per move.

Valid for ELO FIDE BLITZ and ELO FCE BLITZ.

### **Ties**

1. Buchholz FIDE minus the worst result (37) (1,0,N Y,0,N)
2. Buchholz FIDE total. (37) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
3. Sonnenborg Berger. (52) (0,0,N Y,0,N)
4. Particular Result (11)
5. Average recursive performance of the opponents (55) (0,0,1000)

### **Link to Chess Results**

<https://chess-results.com/Tnr636423.aspx>