

Castelldefels will be the second stage of a chess festival that is intended to be held annually and on an itinerant basis in Baix Llobregat, Barcelona. It will be organized by the editor of **El Llobregat**, **Xavier Pérez Llorca**, and has the Argentine International Master **Marcelo panelo** What tournament director.

elllobregat Open Chess Tournament is an open tournament authorized and approved by the **Catalan Federation of Escacs**, which will be held between November 30 and December 8, 2021. Our first edition 2019, has had the highest average ELO of all the Open disputed in Spain and has granted 7 rules (3 GM, 2 IM and 2-WIM). The ELO is the measure that establishes the strength of a chess player.

Enrollment and registration

They will be able to participate in elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. those players who have a valid federation license and the ELO requirements detailed below. In the case of players with a foreign flag, they must have a FIDE code. Players will be able to register for the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt tournament. by filling in the form that you will find on this web page:[link to form](#).

Registration prices

Senior: € 70 (€ 50 Yes I know pay before of 11/1/2021)
Under-16 and veteran players: € 60 (€ 50 if paid before 11/1/2021) Players with recognized disabilities: € 50 (€ 40 if paid before 11/1/2021)

Players with more from 2400 FIDE: Inscription free
GM and MI: Free registration

The registration payment can only be made through a bank card or Paypal. Similarly, the payment of the prizes will be made by bank transfer or Paypal, more information in the prizes section.

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

In the event that a participant wants to cancel their registration to the tournament or their accommodation reservation, they will have to notify the organization 90 days before the start of the tournament, and the registration fee or accommodation reservation will be returned. After this date, any cancellation that is requested will lose the right to claim your registration fee or accommodation reservation.

Registration Rights

The tournament is open to all players with a valid FIDE license and an ELO FIDE rating of at least 1800 points.

Valid for ELO FCE, FEDA and FIDE, and to obtain international standards. Players who have participated in group B in the 2019 edition will have the right to play in the tournament regardless of the ELO FIDE they have.

Players with a Spanish federation license who do not have an international ELO may register if they have a Spanish ELO equal to or greater than 2000 points.

Capacity

As is public knowledge, capacity in closed spaces has been reduced due to the circulation of the COVID virus. The game room for this 2021 edition of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt., Has 800 m^{two} and the capacity of the participants will be established at 150/200 participants. The organization may modify this number according to the recommendations of the health authorities.

COVID protocol

The Organization of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. will apply the current COVID protocol of the Catalan Federation of Escacs as of the start date of the contest. The full version can be found at the following link: [COVID Protocol of the Catalan Federation of Escacs](#)

Official accommodation and place of play

The second edition of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. It will be held at the Hotel Playafels.

hotel Playafels
Ribera de San Pedro Beach, 1-9, Castelldefels - 08860 (BARCELONA)

Accommodation website: <https://www.grup-soteras.com/hotel-playafels/>

General bases

The second edition of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. will take place in the town of Castedefells.

Players with a valid federation license and detailed ELO requirements may participate in the tournament. In the case of players with a foreign flag, they must have a FIDE code.

1. For this 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 the list of prizes of the Whole Festival will be determined by reason of the ELO FIDE STANDARD November list. 2021.
3. Participation in the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt tournament. implies knowledge and tacit acceptance of these game rules.

4. The players undertake to attend the game rooms with the proper dress and to have a correct and sporty behavior.
5. Smoking or eating will not be allowed in the entire playing field.
6. It will be the responsibility of each player to verify that the data that appears in the different registration lists and in the classifications are correct, and must notify the Open Organization in case of finding any error. If it is discovered that a player is not registered in the correct group or has deliberately provided incorrect information, they will be directly expelled from the Open.
7. Mobile phones will not be allowed in the playing area unless they are turned off and in a bag or backpack provided by the player for that purpose and are kept that way for the duration of the entire round. Nor will the entry of any electronic device that could serve to provide some type of chess help to the players will be allowed. The player will authorize the referee team to check that his phone is switched off in case of any doubt about this.
8. Players may not leave the playing area without justification or permission from a referee while their games are in progress.
9. Participation in any of the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt tournaments. implies the acceptance by the player that their personal data and games may be published in the different media that the Organization deems appropriate for a better dissemination of the event. These means include, for example, registration lists (on paper and online in different media), game results, tournament rankings, broadcasts, photographs, etc.

Game system

Swiss System to 9 rounds. The pairings will be made through the Swiss Manager program, the main referee being responsible for them.

Validity

The tournaments are computable for ELO FIDE, FEDA and FCE, and will be valid for obtaining international standards.

Pace of Play

90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 30 minutes to end the game with a 30 second increment from move 1.

Wait time

The tolerance time is set to 1 hour.

Byes

Byes are zero points and must be requested at most, before the end of the game of the previous round. A maximum of 2 byes are allowed per

player. Titled players will not be eligible for this request unless the main referee allows this exception due to force majeure.

Tiebreakers

The tie-breaks will be valid both for classification purposes and for obtaining trophies and cash prizes. Therefore, neither trophies nor cash prizes will be divisible among the players who could have tied for points.

The tournament tiebreaker system will be as follows and in the following order:

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

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

Once the previous tie-breaking systems have been applied, a provisional general classification will be available. However, if there is a tie in points between some of the first 4 classifieds of said provisional classification, the match-play tiebreaker will be applied to obtain the final general classification.

Said match-play tiebreaker will consist of an eliminatory system (semifinal and final in case of 3 or 4 players tied) between the players who have finished the tournament with the same number of points (whether the champion must be determined or not), as follows:

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

In the event of a tie, 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 and, in the event of a draw, the player who played with black will win.

Disabled players can choose to play or not to play the jump-offs to quick games. In case of not doing so, they will obtain the prize that they would have in the provisional classification, without applying these tie-breaks.

Examples:

- The first 4 players tied on points: 2 semifinals and final to clarify the first to fourth places.
- Determined champion, but 3 players tied on points in the second to fourth places: 1 semifinal (third and fourth) and a final (the second would go directly to said final).
- 2 players tied on points in the first 2 places, and another 2 tied on points in the third and fourth places: 2 final, one to elucidate the champion, and another to elucidate the third place.

Specific regulations for participation

Registered players who do not confirm their presence before the Organization with a minimum of 24 hours. in advance of the start of the tournament they will not be paired.

Any player who does not show up for a round unjustifiably will be considered to leave the tournament.

Likewise, any player who does not appear for two consecutive or alternate rounds will be automatically eliminated from the tournament, even if it could have been justified. In order to justify a no-show, the player must contact the Open Organization before the end of the round that he had not attended, so that he can be paired in the next round.

The Organization reserves the right to make a player with a lower ELO than 1800 play in the tournament in exceptional cases.

Arbitration claims

Any claim to an arbitration decision must be addressed in writing to the Competition Committee. It must be done no later than one hour from the end of the game in which the decision in dispute took place.

Said Competition Committee will be made up of the Director of the Open and 4 participating players (2 starters and 2 substitutes, the latter for those conflicts in which any of the holders could be involved, or in case of not being able to locate any titular member) . During the first round of play of the elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt., The Festival Organization will proceed to choose said Committee.

The decisions of this Committee will be final and unappealable.

In quick game tournaments, the decisions of the main referee of the Open will be final.