

Castelldefels will be the second edition 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 **El Llobregat**, **Xavier Pérez Llorca**, and has the Argentine International **Master Marcelo** Panelo as director of the tournament.

elllobregat Open Chess Tournament has the approval and support of the **Catalan Chess Federation**, and will be held from November 30 and to December 8, 2021. Our first edition in 2019, had the highest ELO average of all the tournaments disputed in Spain and has granted 7 norms (3 GM, 2 IM and 2-WIM). ELO is establishes the ranking of a chess player.

Registration and participation

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 the form](#).

Registration prices

Senior: € 70 (€ 50 if paid before 1/11/2021).
Under-16 players and veterans: € 60 (€ 50 if paid before 1/11/2021).
Players with recognized disabilities: € 50 (€ 40 if paid before 1/11/2021).
Players with more than 2400 FIDE: Free registration.
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. 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 m² 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 Chess Federation as of the start date of the contest. The full version can be found at the following link: [COVID Protocol of the Catalan Chess Federation](#)

Official accommodation and place of play

The second edition of elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. 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/>

How to arrive to Castelldefels from Barcelona

The journey from Barcelona Sants to Platja de Castelldefels is 22 minutes and the line is C2 of the RENFE. The hotel and playing venue is 1 kilometer away (15 minutes walking from the Renfe Platja de Castellfedels station.

General bases

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

Only 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, FIDE Laws of Chess and its annexes, taking effect from 1 January 2018 and FIDE tournament regulations (C.05) will apply.
2. The starting rank and the categories of the whole Festival will be determined based on the ELO FIDE STANDARD list November 2021.
3. The participation in the first tournament of elllobregat Open Chess implies the knowledge and the full acceptance of the present bases.

4. Players agree to attend the playing venue with proper dress and to have a correct and sportive behaviour.
5. Smoking and eating will not be allowed in the entire playing area.
6. It will be the responsibility of each player to register in the correct group of each of the tournaments that he decides to play in. Likewise, the player must verify that the data contained in the different registration lists and classifications are correct, and must inform the Open Organization in case of finding any error. If it is discovered that a player is not enrolled in the correct group or has provided any incorrect information deliberately, he will be directly expelled from the Open.
7. At playing area Mobile phones will not be allowed unless they are turned off and placed in a bag or backpack provided by the player for that purpose and remains so for the duration of the entire round. Neither will be allowed to enter into the playing area keeping any electronic device that could serve the possibility to provide any type of chess assistance to players. The player will authorize the arbitration team to verify that their phone is switched off in case of any doubt about this..
8. Players may not leave the playing area without justification or permission from an arbiter while their games are in progress.
9. Participation in elllobregat Open Chess Tnmt. implies acceptance by the player that their personal data and games may be published in the different media that the Organization considers appropriate for a better dissemination of the event. Among such means are, for example, registration lists (paper and online in different media), match results, tournament rankings, retransmissions, photographs, etc.

System

Swiss system 9 rounds. Pairings will be done in Swiss Manager. The chief arbiter is responsible for the pairings.

Validity

The tournaments will be compute for ELO FIDE, FEDA and FCE, and will be valid for obtaining international titles.

Rate of play

90 minutes for the first 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest, with an increase of 30 seconds from the first move.

Waiting time

1 hour.

Byes

The 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.

Tiebreaks

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

The tie-breaking system of the tournament will 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 S,0,N)
3. Sonnenborg Berger (52) (0,0,N S,0,N)
4. Average recursive performance of opponents (55) (0,0,1000)

For the calculation of the Buchholz systems, the "virtual opponent" will be applied in non-played games.

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

Above mentioned match-play tie-break will consist of an eliminatory system (semi-final and final if there are 3 or 4 tied players) among the players who have finished the tournament with the same number of points (whether the champion should be decided or not), in the following way:

- 2 blitz games with a timing of 5 minutes + 3 seconds per play (5 '+ 3 "), alternating colours.

In case of a tie, a blitz match "Armageddon", with 6 minutes for the player with white and 5 minutes for the player with black. The colour of each player will be drawn and, in case of finishing in tables, the player who has played with black will win.

Disabled players can choose whether or not to play tie-breakers. In case of not doing so, they will get the prize they would be entitled in the provisional classification, without applying these tie-breaks.

Examples:

- The first 4 players tied to points: 2 semi-finals and final to decide the positions first to fourth.
- Champion decided but 3 players tied to points in the second to fourth places: 1 semi-final (third and fourth) and 1 final (the second would go directly to that final).
- 2 players tied to points in the first 2 places, and 2 tied for points in the third and fourth places: 2 finals, one to decide the champion, and another to decide the third place.

Specific participation rules

Registered players who do not notify the Organisation at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament will not be paired.

Any player who was absent unjustifiably for a round will be considered as leaving the tournament.

Likewise, any player who was absent for two consecutive or alternate rounds, even if it could have been justified, will be automatically eliminated from the tournament. In order to justify a failure to appear, the player must contact the Organization of the Open before the end of the round to which he did not attend, so that he can be paired in the next round.

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

Arbitral claims

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

The Competition Committee will be integrated by the Open Director and by 5 players (3 full members and 2 alternates), the latter for those conflicts in which one of the holders could be involved, or in case of not being able to locate a titular member). During the first round of the Llobregat Open Chess game, the Organization will proceed to choose the above mentioned Committee.

The decisions of this Committee will be final and non appealable.

In blitz tournaments, the decisions of the chief arbiter will be non appealable.