

Invitation: Finnish Youth Chess Championship 2026

Basic information

Tournament: Finnish Youth Chess Championship 2026 (Nuorten SM 2026)

Dates: 03.01.2026-06.01.2026

Venue: Jyväskylä Christian Institute, Sulkulantie 28, Jyväskylä

Time control:

- U12–U20: 90 min / 40 moves + 30 min + 30 sec / move
- U8 and U10: 90 min + 30 sec / move

Timetable

Confirmation of participation: Sat 3.1. at 10.00–11.00. Participation can be confirmed by sending a message to the organiser.

Round 1: Sat 3.1. at 12:00

Round 2: Sat 3.1. at 17:30

Round 3: Sun 4.1. at 10:00

Round 4: Sun 4.1. at 16:30

Round 5: Mon 5.1. at 10:00

Round 6: Mon 5.1. at 16:30

Round 7: Tue 6.1. at 10:00

Prize-giving and possible tiebreak matches once round 7 has finished.

Registration

Approved registration requires player information submission by filling in [the registration form](#) and the payment of the participation fee. Registration deadline is the 31st of December.

Participation fee:

- 50 EUR, if the registration has been completed by the 30th of November.
- 60 EUR, if the registration has been completed the 1st of December or later.

Payee: Jyväš-Shakki ry

Account number (IBAN): **FI87 5290 0240 2695 53**

BIC/SWIFT: OKOYFIHH

Please use the reference number 19130.

Age groups and prizes

U20: Born 2006 or later

U18: Born 2008 or later

U16: Born 2010 or later

U14: Born 2012 or later

U12: Born 2014 or later

U10: Born 2016 or later

U8: Born 2018 or later

Depending on the number of participants, the group can be played with Swiss System or as a Round Robin tournament. If necessary, groups can be combined. Players in the younger age group may play in the older age group if they wish. This must be indicated at the time of registration.

The three best players in each group will be awarded Finnish Championship medals. In addition, the three best girls participating in each group will be awarded Finnish Championship medals. In the event of a tie, the bronze medal will be awarded in accordance with the tiebreaks determined in the regulations for Finnish Championship tournaments. For the 1st and 2nd places, playoff matches will be played (see "Other").

Other

Jyvä-Shakki will organize the Finnish Youth Chess Championship in 2026 with the permission of the Finnish Chess Federation. Eligibility to participate is determined in accordance with the regulations of the Finnish Chess Federation (i.e. players born in 2006 or later representing the Finnish Chess Federation eligible to participate). The games will be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

During the rounds, only arbiters, other tournament officials and players are granted access to the playing hall. All players must notate the moves throughout the game.

Playoff matches

In case of a two-player tie, the playoff matches shall be played according to the following:

1. Two games of rapid chess, time control 15 min + 10 sec / move.
2. Two games of blitz chess, time control 5 min + 3 sec / move.
3. Two games of blitz chess, time control 3 min + 2 sec / move.
4. Armageddon game. White has 6 minutes and black has 5 minutes. Each player gets 2 sec / move **starting from move 61**. If the game ends in a draw or a win for black, the player playing black wins the championship.

In the event of a playoff between multiple players, the Chief Arbiter will determine the playoff format before the start of the final round of the tournament.

Accommodation offer

https://www.shakkiliitto.fi/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Jyvas-Shakki_majoitus_030126.pdf

Contact

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Welcome to Jyväskylä!