



Jerusalem Masters 2025

Objectives

The competition is being held to develop and promote chess and top-level chess in Israel.

Organisers

The Israel Chess Federation is the organising body of the event.

Safety of Participants

Israel is generally a safe place. During the competition, safety of the participants will be ensured in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Sports of Israel.

Participants in the Competition

12 players will participate in the competition:

- 5 players from the Israeli national team.
- 5 top chess players from around the world.
- The top 2 winners from the **Jerusalem Open 2025**.

Interviews

Tournament participants are required to attend press conferences and, upon request, provide short interviews to the media after their games.

Dates and Venue

The competition will take place from November 30th to December 3rd, 2025, in Jerusalem.

Competition Program

- November 29th – Arrival of participants.
- November 30th to December 3rd – Rapid chess tournament.



Tournament Schedule:

November 30th (Rounds 1–3):

- Round 1 – 14:00
- Round 2 – 15:00
- Round 3 – 16:00

December 1st (Rounds 4–7):

- Round 4 – 14:00
- Round 5 – 15:00
- Round 6 – 16:00
- Round 7 – 17:00

December 2nd (Rounds 8–11):

- Round 8 – 14:00
- Round 9 – 15:00
- Round 10 – 16:00
- Round 11 – 17:00

December 3rd:

- Semi-finals – 14:00 and 15:00
- Finals and third-place match – 17:00 and 18:00

Rules and Results Determination

The Competitions are held in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

The mandatory Fair-Play Control is carried out in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines.

A rapid chess time control round-robin tournament with 11 rounds. Article A.3 applies.

Time control: 15 minutes, with a 5-second increment starting from move 1.

Tiebreak system (with the exception of a tie for the semi-finals and finals):

- *Direct encounter
- *The Sonneborn – Berger;
- *The Koya system;
- * Higher number of wins with black;
- * Higher number of games with black.



Semi-Finals and Finals

The first 4 ranked players qualify to the semi finals .

Semi-final pairings would be 1-4, 2-3.

The semi-finals and finals shall consist of a mini-match as follows :

Two 15-5 rapid games.

If the score is tied after the two games (1–1), two 3 min + 2 Ssec blitz games will be played, and, if the score is still tied, a decisive game (Armageddon) will be played with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with a 3-second increment after each move, starting from move 61.

The colour of the pieces is chosen by the participant who won the drawing of lots. The drawing of lots is conducted at the chief arbiter's discretion .

If the Armageddon game ends in a draw, the player who played with black is declared the winner of the match.

The 2 winners of the semi-finals qualify to the finals. The finals shall be conducted in the same mini-match format.

The 2 semi-finals runners up shall compete in a mini match for the 3rd place.

Prize

The total guaranteed prize fund is \$140,000 USD:

- 1st place: \$55,000
- 2nd place: \$35,000
- 3rd place: \$20,000
- 4th place: \$12,000
- 5th place: \$6,000
- 6th place: \$3,000
- 7th-12th place: \$1,500 each

Prizes are not shared. Prizes are awarded in accordance with each player's final ranking and tiebreak.

In addition to the competition prizes, a generous donation was received from philanthropist Mr. Igor Tulchinsky, who, to encourage the members of the Israeli team, added \$26,000 to the prize fund for the three Israeli players who finish in the highest places in the tournament. First prize: \$12,000, second prize: \$8,000, and third prize: \$6,000.



Financing Terms

The Organizing Committee covers the expenses of the competition, including:

- The total guaranteed prize fund (\$140,000 USD).
- Meals and accommodation for participants.

Travel expenses

Organizers will reimburse reasonable travel expenses of players from their domestic location to TLV. Each player should contact the organizers, who will approve any travel expense reimbursement in advance.

Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee is elected by the organizers and will consist of three members and two reserve members. Appeals against a chief arbiter's decision must be submitted in writing within five minutes after the respective round ends, accompanied by a \$500 USD security deposit.

Contact Information

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