

II OPEN DE TORRELODONES – Ramón Torres Memorial 2026

2nd Torreloodones Chess Festival – Ramón Torres Memorial

Organization

The Torreloodones Chess Club, with the support of the Torreloodones Town Council and following the success of the first edition, publishes these regulations for the 2nd Torreloodones Chess Festival – Ramón Torres Memorial 2026, convened in tribute to Ramón Torres Grajales, a former club player and a prominent figure of the Madrid chess community.

The tournament direction will be the responsibility of Rafael Torres Samper, son of Ramón Torres Grajales and creator of this memorial.

The arbitering team will consist of:

- Chief Arbiter: FA Ramón Candeda Mayoral (FIDE ID 54551773).
- Deputy Arbiters: to be determined.

Venue

Torreforum· Mafalda Room

Avenida de Torreloodones, 8, 28250 Torreloodones, Madrid, Spain

There are several public transport options to reach Torreforum:

- Intercity buses: lines 610, 611A, 612, 631, 633, 685 and 686 have stops very close to the Torreforum Municipal Venue.
- Commuter rail (Cercanías): Torreloodones RENFE station. It is a 20-minute walk from Torreforum, or 10 minutes on any of the town's urban bus lines departing from the station (1, 2, 4 or 5).

Ample parking is available for those arriving by private vehicle.

Tournament Schedule

The Festival will take place between 18th and 27th September 2026:

Event	Date / time
Registration opens	Friday 15 May, 00:00
Registration closes	Wednesday 16 September, 23:59
Publication of round 1 pairings online	Thursday 17 September, 20:00
Tournament presentation and accreditation	Friday 18 September, 16:15
Open Round 1 begins	Friday 18 September, 17:00
Open Round 2 begins	Saturday 19 September, 10:00
Open Round 3 begins	Saturday 19 September, 17:30
Rapid Tournament	Sunday 20 September, 10:00
Open Round 4 begins	Monday 21 September, 17:30
Open Round 5 begins	Tuesday 22 September, 17:30
Open Round 6 begins	Wednesday 23 September, 17:30
Open Round 7 begins	Thursday 24 September, 17:30
Open Round 8 begins	Friday 25 September, 17:00
Open Round 9 begins	Saturday 26 September, 17:00
3rd Masnou Street Tournament (Plaza de la Constitución)	Sunday 27 September, 10:30
Awards and closing ceremony (Plaza de la Constitución)	Sunday 27 September, 12:45

Game System

Open

Two groups will be established, according to players' standard FIDE Elo rating:

Group A: reserved for players with a standard FIDE Elo rating of 1900 or higher on the September 2026 standard FIDE rating list.

In addition, players who requested it may register in this group if they have reached a rating above 1900 on any of the 12 most recent previous lists (September 2025 – August 2026).

Players with a rating below 1900 who wish to take part in Group A may also request it; their request will be evaluated individually. However, participation in Group B is recommended, as it offers greater prize opportunities.

Group B: for any federated player with a standard FIDE Elo rating below 1900 on the September 2026 standard FIDE rating list.

The tournament and pairings can be followed via the tournament website and the info64 results server. Pairings will be generated using the Vega Chess software, FIDE-approved and recommended by the FEDA (Madrid Chess Federation), in the version available at the start of the tournament.

Where possible, live game broadcasting infrastructure will be provided via an internet platform, at least for the top boards.

The time control will be 90 minutes plus a 30-second increment (Fischer bonus) from move one for each player. Both groups will play a 9-round Swiss system.

Rapid Tournament

The Rapid tournament is an independent event, so registrations are accepted for this tournament alone. A discount applies if registration is combined with the Open, and an additional special prize is established for the player with the best combined result across both tournaments.

The tournament will be played under the Swiss system at a rate of 10 minutes plus a 3-second increment per move (Fischer bonus), over 7 rounds.

Masnou Tournament

The Masnou Tournament, part of the promotional activities held during the event week, will be open with priority to any non-federated player or enthusiast who wishes to take part, with the aim of bringing competitive chess practice and initiation to everyone.

The Masnou system is based on successive matches between the players entered in this format: whenever a player loses a game, they vacate their seat at the board and join a waiting list, while the winning player remains at the board to play the next available player from the list.

The Masnou Tournament is free to enter and open to any enthusiast wishing to start out in competitive chess. Federated Open players may also participate in the tournament, but will not be eligible for the prizes established for this tournament, as the official standings apply only to non-federated players.

The time control will be 10-minute games to finish, played over a 2-hour window starting at 10:15, with games already in progress allowed to finish once that time is up.

Open No-Shows

The maximum tolerance time for a player's arrival will be one hour from the round's official start time.

If that period elapses without the player having sat at the board, the arbiter will record the game as lost by default.

Depending on the circumstances, the arbiter may decide to withdraw the player from the tournament.

Under no circumstances will games be brought forward or postponed.

A player's absence in round 1, in either the Rapid tournament or the Open, will result in elimination from the tournament, unless there is a justified cause accepted as valid by the arbiter. Where possible, a player eliminated in round 1 will be replaced by another player, either from the reserve list or an outside player sought by the organization. In any case, the organization and arbiters retain the authority to modify the groups if necessary, after the initial setup, according to their best judgement.

Unless a bye has been requested, absence from any two rounds by a player, whether justified or not, will result in automatic elimination from the tournament.

Prohibition of Early Draws

Agreeing to a draw by mutual consent before move 25 is strictly prohibited. Draws before that point will only be permitted in cases covered by the FIDE Laws of Chess (repetition of position, perpetual check, dead position, or arbiter's decision). Ultimately, the chief arbiter will decide on such cases.

Breach of this rule may be sanctioned by the chief arbiter at their discretion.

Rest Days

In the Open, each player may request up to a maximum of three half-point byes, except in the last two rounds. Byes in these last two rounds are permitted but will be worth 0 points. Requesting a fourth bye means withdrawal from the tournament. Byes must be requested as follows:

- For round 1: in writing, to the email address delegado@ajedreztorrelodones.es.
- For subsequent rounds: in writing at the arbiters' table before the end of the previous round. A reminder will be given at the start of each round.

Rated Tournament

Both the Open and the Rapid tournament are valid for standard FIDE Elo and rapid FIDE Elo ratings, respectively, and are governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess.

In the Open, games must be recorded using algebraic notation, the only system recognised by FIDE.

The initial ranking for the Rapid tournament will be based on the September 2026 Rapid Elo list, while the initial ranking for each group of the standard tournaments will be based on the standard Elo list for the same period.

Tiebreaks

Tiebreak criteria will be the same for the Rapid and Open tournaments:

- Direct encounter (DirE).
- Average Rating of Opponents (ARO).
- Buchholz Cut 1 (BH-C1).
- Total Buchholz (BH).
- Number of games won with black (BWG).
- Tournament Pairing Number (TPN / R).

If several players are tied and one tiebreak criterion ranks or eliminates one or more players, the criteria will be re-examined from the start to break ties among the remaining players.

Code of Conduct and Anti-Cheating Measures

To ensure fair play and equity in the tournament, the following measures will be implemented:

- All participants must maintain respectful conduct toward arbiters, organizers, and other players. Talking during games is prohibited. Unsporting behaviour in general may be sanctioned at the discretion of the arbiters and organization, potentially resulting in expulsion from the tournament.
- Strict prohibition on carrying any type of electronic device, such as mobile phones or smartwatches, in the playing hall. A secure storage area will be available for players who need to deposit their devices before their game.
- Checks and inspections may be carried out during games and at their conclusion.
- Use of anti-cheating technology: games will be analysed with specialized software to detect anomalous play patterns.
- Any player found to have evidence of cheating will be immediately disqualified, and the official FIDE and FEDA bodies will be informed.

Inclusivity

The organization will encourage the participation of players with visual impairments or other functional diversity.

The guidelines established by FIDE and current FEDA regulations regarding the participation of players with disabilities will be applied, under the supervision of the chief arbiter.

Registration

There are various registration options, depending on the player's origin and the tournaments in which they wish to participate.

The Open tournament (Groups A and B) and the Rapid tournament are open to all federated players. Simultaneous participation in each event (Rapid and Open, combining both groups) is allowed up to a cap of 120 players. Should this capacity be reached, players registering after the first 120 in each format will join a reserve list, valid until registration closes.

General registration covering both the Rapid tournament and the Open is recommended, due to the registration discount and priority in securing a place for these entries — that is, if the pre-established places fill up, priority on the reserve list will go first to players who chose general registration for both Rapid and Open.

To take part, entrants must complete the online registration form published on the official tournament and club website. Completing and submitting the form constitutes a "pre-registration" to the tournament, and will not be considered an official entry until payment of the registration fee is confirmed. The form can be found at the following link: <https://ajedreztorrelodones.es/?p=3049>.

Registrations completed before 1 August will receive a reduced fee. The amounts payable are shown in the following table:

	Category	Members	Reduced Fee €	Regular Fee €
A	General Registration, Rapid + Open		40	50
B	General Registration, Rapid + Open	Yes	35	45
C	Open Only Registration		35	45
D	Open Only Registration	Yes	30	40
E	Rapid Only Registration		15	20
F	Rapid Only Registration	Yes	10	15
Z	Masnou Registration		Free	Free

The Club reserves the right to invite titled players to take part in the Open or the Rapid tournament, and the Organizing Committee may exempt them from paying the entry fee if expressly agreed.

In all other cases, payment of fees is mandatory. The possibility of being invited is a discretionary option of the Club, and therefore does not, under any circumstances, guarantee an exemption from payment or the granting of any invitation.

The cost of the chosen registration must be paid by deposit in favour of C.A. Torrelodones, or bank transfer to the following Ibercaja account:

ES53 2085 9721 2703 3037 4651

Stating in the payment reference: "II Open + Category (A, B, C, D, E, F or Z) + First and Last Name".

If a player is pre-registered but does not pay the fee prior to the registration deadline, will be considered "Not registered" and his/her place will be taken by a player from the reserve list (if any). If a player is registered but does not take part in the tournament for reasons the organization does not consider force majeure, the organization reserves the right not to refund the registration fee.

The provisional list of registered players can be consulted at the following Chess-Results links:

- Chess-Results Server – II OPEN DE TORRELODONES Ramón Torres Memorial, Group A
- Chess-Results Server – II OPEN DE TORRELODONES Ramón Torres Memorial, Group B
- Chess-Results Server – II OPEN DE TORRELODONES Ramón Torres Memorial, Rapid Tournament

The organization reserves the right of admission for any player who has displayed unsporting conduct or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the tournament and of chess.

Right to Modify Festival Conditions

If the number of registrations is not sufficient to guarantee the prizes initially established for the Open, the organization reserves the right to modify the tournament conditions, according to the following points:

- Reducing the number and amount of prizes, adjusting them according to the number of registrations.
- Establishing a single group for the Open in which all players will compete together, with prizes set by Elo brackets divided equitably according to the number of registrations.
- And, as a last resort, if the number of registrations is very low, cancellation of the tournament.

This information will be communicated before the publication of the round 1 pairings and will only apply in exceptional circumstances. According to the success of the first edition, the expectation is that there will be a sufficient number of registrations.

In any case where a modification is necessary, players will be informed by email with due notice, and the registration fee will be refunded to any player who requests it.

Prizes

The Open will have a prize fund of more than €5,000 in cash, in addition to trophies, medals, and gifts. The general prize list (amounts in euros) is as follows:

	Masnou	Rapid	Open Group A	Open Group B
Champion	Trophy + Gift	200 + Trophy	800 + Trophy	400 + Trophy
Runner-up	Medal + Gift	150 + Trophy	500 + Trophy	250 + Trophy
3rd place	Medal + Gift	100 + Trophy	300 + Trophy	175 + Trophy
4th place		75 + Diploma	200 + Diploma	100 + Diploma
5th place		50 + Diploma	100 + Diploma	80 + Diploma
1st Sub-2300		40 + Diploma	80 + Diploma	
1st Sub-2200		40 + Diploma	80 + Diploma	
1st Sub-2100		40 + Diploma	80 + Diploma	
1st Sub-2000		40 + Diploma	80 + Diploma	
1st Sub-1900		40 + Diploma		
1st Sub-1800		40 + Diploma		60 + Diploma
1st Sub-1700		40 + Diploma		60 + Diploma
1st Sub-1600		40 + Diploma		60 + Diploma
1st Sub-1500 / No Elo		40 + Diploma		60 + Diploma
1st Female	30 + Medal	50 + Medal	50 + Medal	50 + Medal
1st Over-65 (born 1961 or earlier)	30 + Medal	50 + Medal	50 + Medal	50 + Medal
Best Club Member	50 + Trophy	50 + Trophy	50 + Trophy	50 + Trophy
1st U16 (born 2010)			Gift + Medal	
1st U14 (born 2012)			Gift + Medal	
1st U12 (born 2014)			Gift + Medal	
Ramón Torres Award			150 + Trophy	
Best Club			Trophy	
Festival Combined			€150 special prize	
Surprise Board Winner		Gift per round, drawn between both tournaments		
Playing all rounds		Gift for those who play 9 rounds (no byes)		

Prizes exceeding €300 will not be paid in cash. These prizes are subject to tax withholding in Spain under Personal Income Tax (IRPF) regulations, and are considered income from economic activities; therefore, a 15% withholding applies to Spanish residents. For foreign players, the withholding percentage may vary according to tax treaties between Spain and the winner's country of origin.

Prizes within the same tournament are not cumulative, except for the exceptions of the "Festival Combined", the "Special RT Award", and the Rapid tournament prizes, which may be awarded in addition to a prize in a category of the Open. If two

If Open prizes coincide in the same person, only the higher-value one will be awarded, with the exception of the Ramón Torres award for best game, which is cumulative. As an example, a Group A player could win up to €1,300.

The Best Club award is considered to be granted to the club, not to any of the players representing it, so a player from that club may also win a prize in another Open category.

Prizes by youth age bracket are unique to the Open and cover players from both groups, with a Group A player considered ranked above a Group B player.

Prizes by age bracket take into account the age reached throughout the whole of 2026, so 1 January of the birth year is used as the reference for each category, not the full date of birth.

The Festival Combined special prize will be awarded to the player that obtains the highest total score, resulting from the sum of points earned in the Rapid tournament and in the Open. In the event of a tie in combined score between two players, the prize will be awarded to whoever is better placed in the Open.

In all prize categories there must be at least three participants for the prize to be awarded. If there are fewer players in that category, they will be moved up to the next Elo or age bracket category.

Withdrawal or elimination of any player results in the loss of their prize rights. To be eligible for a prize, a player must be paired and present to play the last two rounds of the tournament, unless there is a duly communicated and organization-accepted justified cause.

Attendance at the closing ceremony is mandatory for all prize winners, including those from the Rapid and Masnou tournaments. Any player entitled to a prize that does not attend the closing ceremony, unless there is a justified cause communicated in advance, will forfeit all rights to receive it, and will not be able to claim it afterwards.

Best Club Trophy

A prize for the best club is established for those clubs with at least 3 registered players who finish the tournament without withdrawing, jointly across Groups A and B, and also taking the Rapid tournament into account.

The points obtained by each club's three best players are added together, including both Open groups and the Rapid tournament, applying the following weighting factors: 1 (Open A), 0.8 (Open B), and 0.6 (Rapid). This is done for all players, and the three highest scorers are chosen considering the three tournaments according to these factors, summing their scores.

Ramón Torres Grajales Best Game Award

A special award is established for the best game of the tournament. The jury will consist of the Festival director and other members to be designated in due course.

Candidate games must be submitted to the organization within a maximum of 48 hours from the start of the round in which they were played, except for the last two rounds, for which submission will be accepted up to one hour after the end of the final round.

The organization and the jury may propose additional games they consider noteworthy.

The jury will publish the assessment on which the winning game was determined, based on criteria of creativity, originality, tactical quality, strategic coherence, technical accuracy, and aesthetic value.

The organization reserves the right to declare the award void, at the jury's discretion.

Appeals Committee

The Organization will create an Appeals Committee made up of the tournament director and two players (aged over 21). There will be two further reserve players, in case the Committee needs to rule on a matter involving one of its own members.

Players may submit complaints to the Appeals Committee against disciplinary measures imposed by the arbiters or the tournament director. Complaints must be submitted in writing no later than half an hour after the end of the game.

The Committee will have the authority to expel from the tournament any player displaying unsporting conduct.

Parallel Activities During the Tournament

The Torrelodones Chess Club will organize various chess-related activities (simultaneous exhibitions, talks...), as well as cultural and leisure activities during the tournament, which will be announced and published in due course.

Publicity, Filming and Photographs

Participants in the tournament authorize the publication of their personal data and photographs in the media outlets the organization deems appropriate for promoting the event through general media (club website, municipal venues, etc.), transferring all rights relating to their commercial and/or advertising use without entitlement to financial compensation.

The above also applies to minors who complete their registration, unless expressly prohibited by their father, mother, or legal guardian, which must be indicated at the time of registration.

Additional Provision

Anything not provided for in these regulations will be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess in force during the tournament (FIDE Handbook).

Participation in the tournament implies full acceptance of these regulations.