



MITROPA CUP 2026

MAY 1st - 10th, 2026
ST. VEIT/GLAN, AUSTRIA

50 YEARS OF THE MITROPA CUP
IN MEMORY OF ITS FOUNDER KURT JUNGWIRTH

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

1. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

The following federations are invited to participate in the Mitropa Cup 2026:

Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland.

The Austrian Chess Federation is organising the Mitropa Cup 2026 in St. Veit/Glan at the Kunsthôtel Fuchspalast from May 1st – 10th, 2026

2. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Teams are requested to inform the organizer of their expected arrival time in St. Veit.

The venue is less than 550 meters from the train station (approx. 5 minutes walking distance).

Nearby airports:

- Klagenfurt – 14 km
- Ljubljana – 121 km
- Graz – 130 km
- Vienna – 285 km

Free parking spaces are available in the garage next to the hotel.

3. SCHEDULE

Friday	May 1st	All day	Arrival
		20:00	Captain's Meeting
Saturday	May 2nd	13:45	Opening Ceremony
		14:00	Round 1
Sunday	May 3rd	14:00	Round 2
Monday	May 4th	14:00	Round 3
Tuesday	May 5th	14:00	Round 4
Wednesday	May 6th	14:00	Round 5
Thursday	May 7th	14:00	Round 6
Friday	May 8th	14:00	Round 7
Saturday	May 9th	14:00	Round 8
Sunday	May 10th	10:00	Round 9
		16:00	Closing Ceremony
			Departure



4. PLAYING VENUE

Kunsthôtel Fuchspalast
Ernst-Fuchs-Platz 1
9300 St. Veit/Glan, Austria

5. ORGANIZATION

- **Tournament Director:** Friedrich Knapp
- **Chief Arbiter:** IA Friedrich Knapp
- **Deputy Arbiters:** FA Gabriel Doujak (Open), FA Mahazar Poulab (Women)

6. ACCOMODATION

6.1 Main Hotel (included allocation)

Kunsthôtel Fuchspalast,
Ernst-Fuchs-Platz 1, 9300 St. Veit/Glan

Each team receives:

- 2 double rooms
- 1 single room

for both the open and women's sections.

Upgrades from double to single rooms are not possible in the main hotel. Such upgrades are available only in the additional hotel at a rate of 40,00 € per night and person.

6.2 Additional Hotel (extra charge)

Suppenkasper / Hotel Mosser
Spitalgasse 6, 9300 St. Veit an der Glan
Walking distance to the venue: approximately 5 minutes.

Accommodation includes breakfast.

Lunch and dinner will be provided via catering at Kunsthôtel Fuchspalast.

Additional room rates:

- Single room: 100,00 € per night
- Double room: 140,00 € per night
- Local tax: 2,70 € per person
- Lunch and Dinner: 45,00 € per person (catering)



7. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- Confirmation of participation: March, 1st, 2026
- Nomination of players: April, 15th, 2026
- Deadline board order: May, 1st, 2026

8. RATE OF PLAY

- 90 minutes for 40 moves
- 30 minutes for the rest of the game
- 30 seconds increment from move 1

Time is added after the first flag falls.

Default time: 15 minutes.

9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- Open and women's sections
- Round-robin format
- Teams consist of 4 players + 1 reserve
- FIDE-rated; norms possible
- Pairings: drawing of lots at the Captain's Meeting
- First-named team has White on boards with odd numbers

10. TEAM COMPOSITION RULES

- Final player lists must be submitted at the Captain's Meeting.
- Reserve players must be placed on the last board.
- Team composition for each round must be submitted electronically by 10:00 CET.
- Last round: submission by May 9th, 2026, 23:00 CET.

If the list is not submitted in time, the team plays without a reserve.

Team compositions will be published on the tournament website.

11. RULES

- FIDE Laws of Chess apply.
- Players may offer a draw only after Black has completed the 30th move.
- Live broadcast delay: 15 minutes.



12. TEAM CAPTAINS & PLAYERS

According to Article 12 of the ECU General Tournament Regulations:

12.1 Key Responsibilities

- Each team must have a captain.
- Captains may be playing or non-playing; non-playing captains must be FIDE-licensed trainers.
- Only one captain is allowed in the playing area.
- Delegation chiefs may not enter the playing area.
- Captains may enter the player zone but must prevent non-playing team members from entering.

12.2 During Games

- Captains must not interfere.
- They may advise players regarding draw offers and resignations only in the presence of an Arbiter and in a language the Arbiter understands.
- No comments on the position are allowed.

12.3 After Games

- Captains must sign match protocols.
- Players retain full control over their games.
- Captains must promote sportsmanship and ensure respect for Article 12 of the FIDE Laws

13. FAIR PLAY REGULATIONS

- Mobile phones, electronic devices, personal watches and pens are prohibited, even if switched off.
- Applies to players and captains.
- Entry checks and random post-game checks may occur.

14. SCORING AND TIE-BREAKS

14.1 Match Points

- Win: 2 points
- Draw: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points



14.2 Tie-Break Order

1. Game points
2. Direct encounter
3. Sonneborn–Berger (based on match results)
4. Equal place

14.3 Prizes

- Trophies and medals for the top three teams
- Individual board prizes based on performance rating

Minimum: 6 games (board players), 4 games (reserves)

Individual Tie-Breaks

- a) Mutual results
- b) Number of games played
- c) Percentage score
- d) Team's final ranking

15. APPEALS

- Appeals must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the game.
- Appeals Committee: Chairman, two members, two reserves (all from different federations).
- Members involved in a dispute may not rule on that case.
- Decisions are final.

16. PAYMENT

Each federation pays a participation fee of 500 € per player (including reserve players).

Bank details:

Account Holder:	Mitropa Chess Association
Bank:	Raiffeisen-Landesbank-Steiermark
IBAN:	AT09 3800 0000 0093 3325
SWIFT/BIC:	RZSTAT2G

Additional charges (upgrades, splitting, special requests) are invoiced separately.

17. ANTI-DOPING

All athletes are bound by NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency) rules, which comply with the WADA Code.



18. MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS

The organizer may photograph, film or record participants for promotional purposes. Unless a written refusal is submitted by May 1st, 2026, players grant irrevocable permission for such use without compensation.

The organizer reserves the right to modify this announcement at any time.

Vienna, December, 14th, 2025

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