

4th INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT "ALEXANDER THE GREAT 2012"



Porto Carras, Halkidiki - GREECE
16 April (1st round) - 22 April (9th round)
For players with a FIDE rating of over 2000

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The "Chess Academy of Thessaloniki" in co-operation with "Thessaloniki & Halkidiki Chess Union", announces the 4th International Open Chess Tournament "Alexander the Great", which will be held with open participation and nine (9) rounds Swiss system **for players with a FIDE rating of over 2000**. The tournament will be held in the **5-star "Porto Carras Grand Resort"** on the seaside of Halkidiki, Northern Greece from 16 April (1st round) to 22 April (9th round) 2012. A limited number of players with a FIDE rating below 2000 may be accepted by the Organising Committee to play in the "Alexander the Great" tournament.

Time control: for each player 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from the 1st move. The FIDE system rules are valid and the tournament will be FIDE rated. **Players with a FIDE rating of 2000 and less can participate in the parallel "World Amateur Championship 2012"** which will also be held the same dates in Porto Carras, in accordance with FIDE regulations.

2. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 15 th	Arrival of Participants
Monday	April 16 th	13:00 Technical Meeting - Pairings
Monday	April 16 th	16:30 Round 1
Tuesday	April 17 th	16:30 Round 2
Wednesday	April 18 th	10:00 Round 3
Wednesday	April 18 th	16:30 Round 4
Thursday	April 19 th	16:30 Round 5
Friday	April 20 st	10:00 Round 6
Friday	April 20 st	16:30 Round 7
Saturday	April 21 st	16:30 Round 8
Sunday	April 22 st	10:00 Round 9
Sunday	April 22 st	16:30 Closing ceremony - Departures

3. PARTICIPANT'S ENTRY FEES

General participant's entry fee	40 €
Participants with FIDE Rating 2400 & over (women 2300)	0 €

4. CUPS - MONEY PRIZES

There will be given cups and medals to places 1-3, for the categories of general standings & women:

PRIZE FUND (in euros)			
GENERAL STANDINGS		WOMEN	
1.	1000	1.	400
2.	700	2.	300
3.	500	3.	200
4.	300		
5.	200		
6.	150		
7.	150		
8.	100	TOTAL	4000 €

Between tied players money prizes are divided equally. If a woman player has the right to two or more prizes, she receives all of them.

5. VENUE – ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and board will be provided **in the 5-star Porto Carras Grand Resort** where the games will also be held. Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will cost **per person, for 7 nights** (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner):

Prices <u>per person</u> F/B	PORTO CARRAS GRAND RESORT VENUE *****	EXTRA NIGHTS PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	550 € per person	78 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	385 € per person	55 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	350 € per person	50 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE (if one child 3-12 years old)	315 € per person	45 € per person per day

6. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

At the time of registration by **Monday 12 March 2012**, the amount of 40 euros (entry fee) + 50% of the total accommodation cost + 60 euros transportation cost (if required) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account for each participant or accompanying person:

BANK: EUROBANK
SWIFT/BIC: EFGBGRAA
IBAN: GR3102601380000960200289132
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0026.0138.96.0200289132
BANK ADDRESS: 8 Othonos Str., 10557 Athens - GREECE
ACCOUNT NAME: EVENT TRAVEL

Once the bank transfer has been received, the Organising Committee will issue and send the assigned booking confirmation. The cost of bus transportation (120 km) from Thessaloniki airport to Porto Carras, including return on the departure day, is 60 euros per person. The service is provided on 15 & 16 April for arrivals and 22 & 23 April for departures.

ONLINE BOOKINGS for CHESS: www.eventravel.net

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made also with online credit card payment through the only authorized site: www.eventravel.net

From the online menu choose Games Festival, then Chess and then the package of your choice.

7. GAMES FESTIVAL - www.gamesfestival.com

- **International Open Chess Tournament for players with a FIDE rating of over 2000.**
9 rounds Swiss system – same schedule with the World Amateur Championship
- **FIDE World Amateur Chess Championship 2012** (for players under 2000 FIDE rating)
- **International Youth Chess Open (U14)**
- **International Open Blitz Tournament**
7 rounds Swiss system, Sunday 22 April at 18:00 – with money prizes to be announced
- **Bridge, Scrabble & other games**
- **Excursions Program**

8. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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9. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players requiring visa invitations have to contact the Organizing Committee **before 5 March 2012** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary deposit payments are confirmed.