



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BLITZ 2026 OPEN



Rules & Regulations

1. The organization of the World Championship Open Blitz has been allotted by the FMJD to the Latvian Draughts Federation.

2. Schedule

Tournament will be played at July 8th (Sunday). Registration 08:00am – 09:15am
Opening 09:30am, Round 1st 10:00, Round 7th 02:00pm. Closing ceremony not before 05:00pm.

3. Participants.

The World Championship Open Blitz is restricted to members of national federations in good standing affiliated with the FMJD, without any distinction to age or sex.

4. Venue.

Radisson Blu Daugava Hotel, hotel address Kuģu street 24, Riga.

5. Contacts

Tournament Director – Jevgenijs Matvejevs, e-mail:

jevgenijs.matvejevs@dambrete.lv.

Main referee – International referee Mr. Raivis Paegle

Deputy Main referee – FMJD referee Mr. Denijs Vilhelms Krauklis

Questions on visas – Vladislavs Vesperis, phone +371 26344090, e-mail:

vladislavs.vesperis@dambrete.lv.

6. Official titles:

FMJD World Champion Open Blitz 2026

7. System of competitions:

a. Game rate: 5' + 3"

b. System - "standard FMJD Swiss (on Solkoff)", 9-13 rounds (depending on number of players).

c. *Official FMJD software – Draughts Arbiter Pro* will be used for paring.

d. Only in case of all criteria of challengers for 1st 3 places will be equal, a tie break should be played (2 games 3'+2" and if the tie break ends in a draw, then superblitz tie break with 3'+2" will be played). If more than two players need to play tie break than 3'+2" round robin tournament will be played during the tie break with all tied players. If even after that it is impossible to identify players placement, they shall be listed as co-prize winners for such shared places."

8. All rules concerning rapid games and rights – duties of players/referees described in FMJD Annexes are valid.

9. Application

Registration for participation in tournament is possible by online registration on FMJD website. For further details (login and initial password) please contact with office@fmjd.org. Applications and competition fee payments should also be notified simultaneously to FMJD office via e-mail address office@fmjd.org and Latvia draughts federation via e-mail address valde@dambrete.lv.
Deadline for the applications is **June 15th**.

10. Competition fee

Competition fee is **50€**. Youth players (below 20) pays 50% of fee.
Competition fee should be paid to FMJD via on-line system <https://fmjd.org/fin/fees/>) or via bank transfer (details: <http://fmjd.org/fmjd.html>).
Deadline for bank transfers – **June 15th**.

11. Any protest to Jury d'Appel should be orally stated to the Main Referee not later than 5 minutes after the game. After that oral statement player should submit protest in written form (in English) to the Main Referee not later than 10 minutes after the oral statement. Each protest is valid only after paying a deposit of 50 euro. The deposit will be returned only if a protest will be accepted.

12. Prize money for World championship Blitz Open is € 2 000 (net of any tax) will be divided as follows:

1st place 550€
2nd place 400€
3rd place 300€
4th place 250€
5th place 200€
6th place 150€
7th place 100€
8th place 50€

In case there is a tie with standard FMJD Swiss (on Solkoff), the prize money are divided equally between the tied contestants.

13. Full responsibility regarding prize money, invoices and any other financial obligations belongs to the FMJD.

14. In the case of something not being clear in the FMJD regulations or in this regulation, the decision will be made by the main referee in consultation with the organization and the FMJD Tournament Director.