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1. Int. Youth Chess Festival Mureck 2026

Mureck (Austria), July 31 – August 8, 2026

General Information

Invitation

The Styrian Federation invites players and delegations to participate in the
1. International Youth Chess Festival 2026 in Mureck (former EUYCC and int. Styrian Open)

Venue and Arrival

Kulturzentrum Mureck, Lorberplatz 4, A-8480 Mureck.
Mureck is located about 59 km south of Graz, close to the Austrian-Slovenian border.

Tournaments and Groups

Group A: Open U18

players born 2008 or later (U18 and younger).
Open to all federations/nations.

Group B: U14 and U1600 EloInt

players born 2012 or later (U14 and younger) with a rating below 1600 (FIDE standard rating).
Open to all federations/nations.

The entry fee is € 50 per player for both groups (Group A and Group B).
Payment is by bank transfer (EUR only).

Late payment surcharge:

For registrations after July 25, an additional late fee of € 20 per player applies.

Rules and Regulations

The tiebreak will be

- (1) Buchholz cut -1 (BH -1)
- (2) Buchholz (BH)
- (3) Sonneborn-Berger (SB)
- (4) greater number of wins (WIN)

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds.

Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move (Sofia Rules), unless the arbiters allow it (e.g. threefold repetition).

If a player does not have an international rating, the national ratings (EloInt, EloNat) will be used for the pairings.

The time control will be 90 minutes for the entire game plus 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Boys and girls play in the same groups.

FIDE-rated (standard rating), subject to FIDE regulations.

Prizes:

Cash Prizes for Group A

Guaranteed with at least 50 players in Group A
Prizes are awarded during the closing ceremony and only to players who are present.

No double prizes: each player can receive only one prize.

1 st place:	500 €	4 th place:	100 €
2 nd place:	300 €	5 th place:	70 €
3 rd place:	150 €	Best girl:	100 €

Several trophies and non-cash-prizes for both groups (Group A and B) as well as category prizes for U8, U10, U12, U14, girls ...

Accommodation and Meals:

First come, first served!

Accommodation is provided in Mureck and the surrounding area and is arranged by the organizer.

The organizer tries to accommodate delegations as close to the venue as possible and, if possible, together in the same accommodation.

As availability in Mureck is limited, early registration is highly recommended. Please inform the organizer in advance if you require accommodation. Even if the exact numbers are not yet known, please inform the organizer ASAP about the expected number of participants requiring accommodation. If you have specific requirements (e.g. single rooms, higher standards, self-catering apartments), please inform the organizer in advance.

The organizer proposes available options and confirms the final price accordingly.

All payments are made by bank transfer (EUR only), based on the proforma invoice and within the payment deadline stated on the invoice.

Accommodation requests must be submitted ([registration form](#)) by July 1. Requests received after July 1 cannot be guaranteed.

Delegation Bonus (free accommodation):

To support larger delegations (registered together), the organizer offers an "earned free player" bonus:

For every 4 paying players staying overnight through the organizer, the delegation receives 1 free player package (entry fee + accommodation with breakfast) for the official event period (July 31 – August 8, 2026).

This means: The 5th player is free; the 10th player is free; the 15th player is free.

The free-player credit is deducted from the delegation's total invoice and applies only to bookings arranged and invoiced through the organizer.

Standard Accommodation:

(overnight stay with breakfast, in Mureck or nearby)

Category A: Various accommodations (hotels/guesthouses/holiday apartments...)*

Double or triple room:	€ 52 per person
Single room:	€ 65 per person

Category B: Mureck Hostel ([see the pictures](#))**

Double or triple room:	€ 42 per person
Single room:	€ 55 per person

Add-on Options:

Meals will be served in the dining hall at the Mureck Hostel (about 200 meters from the venue). Vouchers can be used for lunch or dinner on any tournament day. The meals must be ordered till July 1 using the online registration form.

Meal vouchers: € 12 per meal.

* The organizer will try to accommodate delegations together whenever possible, although this cannot be guaranteed

** Only ~ 200m from the playing venue; simple but adequate rooms with daily cleaning. Communal showers with private shower cabins (as long as available, e.g. In 2024 and 2025, each room had its own private shower).

Bank Account:

Bank: Steiermärkische Bank & Sparkassen AG
IBAN: AT34 2081 5000 4357 3476
BIC/SWIFT: STSPAT2GXXX
Bank address: 8010 Graz, Sparkassenplatz 4
Account Holder: Österreichische Schachjugend

Schedule

Friday	July 31	15:00 – 22:00	arrival of delegations, registration
Saturday	August 1	14:30	opening ceremony
		15:00	Round 1
Sunday	August 2	09:30	Round 2
		15:00	Round 3
Monday	August 3	15:00	Round 4
Tuesday	August 4	09:30	Round 5
		~15:00	international blitz tournament
Wednesday	August 5	15:00	Round 6
Thursday	August 6	09:30	Round 7
		~15:00-18:30	excursion Motorikpark Gamlitz (website) (Please note that the organizer does not provide supervision during the excursion. Each delegation is responsible for overseeing their own participants)
Friday	August 7	15:00	Round 8
Saturday	August 8	09:00	Round 9
		~14:00	closing ceremony, departure

Miscellaneous

24 boards will be broadcast live.

Snacks, coffee and drinks etc. can be purchased on site.