

Tournament Series 2026

Sapporo Valentine Chess Open	– Feb 13-15,2026
Sapporo Spring Chess Open	– Mar 28-29,2026
Sapporo Sakura Chess Open	– Apr 25-26,2026
Sapporo Shinryoku Chess Open	– May 30-31,2026
Sapporo Summer Chess Open	– Jun 27-28,2026

Venue: Zendo Security Center, 9-7-20 Hiragishi 4-jo, Toyohira-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

Format: Standard tournaments rated by FIDE and JCF

February Event (Valentine Chess Open)

7-round Swiss system, time control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1

March–June Events

5-round Swiss system, time control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment from move 1

Prizes (Open Section) 1st place 30,000 JPY / 2nd place 20,000 JPY / 3rd place 10,000 JPY

Tournament	Dates	Schedule
Sapporo Valentine Chess Open	Feb 13-15, 2026	Feb 13 17:45–Registration 18:00–21:00 Round 1 Feb 14 09:00–12:00 Round 2 12:00–13:00 Lunch break 13:00–16:00 Round 3 16:15–19:15 Round 4 Feb 15 09:00–12:00 Round 5 12:00–13:00 Lunch break 13:00–16:00 Round 6 16:15–19:15 Round 7 Prize-giving ceremony around 19:30
Sapporo Spring Chess Open	Mar 28-29, 2026	Saturday 09:00–12:00 Round 1 12:00–13:00 Lunch break 13:00–16:00 Round 2
Sapporo Sakura Chess Open	Apr 25-26, 2026	16:15–19:15 Round 3
Sapporo Shinryoku Chess Open	May 30-31, 2026	Sunday 09:00–12:00 Round 4
Sapporo Summer Chess Open	Jun 27-28, 2026	12:00–13:00 Lunch break 13:00–16:00 Round 5 Prize-giving ceremony around 16:15

Chief Arbiter: Nakamura Mitsuru (Shin Sapporo Chess Club)

Tournament Director: Dryglas Maciej (Shin Sapporo Chess Club)

Remarks:

These are FIDE-rated standard tournaments.

Recording of moves is mandatory (scoresheets must be completed until the end of the game).

Tie-breaks (in order):

1. Buchholz
2. Sonneborn-Berger
3. Performance rating

A forced pairing bye counts as a win (1 point).

Except for the final day, a requested bye (declared before the pairing of the previous round) will be scored as a draw ($\frac{1}{2}$ point).

A player absent at the start of Round 1 may be assigned a half-point bye at the organizer's discretion.

Mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off. If a device makes a sound, is used, or is handled during the game, the player shall lose the game. Use of electronic devices inside the playing venue is prohibited even outside of game time.

The schedule may be adjusted depending on tournament progress.

Eligibility: Open to JCF members and players holding a valid FIDE ID.

Due to the time control of 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment, participation is restricted to players rated below 2400 (FIDE standard rating).

Non-JCF members may participate, provided they register in advance.

Federation Fee for Non-Members:

In accordance with JCF regulations, non-members must pay an additional JPY 3,000 federation participation fee. This fee will be collected by the organizer and remitted to the Japan Chess Federation after the event.

Note on JCF Membership:

Since this is a series of monthly FIDE-rated tournaments, players who plan to participate regularly may find it more economical to obtain annual membership with the Japan Chess Federation (JCF), which currently costs JPY 5,000 per year, instead of paying the JPY 3,000 non-member federation fee for each event.

Entry fee: 10,000 JPY (payment on site)

Registration Deadline: Thursday before the event, 23:59. Capacity: 40 players

Registration Contact: Shin Sapporo Chess Club (Maciej Dryglas) E-mail: info@shinsapporochessclub.jp

Please include: Tournament name / Player name / JCF ID (N******) / FIDE ID

Official References

For official regulations related to participation, federation fees, and FIDE ID requirements, please refer to the following Japan Chess Federation (JCF) resources:

- **Abolition of the One-Time Membership System / Federation Fee Rules**

<https://japanchess.org/en/2024/07/abolition-one-time-member-2/>

- **Procedure for Obtaining a New FIDE ID**

<https://japanchess.org/en/procedures-for-obtaining-new-fide-id-and-changing-chess-nationality/>

- **Official JCF Tournament Announcement (English)**

<https://japanchess.org/en/2026/01/sapporo-valentine-open-en/>

- **Official JCF Tournament Announcement (Japanese)**

<https://japanchess.org/2026/01/sapporo-valentine-open/>

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