

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 16:15–19:15 Round 3
Sapporo Sakura Chess Open	Apr 25-26, 2026	Sunday 09:00–12:00 Round 4 12:00–13:00 Lunch break 13:00–16:00 Round 5
Sapporo Shinryoku Chess Open	May 30-31, 2026	
Sapporo Summer Chess Open	Jun 27-28, 2026	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 with a FIDE ID. Players who are not JCF members must register in advance.

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

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