

Machida Summer Rapid Open 2026 – Tournament Regulations

Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026

Venue: Machida City Lifelong Learning Center, 7F Event Hall, 6-8-1 Haramachida, Machida-shi, Tokyo. 5 minutes on foot east from Machida Station on the JR and Odakyu lines.

Waiting Room: Machida City Lifelong Learning Center, 6F Study Rooms 1 and 2.

Tournament format: FIDE- and Japan Chess Federation-rated rapid tournament; 5-round Swiss; 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move.

Prizes: Trophies and cash prizes for Open 1st–3rd place and A Class winner.

Prize Fund

Category	Place	Prize
Open (all players)	1st	JPY 20,000
	2nd	JPY 12,000
	3rd	JPY 10,000
A Class (FIDE Rapid rating under 1700)	1st	JPY 8,000

Total prize fund: JPY 50,000

Note: Players with no FIDE rapid rating (UR) are eligible only for the Open category. Players may receive prizes in multiple classes.

Schedule – Sunday, July 5

Time	Item
09:00	Doors open / check-in required upon entry
09:20	Round 1 pairings announced
09:25	Opening ceremony and players' briefing
09:40	Round 1
11:00	Round 2
13:00	Round 3
14:30	Round 4
16:00	Round 5
17:30	Playoff, if necessary, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
After the playoff, or around 17:30	Award ceremony

Notes

This is a FIDE- and Japan Chess Federation-rated rapid tournament.

Recording moves is optional and, in principle, not required.

The rating threshold for A Class may be adjusted depending on the number and rating distribution of participants.

Tie-breaks and Playoffs

After the final round, players ranked 4th or lower who finish on the same score will not play a playoff. Their final standings will be determined by the following tie-break systems, in this order:

1. Direct encounter
2. Buchholz Cut-1 (sum of the scores of all opponents, excluding the lowest-scoring opponent)
3. Buchholz (sum of the scores of all opponents)
4. Sonneborn-Berger (sum of the scores of defeated opponents plus half the scores of drawn opponents)
5. Sum of the ratings of the opponents

Players tied on points for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will have their standings determined by an Armageddon playoff. If three or more players are tied on points, standings will be decided by a round-robin Armageddon playoff.

Armageddon Playoff

- Increment: +2 seconds per move. White receives 4 minutes. Black's time is determined as below.
- Each player writes down a time bid, up to a maximum of 4 minutes, and both bids are revealed simultaneously. The player who bids the lower time takes Black.
- If the Armageddon game is drawn, Black wins.

Byes and Conduct

- A forced bye due to the pairing system counts as one win.
- Only in Rounds 1 and 2, a game for which a player has notified the organizer in advance that they will be absent, before the previous round's pairings are made, will count as a half-point bye.
- A player who is absent when the Round 1 pairings are made may be assigned a half-point bye.
- Players must not carry or use mobile phones or other electronic devices during games. A violation will immediately result in loss of the game. Use of such devices inside the venue is also prohibited outside playing time.
- The schedule may be changed depending on the progress of the tournament.

Chief Arbiter: NA Minrui Wang (Machida Chess Club)

Deputy Chief Arbiter: NA Yuya Sato (Nakano Chess Club)

Tournament Director: Ken Okita (Machida Chess Club)

Eligibility

Participants must be members of the Japan Chess Federation. Non-members must join in advance. Players without a FIDE ID must obtain one in advance: <https://japanchess.org/2021/10/fide-tournament/>

Entry Fee

- JPY 5,000.
- U22 discount: JPY 3,500 including tax for players who are U22 as of July 4. Please apply the discount code "U22" when purchasing your ticket.
- GM and IM players are exempt from the entry fee. Please apply the discount code "GMIM" when purchasing your ticket.

How to register: Purchase a ticket on Peatix (<https://machidasummerrapidopen2026.peatix.com/view>). Registration on the day is completed by scanning your QR code at check-in.

Please note that entry fees once paid are non-refundable, except if the organizer cancels the tournament.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 9:00 AM. Capacity: 32 players. Registration will close once capacity is reached.

Other Information

- Player waiting rooms are Study Rooms 1 and 2 on the 6th floor. They are available until 17:00 on the day. Please avoid speaking loudly in the waiting rooms.
- Eating and drinking inside the playing hall, including snacks and hydration, is prohibited. Please drink water in the foyer outside the 7th-floor hall.
- Players may not leave the 7th floor until their game in each round has finished.
- Please refrain from participating if you feel unwell, including fever or coughing symptoms.
- Spectators may use electronic devices only for photography during the first 10 minutes after the start of each round. After that, as with players, please turn off electronic devices and refrain from using them inside the venue.