

4th Akabane Chess Club FIDE Classical Tournament

Tournament Regulations

Ticket sales open: Scheduled for late July 2026

Peatix registration page:
<https://akabanefide4.peatix.com/>

【Tournament Overview】

Dates:

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (public holiday)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (national holiday)

Playing venue:

Hokutopia, 7th Floor, Training Room 1

Analysis room / players' lounge:

Hokutopia, 8th Floor, Meeting Room 802

Capacity: 54 people. Chess sets will be available for analysis.

Venue access:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/dYNVSexuu5DqThgh8>

Organizer: Akabane Chess Club

Chief Arbiter: Tosei Yamaguchi

Arbiter: Takanori Hayashi

Tournament type: FIDE Standard-rated tournament / JCF domestic Classical-rated tournament

Format: 5-round accelerated Swiss system

Time control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move

Capacity: 82 players

Entry fee: JPY 9,000

*For non-JCF members, a JPY 3,000 non-member fee payable to the Japan Chess Federation will be added to the entry fee.

【Schedule】

There will be no opening or closing ceremony.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 (public holiday)

Check-in 9:20-9:50

Round 1 10:10-

Round 2 13:20-

Round 3 16:20-

Day 2: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (national holiday)

Venue opens 9:00

Round 4 10:00-

Round 5 13:20-

*The starting time of each round may change depending on the progress of the tournament.

【Check-in and Round 1 Pairings】

The Round 1 pairings will be prepared and announced after check-in closes.

Players who have not checked in by the end of the check-in period without prior notice will not be included in the Round 1 pairings and will receive 0 points for Round 1.

A player who checks in before all Round 1 games have finished will be included in the pairings from Round 2.

A player who neither checks in nor contacts the organizer by the end of Round 1 to confirm continued participation may be withdrawn from the tournament.

If you know in advance that you will not arrive before check-in closes, please contact us at the email address below.

Contact:

akabanechessclub★gmail.com

*When sending an email, replace “★” with “@”.

【Eligibility】

This tournament is open to players who already have a FIDE ID at the time of registration.

If you do not have a FIDE ID:

Japan Chess Federation members may apply through the link below. A FIDE ID is usually issued within a few days.

<https://japanchess.org/fide-id-registration/>

Eligibility will be determined using the FIDE rating list published in September 2026.

Players with a FIDE Standard rating of 2400 or higher are not eligible to participate.

【Registration】

Players who wish to participate must register through the link below.

Peatix registration link:
<https://akabane4.fide.peatix.com/>

By registering through Peatix, participants are deemed to have agreed to these tournament regulations.

【Cancellation Policy】

If we receive your cancellation request by Saturday, September 12, 2026, your entry fee will be refunded.

To cancel your registration, please contact us at the email address below.

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If the tournament is cancelled by the organizer, details of the response will be announced separately.

【Prizes】

No cash prizes, merchandise prizes, or free-entry awards will be given at this tournament.

【Playing Rules】

As this is a FIDE-rated tournament, all games and tournament procedures will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and relevant FIDE regulations.

Matters not specified in these regulations will be decided by the organizer and the arbiters, taking into account the FIDE Laws of Chess, relevant FIDE regulations, Japan Chess Federation regulations, and the fair and smooth operation of the tournament.

【Default Time】

A player who arrives 15 minutes or more after the scheduled starting time of a round, or after the starting time designated by the arbiter, will lose the game by default.

【Electronic Devices】

Mobile phones, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, earphones, and all other electronic devices must be completely switched off and kept in a bag or similar place during play.

Players may not have these electronic devices on their person during a game.

If a player uses an electronic device during a game, or touches one without the permission of an arbiter, a penalty may be imposed in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the arbiter's decision.

If you have any questions about the handling of electronic devices, please ask an arbiter before the game starts.

【Scoresheets and Result Reporting】

Recording the moves is mandatory.

After the game, both players must call an arbiter and confirm both scoresheets and the game result.

After confirmation, both players and the arbiter must sign the scoresheets. The result report is then complete.

【Byes】

A forced bye arising from an odd number of participants or other tournament-management reasons will be worth 1 point.

Players who wish to request a bye must indicate this in the designated field when registering through Peatix.

Bye requests will be accepted until 18:00 on the day before the tournament.

A requested bye submitted by 18:00 on the day before the tournament will be worth 0.5 points.

A bye requested after the deadline will be worth 0 points.

However, all requested byes in the final two rounds will be worth 0 points, regardless of when the request is submitted.

To change a bye request after registration, please contact us at the email address below.

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【Starting Rank and Pairings】

The starting rank will be determined in the following order of priority:

- (1) FIDE Standard rating
- (2) JCF domestic Standard rating

(3) Any other method deemed necessary by the organizer and the arbiters

The FIDE Standard ratings in the FIDE rating list published in September 2026 will be used.

An accelerated Swiss system will be used for pairings.

Acceleration points will be used only for pairing purposes and will not be added to players' actual tournament scores or final standings.

【Tie-breaks】

The following tie-breaks will be applied in order to determine the final standings:

- (1) Direct encounter
- (2) Buchholz Cut-1
- (3) Buchholz
- (4) Sonneborn-Berger
- (5) Drawing of lots

【Photography and Publication of Results】

Photos may be taken inside the venue during the tournament.

Photos taken during the tournament may be published on the Akabane Chess Club website, social media, promotional materials, and other media.

If you have a preference regarding the publication of photos, please select one of the following options when registering through Peatix:

- (1) Photos showing my face may be published
- (2) Photos may be published as long as my face is not visible
- (3) Photos of me may not be published

The organizer will take your stated preference into consideration, but it may not be possible to completely prevent incidental inclusion in wide-angle venue photographs or similar images.

The names and final rankings of the top two players will also be published on the Akabane Chess Club website and other media.

By participating in this tournament, players agree that their names, FIDE IDs, ratings, game results, and other relevant information may be submitted to and published by FIDE, the Japan Chess Federation, Chess-Results.com, and other related organizations or websites.

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【Discrepancy Between Languages】

If there is any discrepancy between the Japanese and English versions of these tournament regulations, the Japanese version will prevail.