

Tournament Regulations

3rd GEX International Open

Article 1: Organization

The 3rd GEX International Open is organized by **Amicale Échecs** under the presidency of Charles Laliou.

It will take place from **May 14, 2026 to May 17, 2026** in **01170 Gex, France**.

Venue:

Espace Perdtemps
Avenue Perdtemps / Rue de Paris (Departmental Road 1005)
01170 Gex – France

In the event of a dispute, only the French version of these regulations shall be legally binding.

Article 2: Registration and Pairings

This tournament, registered under no. 69990 with the French Chess Federation (FFE) and FIDE, will be played over **7 rounds**.

Computerized pairings (P.A.P.I. software designed by Erick Mouret) will be made according to the **Swiss System in accordance with the FIDE Handbook C.04 (current version in force)**.

Players may request a half-point bye for one of the first five rounds.

Such requests must be submitted no later than the end of the previous round (and at least one hour before Round 1).

The Laws of Chess applied are those of FIDE and the FFE, adopted at the 93rd FIDE Congress in Chennai (India), effective since January 1, 2023.

Games will be rated for the FIDE Elo rating list.

Article 3: Time Control

The time control for all games is:

Fischer 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move from move one.

Article 4: Registration

Open to all players.

Online registration is strongly recommended to facilitate Round 1 pairings. However, registration becomes final only after check-in and payment of the entry fee.

Only players who have checked in (no later than 30 minutes before the start of Round 1) and paid their entry fee — or who have informed the arbiter or organizer of justified delay accepted by them — will be paired for Round 1.

A valid FFE “Licence A” is required for French players.

Foreign players must have an active FIDE ID registered through a FIDE-recognized federation.

Foreign players must obtain their FIDE ID from their federation prior to the tournament.

Failing this, they may join Amicale Échecs as an occasional player by paying €50 on site. This will grant them an FFE Licence A for the current season and a French (FRA) FIDE ID.

Entry fees:

- €50 for adults
- €30 for players under 20
- FREE for GM, WGM, IM, and WIM

Registrations received after May 28, 2025:

- €60 for adults
- €40 for players under 20

Article 5: Schedule

Check-in: May 14, 2026 – 12:00

Round 1: May 14, 2026 – 16:30

Round 2: May 15, 2026 – 10:00

Round 3: May 15, 2026 – 16:30

Round 4: May 16, 2026 – 10:00

Round 5: May 16, 2026 – 16:30

Round 6: May 17, 2026 – 09:00

Round 7: May 17, 2026 – 15:30

Prize Ceremony: May 17, 2026 – 21:00

Article 6: Ranking

Final standings are determined by total game points (win = 1, draw = $\frac{1}{2}$, loss = 0).

Tie-breaks, in order:

1. Cut Buchholz
2. Buchholz
3. Performance

Article 7: Prizes

Total prize fund: **€3,000**, provided a minimum of 100 paying participants is reached. Otherwise, prizes will be adjusted proportionally.

If quorum is reached, guaranteed general ranking prizes are:

1st Prize:	€600
2nd Prize:	€500
3rd Prize:	€400
4th Prize:	€300
5th Prize:	€200

Otherwise, prizes will be adjusted proportionally (see Art. 7 §1).

Special prizes (Under 2200, Under 2000, Under 1800, Under 1600, Veterans, Juniors, Cadets, Minimes, Pupilles, Poussins, Petits-Poussins) will be awarded only if at least three players are registered in the category.

The prize list will be published before Round 4.

Except for trophies, prizes are not cumulative.

Junior prizes are awarded in kind.

Elo-category prizes and special prizes are awarded to the tied player with the best tie-break.

General ranking prizes are awarded by place. Each player receives the highest-value prize for which they qualify.

If prizes are of equal value, priority is:

1. General ranking prize
2. Elo-category prize
3. Special prize

Unrated players are not eligible for Elo-category prizes.

Players not present at the prize ceremony forfeit their prize in favor of the organizing club.

Article 8: Club Prize

A chess clock valued at €75 will be awarded to the club whose five best individual results total the highest score.

Article 9: Forfeit

A player arriving more than 30 minutes after the start of the round will lose by forfeit, unless otherwise decided by the arbiter.

A player who forfeits a round will only be paired in the next round if the absence is justified before pairings are published.

Any player forfeiting two rounds (consecutive or not) will be excluded from the tournament.

Unjustified forfeits or withdrawals will be reported to:

- The FFE National Arbitration Directorate (for French players)
- The relevant federation (for foreign players)

To report difficulties reaching the venue, players must contact the head of the arbitral team before the start of the round at:

+41 77 534 62 16

(stating full name)

Article 10: Reminders

The playing area includes:

- The playing zone
- Restrooms
- Refreshment area
- Outdoor smoking area

The player to move may not leave the playing zone without the arbiter's permission.

Mobile phones, smartwatches, earphones, and any electronic devices must be switched off and stored in a bag.

Failure to comply may result in sanctions.

Use of a mobile phone during the game results in loss of the game.

A phone emitting a sound also results in loss of the game.

Players must comply with the FFE Players' Charter and the FIDE Code of Ethics.

Draw offers are permitted at any time.

Article 11: Arbitration

Chief Arbiter: Igor Kupalov (FA)

Deputy Arbiter: Charles Lalieu (AO2)

Article 12: Appeals Committee

An Appeals Committee (3 members) will be appointed. Its composition will be displayed in the playing hall.

A player must comply with the arbiter's decision during the game. If wishing to appeal, the player must immediately declare the intention orally, continue the game, and after the game submit a written complaint to the arbiter, who will forward it to the Appeals Committee for decision.

Article 13: End of Game Procedure

At the end of the game:

- The winner (or Black in case of a draw) reports the result.
- The loser (or Black in case of a draw) resets the pieces and switches off the clock.
- Both players leave the playing area.

An unreported result may be recorded as a double forfeit.

Article 14: Image Rights

By registering for the 3rd GEX International Open, adult players or the parents of minor players authorize the organizer to publish photographs, videos, or audio recordings taken during the event on the website (<http://amicale-echecs.com>), in regional press, or other media related to chess activities.

Article 15: Special Regulations

Players agree to comply with these regulations, the Chess Player Charter, and any health measures in force during the event.

Chief Arbiter
FA Igor Kupalov

Organizer
Amicale Échecs
Charles Laliou
May 14, 2026