**INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT INVITATION
BLED CHESS FESTIVAL
10th - 12th of March 2017**

1) The tournament's organizer and promoter is ŠD Caissa in cooperation with the association Turizem Bled and ŠK Ljubljana. The tournament will take place from Friday, 10 March 2017, to Sunday, 12 March 2017, in the great hall of the Grand Hotel Toplice, Bled.

2) All chess enthusiast are eligible to participate, however, a dress code must be observed. Smart clothes are obligatory!

3) The FIDE rules for standard chess will apply. Each player will have 90 minutes + 30 seconds/move for every game, 5 rounds in accordance with the Swiss-system tournament. Pairings will be determined by the WINSVICAR computer program.

4) Competition program:

Friday, 10/03/2017:
• application confirmation from 16:30
• opening ceremony at 16:45
• 1st round at 17:00

Saturday, 11/03/2017:
• 2nd round at 10:00
• 3rd round at 17:00

Sunday, 12/03/2017:
• 4th round at 09:00
• 5th round at 15:00
• announcement of the results and award ceremony half an hour after the conclusion of the last round

5) Information:
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♣ Turizem Bled, zavod za pospeševanje turizma: [www.bled.si](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bled.si%2F&h=nAQEI3-JG&enc=AZOWs_HgK5SfRpJpmVmzIBJFycdsJNYU-mnnRRiMSPOXHJZ-8RGBtAAmHwckkTiKsFg&s=1); Melita Pretnar Kofol melita.pretnar@dzt.bled.si; +386 (0)31 520 015 (booking information)

6) IMPORTANT: Deadline for preliminary applications is Friday, 03/03/2017 via e-mail address: darjakaps@gmail.com. An entry fee is required and should be paid before the start of the competition. The payment should be made to a checking account SI56 0243 0025 5576 714 (ŠD Caissa, Prelesje 12, 8342 Stari trg ob Kolpi) open at Nova ljubljanska banka d.d., Trg republike 2, 1000 Ljubljana, SWIFT: LJBASI2X).
The list of chess players who applied in advance will be posted on the tournament's websites ([www.caissa.si](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.caissa.si%2F&h=UAQHdSiDr&enc=AZOWKdF6Jeo_bFaJiuf_dEnGOSDr5TiQeQ5e5mWqYWwBIYqKIGMp1PNjdYqEiZIieVQ&s=1) and [www.sahklub-ljubljana.com](http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sahklub-ljubljana.com%2F&h=vAQHBfTGl&enc=AZN64XqtWaaqrFljL_7jMB9DU36yzy_TkQ1j65HCD4R75hVxFe8w2c_cTurFvqIDbXw&s=1)) and will be regularly updated.

Tournament entry fee:
**EUR 30
EUR 20 (IM, female chess players, players under 20)
EUR 0 (GM and WGM)**

7) HOTELS
We recommend the following hotels:
Grand Hotel Toplice 5\*, Hotel Savica 3\*+ in Hotel Jadran 3\*

Grand Hotel Toplice:
Special price per person per day
Double room € 69
One bed room € 109
Price includes: half board, Wi-Fi, pool and saunas in the hotel, VAT

Hotel Savica 3\*+ :
Special price per person per day
Double room € 44
One bed room € 69
Price includes: half board, Wi-Fi, Wellness Živa, discount for saunas, VAT

Hotel Jadran 3\*:
Special price per person per day
Double room € 36
One bed room € 59
Price includes: half board, VAT

Extra charge for all hotels:
Tourist tax € 1,27 per person per day
Registration fee € 1,00 per person

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8) The prize pool amounts to EUR 4.070,00 gross + practical prizes in the amount of EUR 1.000,00. The prizes are not cumulative; each participant may receive only one. Prizes will be paid after the conclusion of the tournament to the recipient's bank account, upon presenting the relevant information (ID, address, tax number and bank account number)

*Prizes will be assigned as follows:
1st place: EUR 800 + weekend package in Bled
2nd place: EUR 500 + weekend package in Bled
3rd place: EUR 400 + weekend package in Bled
4th place: EUR 300 + practical prize
5th place: EUR 200 + practical prize

Top women:
1st place = EUR 150; 2nd place = EUR 100; 3rd place = EUR 50

Top veterans:
1st place = EUR 150; 2nd place = EUR 100; 3rd place = EUR 50

Top junior players:
1st place = EUR 150; 2nd place = EUR 100; 3rd place = EUR 50

Top three up to the rating of 1800:
1st place = EUR 70 + practical prize; 2nd place = EUR 50 + practical prize; 3rd place = EUR 30 + practical prize

Top three up to the rating of 2000:
1st place = EUR 70 + practical prize; 2nd place = EUR 50 + practical prize; 3rd place = EUR 30 + practical prize

Top three up to the rating of 2200:
1st place = EUR 100 + practical prize; 2nd place = EUR 70 + practical prize; 3rd place = EUR 50 + practical prize

Top three up to the rating of 2400:
1st place = EUR 200; 2nd place = EUR 150; 3rd place = EUR 100*
9) Visit by Judit Polgar
• On Friday,10 March 2017 at 16:45 p.m. opening ceremony with GM Judit Polgar as a VIP guest

• On Saturday, 11 March 2017, a meeting with Judit Polgar will be held, who will present her chess career to the youngest tournament participants and later on her views on chess training to chess mentors and instructors. A press conference will follow.
- 11:00 to 12:00: Judit Polgar meeting with the youngest ("World of inspiration")
- 15:00 to 17:00: meeting with mentors and instructors ("World of hard work")
- 17:15: press conference