

4th International Brühl Open



Friday, 20.02.2026

until Sunday, 22.02.2026

in Brühl (near Cologne)



Total prize pool: 8,350€

Organizer: Brühler Schachklub 1920 e.V.

Venue: Multipurpose hall of the Clemens-August-Schule,
Clemens-August-Strasse 33, 50321 Brühl

Mode: 5 rounds Swiss system according to FIDE rules.

Time: 90 min/40 moves + 30 min/rest + 30 sec. per move

The waiting time is 30 minutes from the start of the round.

Three tournaments, grouping according to tournament rating (TWZ).

For players with ELO and DWZ numbers, the higher number is decisive.

A-tournament: TWZ \geq 1800 (at the time of registration),

B-tournament: $1400 \leq$ TWZ < 2000 (at the time of registration),

C-tournament: TWZ < 1600 (at the start of the tournament). No

exceptions. Registered players for the B- or C-tournament who exceed TWZ 1800 resp. TWZ 1400 between registration and tournament start may participate in the A- resp. B-tournament for 10€ extra.

All tournaments will be rated according to **DWZ** and **ELO**. The seed lists in the A- and B-tournament are made based on ELO rating, in the C-tournament based on DWZ.

Registration: Via this [online registration form](#). The Open is limited to 400 participants. The order in which the money is received counts.

Entry fee: A-tournament: **60€** for adults, **50€** for youths (cut-off date 1.1.2008)
B-tournament: **50€** for adults, **40€** for youths (cut-off date 1.1.2008)
C-tournament: **40€** for adults, **30€** for youths (cut-off date 1.1.2008)
GM/WGM/IM/WIM are exempt from the entry fee
Transfer until 06.02.2026 with name and club to the account of the Brühler Schachklub: IBAN: **DE56 3705 0299 0133 3193 09**,
BIC: COKSDE33XXX. If payment is made after 06.02.26, the entry fee will be increased by 10€.

Main prizes:	A-tournament	B-tournament	C-tournament
	1 st place: 1,200€	1 st place: 500€	1 st place: 250€
	2 nd place: 900€	2 nd place: 400€	2 nd place: 200€
	3 rd place: 700€	3 rd place: 300€	3 rd place: 150€
	4 th place: 500€	4 th place: 200€	4 th place: 100€
	5 th place: 300€	5 th place: 100€	5 th place: 80€
	6 th place: 200€	6 th place: 80€	6 th place: 60€
	7 th place: 100€	7 th place: 70€	7 th place: 50€
	8 th – 10 th place: 80€	8 th place: 70€	8 th place: 50€

Rating prizes: According to TWZ, at least 5 participants per category

		1 st place / 2 nd place
A-tournament:	≤ TWZ 2200; ≤ TWZ 2000	80€ / 50€
B-tournament:	≤ TWZ 1900; ≤ TWZ 1700; ≤ TWZ 1500	80€ / 50€
C-tournament:	≤ TWZ 1400; ≤ TWZ 1200; ≤ TWZ 1000	75€ / 45€

Special prizes: Best woman: 50€ (all tournaments)

(sponsored by Best senior (cut-off date 31.12.1965): 50€ (all tournaments)



Best youth (cut-off date 1.1.2008): 50€ (all tournaments)

In the event of a tie, the **Buchholz ranking** shall apply, followed by the opponents' rating average. If all scores are equal, the prizes shall be shared.

In the case of double prizes, only the higher prize will be paid out. The other prize will go to the next placed person in the respective prize group.

Prize money for foreigners without permanent German residency will be subject to taxation according to the German income tax law (EStG).

Schedule: Friday, 20.02.26: **Registration 16:00-18:00 for all players**
1st round 18:30
Saturday, 21.02.26: 2nd round 09:30
3rd round 16:00
Sunday, 22.02.26: 4th round 09:30
5th round 16:00

FIDE ID: All participants must have a valid **FIDE ID** at the beginning of the tournament or apply for one from the FIDE rating officer (elo@schachbund.de) before the start of the tournament, stating their surname, first name, date of birth and sex (m/f). The format "Mustermann, Juergen; 1971-04-23;M" must be kept.

Other: By registering, the player declares that he/she agrees to the use of the data and tournament results collected on the occasion of the tournament for the determination of the DWZ and ELO by the bodies responsible for this purpose, as well as that photos, tournament data, match reports and similar may be published.

Main arbiter: Jeffrey Paulus, FA

Further information regarding travel and accommodation can be found at www.bsk1920.de. Affordable catering will be available at the tournament venue.