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Eligibility

Open to players born in 1976 or earlier. Membership in a club is not required. All players must provide a FIDE ID upon registration. Players without a FIDE ID can apply for one for the German Federation via the DSB as described at <https://www.schachbund.de/fide-identifikationsnummer.html>.

Mode

9 rounds Swiss system, DWZ and Elo evaluation. In the event of a tie, the Elo average of the opponents (with one score discarded) will be used as a tiebreaker. The current FIDE rules apply. The waiting time is 30 minutes.

Time limit

90 min/40 moves plus 30 min remaining time, plus 30 s/move (Fischer short).

Venue

KulturRaum- Großer Kursaal, Kurfürstenstraße 32A,

Schedule

Registration deadline and confirmation for all players on September 7, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Draw restricted to present players or with confirmed apologies.

Round 1	Mon, September 7	3:00 p.m.	
Round 2	Tue, September 8	10:00 a.m.	
Round 3	Wed, September 9	10:00 a.m.	
Round 4	Thu, September 10	10:00 a.m.	
Round 5	Fri, September 11	10:00 a.m.	Blitz tournament at 7:30 a.m.
Round 6	Sat, September 12	10:00 a.m.	
Round 7	Sun, September 13	10:00 a.m.	
Round 8	Mon, September 14	10:00 a.m.	
Round 9	Tue, September 15	09:30 a.m.	Award ceremony ~ 2:30 p.m.

The blitz tournament on Fri, September 11, 2026 will only take place, if at least 10 participants register.

Prizes

The following prizes are guaranteed for 80 paying participants or more.

1st prize: 450 € + challenge cup

2nd- 7th prize: 350 € / 300 € / 250 € / 200 € / 150 € / 100 €

Additional prizes (2x women's, 2x veteran's, 2x rating prizes in 2 groups, for ≥ 5 players) as posted in the tournament hall. No double prizes, prize winners must be present at the award ceremony.

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Entry fee

For transfers made by September 1, 2026, the entry fee is 75 €; after that date, it is 80€. GM and IM are exempt from the entry fee, if they register before July 1, 2026. If the tournament is canceled by the organizer, the entry fee will be refunded in full. In the case of unjustified cancellation by the participant, a handling fee of 15€ will be retained.

Registration possible from January 30, 2026

The number of participants is initially limited to 120. After that, participants will be placed on a waiting list. Register online at <https://dr-kleifges.de/anmeldung2026/> and transfer the entry fee stating your first and last name and FIDE ID to the account of

GesundLand Vulkaneifel GmbH

Volksbank RheinAhrEifel,

IBAN: DE97 5776 1591 0526 8006 00

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Registration by telephone is only possible in exceptional cases (if you do not have your own internet connection) at the GesundLand Tourist Information Bad Bertrich on  +49 2674 932 223 from Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Organizer

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Represented locally by GesundLand Tourist Information Bad Bertrich, Kurfürstenstr. 32, 56864 Bad Bertrich

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Arbiter

Dr. Matthias Kleifges (FIDE arbiter),  +49 175 2281 431

Organization

Website & current information are available at: www.dr-kleifges.de, email: info@dr-kleifges.de

Accommodation

Affordable accommodation ranging from vacation apartments to the ****s Hotel Fürstenhof is available. Book yourself or use the assistance of GesundLand Tourist Information Bad Bertrich (see organizer).

Events & other information

Blitz tournament, wine tasting, and relaxation at the Vulkaneifeltherme, Germany's only Glauber's salt thermal spa, with a natural temperature of 32°C (not included in the entry fee). Hikes around Bad Bertrich or a relaxing visit to the Elfengrotte natural monument and Germany's first landscape therapy park, the Römerkessel.

Data protection

Participants agree to the publication of images, tournament information, and results, as well as the processing of their registration data by the organizer and promoter.

We reserve the right to make necessary changes to the terms and conditions.