



# BANSKO GRAND CHESS OPEN

12 – 19 December 2010, Bansko - Bulgaria

UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE BANSKO MUNICIPALITY

Bansko, Bulgaria's # 1 ski resort, offers its visitors a unique mixture of modern sporting facilities, breathtaking nature, excellent accommodation, rich cultural and gastronomic heritage. Bansko has the best snow record and the longest ski season on the Balkans - it is an ideal place for a strong winter chess tournament and ski vacation.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Chessdom, Capital Chess Center – Sofia, and Chess Akademy of Thessaloniki proudly announce:

THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT "BANSKO GRAND CHESS OPEN 2010".

The tournament will be held in the city of Bansko, Bulgaria from the 12<sup>th</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2010, with open participation and nine (9) rounds Swiss system. The tournament will have with time control of 90 minutes for each player for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. The tournament will be FIDE rated and valid for norms. The FIDE rules apply for all sections.

## PLAYING GROUPS:

**A GROUP:** Open for all players – A minimum of **9000 EUR** guaranteed, plus special prizes for rating categories

**B GROUP:** Junior Tournament for boys and girls U14, application for the ECU Grand Prix 2011

**Total Prizes** (money prizes plus item prizes) for a value of over **15 000 EUR!**

## PLAYING SCHEDULE:

Saturday	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Blitz Tournament – Winter Opening Festivities
Sunday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival of Participants – Simultaneous Exhibition
Sunday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	20:00 Opening Ceremony
Monday	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Technical Meeting – Pairings
Monday	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 Round 1
Tuesday	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Round 2
Tuesday	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 Round 3
Wednesday	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 Round 4
Thursday	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 Round 5
Friday	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Round 6
Friday	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 Round 7
Saturday	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	17:00 Round 8
Sunday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Round 9
Sunday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	15:00 Closing Ceremony



## PARTICIPANT'S FEES:

General participants' fee*	40 €
Players of Junior B Group*	30 €
Participants with FIDE Rating over 2.500 and Gms	0 €
Bulgarian Participants fee*	30 €
Bulgarian Juniors U14 B' Group*	20 €

**\*Participants who are not staying in the tournament hotels will have to pay an additional fee of 20 euros. The above condition does not apply for players who are Bansko residents.**

## CUPS and MONEY PRIZES:

### GROUP A OPEN

Cups and medals will be awarded to places 1-6 in the General Standings and to places 1-3 for the Women standings.  
**PRIZE FUND A GROUP will be more than 9000 euro!**

GENERAL STANDINGS		<u>WOMEN</u>	
1.	<b>2000€</b>	1.	<b>300€</b>
2.	<b>1000€</b>	2.	<b>200€</b>
3.	<b>600€</b>	3.	<b>100€</b>
4.	<b>400€</b>		
5.	<b>300€</b>		
6.	<b>200€</b>		
7.	<b>150€</b>		
8.	<b>100€</b>		

<b>A. International Rating Category 2201 – 2400</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 500 € 2 <sup>nd</sup> 300 € 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 €
<b>B. International Rating Category 2001 – 2200</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 500 € 2 <sup>nd</sup> 300 € 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 €
<b>C. International Rating Category 1801 - 2001</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 500 € 2 <sup>nd</sup> 300 € 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 €
<b>D. International Rating Category up to 1801</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 500 € 2 <sup>nd</sup> 300 € 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 €

**\*Prizes are shared. In case that a player has the right to receive two prizes, he/she will be given the bigger one. The tournament is valid for GM/IM/FM /WFM/WIM/WGM norms.**

### GROUP B JUNIORS AND GIRLS U14

Categories: B14, B12, B10, B08, G14, G12, G10, G08

- Each category should have more than 10 players, otherwise Boys and Girls Age category will merge (for example B08 + G08 merge in one category).
- For the 8 winners of the above categories the first prize will be one Laptop Computer!!** For the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each category there will be chess books and gifts.
- The winners will receive cups; the first three in each category will receive medals.
- Tournament will apply for the European Youth Grand Prix 2011. More details will be published later about grand-prix rules and qualifications.

**\* In case of a tiebreak, additional criteria will decide the winners (TBA).**



## OFFICIAL HOTELS - RATES

Accommodation and board will be provided in **HOTEL STRAZHITE \*\*\*\* - HOTEL PIRIN \*\*\*\***  
**HOTEL BANSKO \*\*\*\*** and **Hotel MURA \*\*\***. **Playing Hall is the Culture Center of Bansko Municipality.**

Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will have the following **cost per person, for 6 or 7 nights**.  
 (For 8 nights or more add the charge of one night.)

**Bookings are possible only by the Organizing Committee by priority for each hotel**

### \*\*\* Stars Hotel: Mura BB

<b>ROOM TYPE</b> <b>BB- only breakfast</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON</b> <b>for 6 nights</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON</b> <b>for 7 nights</b>	EXTRA NIGHT per PERSON per DAY
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	170 € per person BB	190 € per person BB	27 € per person per day BB
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	150 € per person BB	175 € per person BB	25 € per person per day BB
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 2 - 12 years	135 € per person BB	155 € per person BB	22 € per person per day BB
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	240 € per person BB	280 € per person BB	40 € per person per day BB

### \*\*\*\* Hotels Accommodation: STRAZHITE -- PIRIN -- BANSKO

<b>ROOM TYPE</b> <b>FB - 3 meals</b> <b>HB - Breakfast &amp; Dinner</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON</b> <b>for 6 nights</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON</b> <b>for 7 nights</b>	EXTRA NIGHT per PERSON per DAY
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	245 € per person FB 210 € per person HB	290 € per person FB 240 € per person HB	40 € per person per day FB 34 € per person per day HB
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	225 € per person FB 190 € per person HB	260 € per person FB 220 € per person HB	37 € per person per day FB 31 € per person per day HB
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 2 - 12 years	195 € per person FB 170 € per person HB	225 € per person FB 195 € per person HB	32 € per person per day FB 28 € per person per day HB
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	360 € per person FB 300 € per person HB	420 € per person FB 350 € per person HB	60 € per person per day FB 50 € per person per day HB
<b>FAMILY PACKAGE</b> <b>2 ADULTS &amp; 2 KIDS U12</b> <b>APARTMENTS</b>	<b>600 euros HB for</b> <b>4 persons family</b>	<b>700 euros HB for</b> <b>4 persons family</b>	<b>100 euro per apartment</b> <b>per day HB</b>
<b>Kids under 2 years</b>	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge

**Accommodation in apartments - Category 3 and 4 stars.**

**Offer:** 160 euros per person FB (3 meals) in 3 or 4 stars apartments (4 to 6 persons) for 6 days.  
Limited space, more details on request.



## REGISTRATION - BOOKINGS

At the time of registration until **Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010** the amount: open fee + 50% of the total accommodation cost + transportation cost (if required) must be transferred , free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person. The participation is valid with the payment of the participation fee in the bank accounts:

### **FOR BULGARIA AND REST COUNTRIES**

**Bank Account:** BANK: SOCIETE GENERALE EXPRESS BANK  
(BGN) SWIFT/BIC : TTBB BG 22.  
IBAN: **BG90TTBB94001525327549**  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: **0026.0138.96.0200289132**  
BANK ADDRESS: STAMBOLIISKI STR 73  
SOFIA BULGARIA  
ACCOUNT HOLDER: ANTON MIHAILOV

### **FOR GREECE AND REST COUNTRIES**

**Bank Account:** BANK: EFG EUROBANK ERGASIAS S.A.  
SWIFT/BIC : EFGBGRAA.  
IBAN: **GR3102601380000960200289132**  
BANK CODE: 026  
BRANCH CODE: 0138  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: **0026.0138.96.0200289132**  
BANK ADDRESS: SALAMINOS STREET  
THESSALONIKI GREECE  
ACCOUNT HOLDER: THEODOROS TSORBATZOGLOU

Once the transfer has been completed, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking for all the hotel reservations.

\*Hotel cancellations are not possible after November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

\*\*For Hotel Bookings after November 12<sup>th</sup> the hotel packages rates will increase by 10%.

### **ONLINE BOOKINGS: [www.eventravel.net](http://www.eventravel.net)**

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made and with online credit card payment through the only authorized site: [www.eventravel.net](http://www.eventravel.net) . **From the menu choose Bansko Chess Open and the package of your choice.**

### **AIRPORT AND CITY TRANSFERS**

The O.C. will provide transportation from Sofia and Thessaloniki **for organized groups**. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> arrival in Bansko – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> departure from Bansko.

The cost of bus transportation from Sofia airport or city (180 km) to Bansko with return on the departure day is **50 EUR per person**. The cost of bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport or city (240 km) to Bansko with return on the departure day is **70 EUR per person**. Individual requests will be served also after consultation.



## CHESS & PARALLEL PROGRAM

- **Blitz Tournament** - 7 rounds - Entry fee 10 euros (prize fund to be announced)  
Saturday 11 December – Starts at 16.00
- **Simultaneous** - Sunday 11 December - Entry fee 10 euros - Starts at 17.00
- **Ski Packages**
- **Festival White Party – Friday 17 December 2010**

## CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE - [www.bansko.chessdom.com](http://www.bansko.chessdom.com)

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## VISA INFORMATION

Players who will need visas are kindly requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**  
The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are made.

