INVITATION: Nordic Championship for Scholastic Teams 2025

Location: Helsinki, Finland

Dates: Friday 12 September to Sunday 14 September 2025

Playing venue: Finnish Chess Federation's playing venue, Shakkiareena, Hiomotie 10, Helsinki

Accommodation & dinners: Sokos Hotel Tripla,

https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-tripla Lunch (Saturday & Sunday): Restaurant Factory, Valimotie 13, Helsinki

The Finnish Chess Federation invites you to the Nordic Championship for Scholastic Teams 2025. The tournament and the accommodation will take place in Helsinki.

General information

The tournament will be held at the Finnish Chess Federation's playing venue, Shakkiareena, Hiomotie 10, Helsinki. The venue is about 7 kilometers from the city center and easily accessible by public transport.

Accommodation will be at the Sokos Hotel Tripla, which is located about 4 kilometers from Helsinki city center and 15 kilometers from the airport. The hotel has a direct local train connection from the airport, the playing venue, and the city center.

Lunch on Saturday and Sunday will be served at Restaurant Factory, located about 350 meters from Shakkiareena. Dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings will be provided at Sokos Hotel Tripla.

Arrival and Departure

We kindly ask all participants to arrive at Sokos Hotel Tripla before 17:00. Dinner and a team captains' meeting will be held at that time. After the meal, we will proceed to Shakkiareena, where the first round will begin at 19:00.

Departure is preferred to take place on Sunday. In case an additional night is needed, we strongly recommend that you reserve them independently through the hotel.

Tournament

The tournament is played according to the regulations for the Nordic Championship. Each team is a scholastic team with four players and optionally one reserve player from the same school. The teams are qualified through the national federations' scholastic chess championships in each country.

There are two groups:

- Group A players from 0–10 grade (max 17 years)
- Group B players from 0–6 grade (max 13 years)

Each group will play five rounds. The time control is 90 min with an additional 30 sec increment per move starting from the first move.

Chief Arbiter will be Mr. Panu Laine, FIDE Arbiter.

Timetable

Friday, 12 September

15:00–17:00	Arrival & check-in at Sokos Hotel Tripla
17:00	Dinner and technical meeting
19:00	1st Round (Shakkiareena)

Saturday, 13 September

07:00-08:30	Breakfast
09:00-13:00	2 nd Round
12:30-14:00	Lunch
15:00-19:00	3 rd Round
19:30-20:30	Dinner

Sunday, 14 September

07:00-08:30	Breakfast
09:00-13:00	4 th Round
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-18:00	5 th Round
around 18:15	Prizegiving and departure

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation will be at Sokos Hotel Tripla:

https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-tripla.

The available rooms are mainly twin rooms.

Evening meals will be served at the hotel, and lunches at Restaurant Factory: https://ravintolafactory.com/lounasravintolat/ravintolat/helsinki-pitajanmaki/.

Registration and fees

The registration form must be submitted by the 8th of August. Registrations shall be submitted by using the attached registration form.

The participation fee, which includes accommodation and full board from Friday evening until lunch on Sunday, is as follows:

- 260 EUR per participant in a twin room
- 340 EUR per participant in a single room

Contact persons

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Looking forward to seeing you all in Finland!