

29th Vasja Pirc Memorial

Date of the tournament: Saturday, 17 January 2026

Organizer: Železničarski šahovski klub Maribor Poligram

Venue: Nakupovalno središče Europark, Pobreška 18, 2000 Maribor

Eligibility: All players with a valid **FIDE ID** who register on time are eligible to participate.

Tournament Schedule: 17 January 2026

- Confirmation of registrations: 13.45-14.15
- Opening ceremony & Round 1: 14.30

Other rounds follow immediately after results are processed.

The prize-giving ceremony takes place **10 minutes after Round 11** ends.

Tournament System & Time Control

- **11 rounds**, Swiss system
 - Time control: **5 minutes + 3 seconds** increment per move
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Tie-Break Criteria

1. Higher number of points, 2. Direct encounter(s) (if all tied players have played each other), 3. Buchholz minus one, 4. Buchholz coefficient, 5. Higher number of games played with Black, 6. Higher number of wins (wins by forfeit or when the opponent was absent do not count).

Entry Fee & Registration

Players must register for the tournament **by 14 January 2026** with the organizer, **Tadej Sakelšek** (email: tadejsakelsek@gmail.com, phone: **040 748 916**).

The entry fee is **€10.00** for girls and boys (born **2006 or later**) and **€15.00** for women and men.

The fee is paid **on site** upon confirmation of registration.

Grandmasters (male and female) are exempt from paying the entry fee.

The registration must include:

- Surname and Name
- FIDE ID

Prizes

A total of **35 main and category prizes**, with a total prize fund of **€3,000**.

All prizes are awarded in **DESETAK gift vouchers**.

Each player receives a **Europark gift bag**.

Each participant may receive **only one prize**.

DESETAK vouchers can be redeemed in the following shopping centers:

- Europark Maribor
- Aleja Ljubljana
- Center Vič Interspar Ljubljana
- CityPark Ljubljana
- CityCenter Celje

More information: **desetak.si**

Main Prizes – Overall Ranking	Prize
1st place	500 + trophy
2nd place	300
3rd place	200
4th place	150
5th place	100
6th place	100
7th place	100
8th place	100

Category Prizes	1.mesto	2.mesto	3.mesto
Best ŽŠK Maribor Poligram players	110	50	30
Best women	100	50	30
Best seniors	100	50	30
Rating ≤1800	70	50	30
Rating 1801–2000	70	50	30
Rating 2001–2200	70	50	30
Best U20	70	50	30
Best U15	70	50	30
Best U10	70	50	30

Additional Information

The tournament will be submitted for **FIDE rapid rating**.

Anything not defined in this announcement will be regulated by the **tournament regulations**.

The rules of the **Slovenian Chess Federation (ŠZS)** and **FIDE** apply.