INVITATION

14th ChessMates™ International Youth Chess Teams Tournament

Reykjavík City Hall, Iceland · 9–11 April 2027

Reykjavík, October 2026

To:

- CEMC Monaco
- Rotterdamse Schaakbond (RSB), the Netherlands
- Irish Chess Union
- Estonian Youth Team
- Landesschachverband Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.
- English Chess Federation
- Veneto Juniors
- Katowice Chess Club
- Norway Chess
- Faroese Chess Federation

Dear ChessMates,

On behalf of the Icelandic Chess Federation (Skáksamband Íslands), we have the honour to invite you to the 14th ChessMates™ International Youth Chess Teams Tournament.

The tournament is hosted by the Icelandic Chess Federation under the license and patronage of ChessMates International from Monaco.

Date and Venue

Date: 9–11 April 2027
Venue: Reykjavík City Hall (Ráðhús Reykjavíkur)
Address: Tjarnargata 11, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland
The playing hall is in the historic centre of Reykjavík, beside the picturesque Tjörnin pond. The venue is within easy walking distance of the main hotels, restaurants, and attractions in the city centre.

Schedule

Friday 9 April

- 14:00 – Opening Ceremony
- 14:30 – Round 1
- Evening – Heads of Delegation Dinner (sponsored by ChessMates International)

Saturday 10 April

- 10:00 – Round 2
- 15:00 – Round 3
- Evening – ChessMates Dinner (with all participants) followed by Blitz tournament

Sunday 11 April

- 09:00 – Round 4
- 14:00 – Round 5
- After the final round – Closing ceremony and prize-giving

Note: The exact start times may be adjusted slightly depending on team arrival times. We kindly ask teams to provide their flight schedules so we can fine-tune the programme.

Format

Five rounds will be played. The final format and pairing system will be decided once the number of participating teams is known. With 10 or more teams, a Swiss system will be used; in that case certain provisions of the ChessMates Rules will be modified and FIDE regulations will apply as appropriate.

Time Control

90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move. The tournament will be FIDE-rated.

Teams

We are inviting the following teams. An additional team may be invited if needed to ensure an even number of participants.

Members:

- CEMC Monaco
- Icelandic Chess Federation
- RSB (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)
- Irish Chess Union
- Estonian Youth Team
- Landesschachverband Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.
- English Chess Federation
- Veneto Juniors

Candidate Members / Invited Teams:

- Katowice Chess Club
- Norway Chess
- Faroese Chess Federation

Team Composition

Each team consists of 10 players (2 per category) with at least one girl and one boy in each team. No reserves are allowed except in cases of force majeure (by decision of the ChessMates Bureau).

Boards	Category	Birth year cutoff
1 & 2	U20	Born 2007 or later
3 & 4	U18	Born 2009 or later
5 & 6	U16	Born 2011 or later
7 & 8	U14	Born 2013 or later
9 & 10	U12	Born 2015 or later

Financial Contribution

ChessMates International will contribute €100 per player (€1,000 per team) to help reduce costs for the players and their parents. This contribution is available to member of ChessMates.

Rules

The basic rules of the tournament are those set out in the ChessMates International Youth Chess Tournament Rules (April 2025), which are attached to this invitation.

In addition, the role of team captains shall be as defined in the European Chess Union regulations (see in particular article B12.4.2 on Team Captains).

Please also note: With 10 or more teams the Swiss system will be used, which will modify certain parts of the ChessMates Rules; in such cases FIDE regulations will apply.

Team Shirts

Teams are kindly requested to bring team shirts and wear them at least at the opening ceremony, the final round and the closing ceremony. The ChessMates logo shall be printed on the back of the team shirts.

Registration

All registrations and communications should be sent by email to chessmates2027@gmail.com

Confirmation of participation: Please confirm whether your team will participate by **30 November 2026**. This is very important so that we know the exact number of teams taking part and can finalise the format and pairings accordingly.

Team lineup: The full list of players (with board order, date of birth, and FIDE ID if available) should be submitted by **20 March 2027**.

Flight schedules: Please also provide details of your flight schedule so that we can fine-tune the programme.

Accommodation

We are pleased to offer special discounted rates at selected hotels in the city centre of Reykjavík. Both hotels are within comfortable walking distance of the playing venue. We strongly recommend booking as early as possible to secure better rates and availability.

Center Hotels
Multiple hotels in the heart of Reykjavík. Book directly on centerhotels.com and use the code **CHESS2027** to receive a **25% discount**.

Hotel Frón
Located on Laugavegur 22A, the main shopping street in downtown Reykjavík. Book on hotelfron.is and use the code **Chessmates2027** to receive a **15% discount**.

Teams are of course free to arrange their own accommodation elsewhere if preferred. All teams are responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.

Transport

We will offer a special discount on airport transfers and other services with Reykjavík Excursions (RE / Flybus). Further details will be provided closer to the event.

Social Programme

The traditional Heads of Delegation Dinner (sponsored by ChessMates International) will be organised on Friday evening, 9 April.

The ChessMates Dinner for all participants, followed by the Blitz tournament, will take place on Saturday evening, 10 April.

Contact

For all enquiries regarding the tournament, please contact us at chessmates2027@gmail.com.

Confirmation

We would be very grateful if you could confirm the participation of your team as soon as possible, and no later than **30 November 2026**. Further details on regulations and practical information will follow in due course.

We look forward to welcoming you and your young players to Reykjavík for what we are confident will be a memorable ChessMates tournament.

Yours sincerely,

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