



42ND EDITION - WELCOME TO CAPPELLE LA GRANDE

CAPPELLE LA GRANDE FEBRUARY 21 TO 28, 2026

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www.cappelle-chess.fr

42ND INTERNATIONAL OPEN

FEBRUARY 21 TO 27

Approved by the French Chess Federation

Approved by the International Chess Federation

Rate of play : 1h30 + 30sec/move for the first 40 moves,
then 30min + 30sec/move to finish the game.

Number of rounds: 9 rounds.

Total prizes : €12,000

Registration fees : 50€/25€

9TH RAPID TOURNAMENT

FEBRUARY 28

Approved by the French Chess Federation

Approved by the International Chess Federation

Rate of play : 12min + 3sec/shot

Number of rounds : 9 rounds.

Total prizes : €5,000 including €1,000 to the winner.

SCHEDULE



Saturday February 21 - 10:00 to 12:00 - Registration
Saturday February 21 - 15:30 - Opening ceremony
Saturday February 21 - 16:00 - Round 1

Sunday February 22 - 14:00 - Round 2

Monday February 23 - 9:00 - Round 3
Monday February 23 - 16:00 - Round 4

Tuesday February 24 - 14:00 - Round 5

Wednesday February 25 - 9:00 - Round 6
Wednesday February 25 - 16:00 - Round 7

Thursday February 26 - 14:00 - Round 8

Friday February 27 - 10:00 - Round 9
Friday February 27 - Registration for rapid tournament
Friday February 27 - 17:00 - Closing ceremony

Saturday February 28 - 8:00 to 9:30 - Registration
10:00 - Round 1
10:45 - Round 2
11:30 - Round 3
13:00 - Round 4
13:45 - Round 5
14:30 - Round 6
15:30 - Round 7
16:15 - Round 8
17:00 - Round 9
18:00 - Closing ceremony

PLAYING HALL



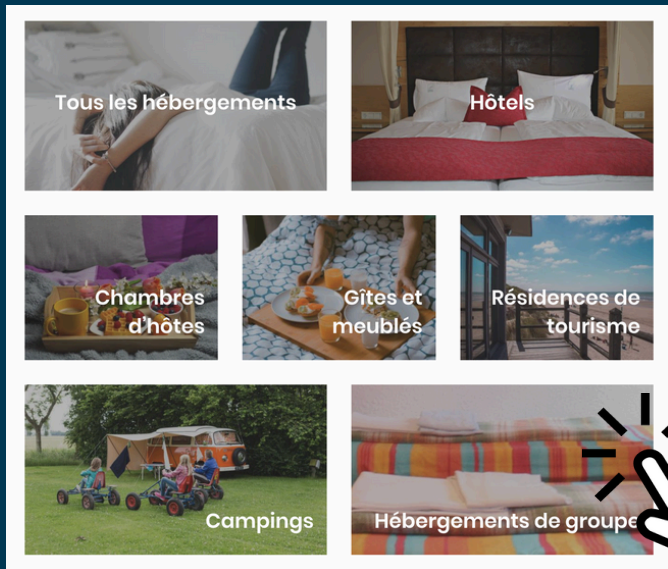
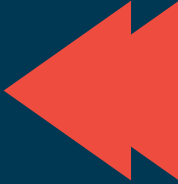
Palais des Arts et des Loisirs
Place Bernard Gouvart
59180 Cappelle la Grande

PMR access.

Free parking less than 10 minutes walk from the games room.



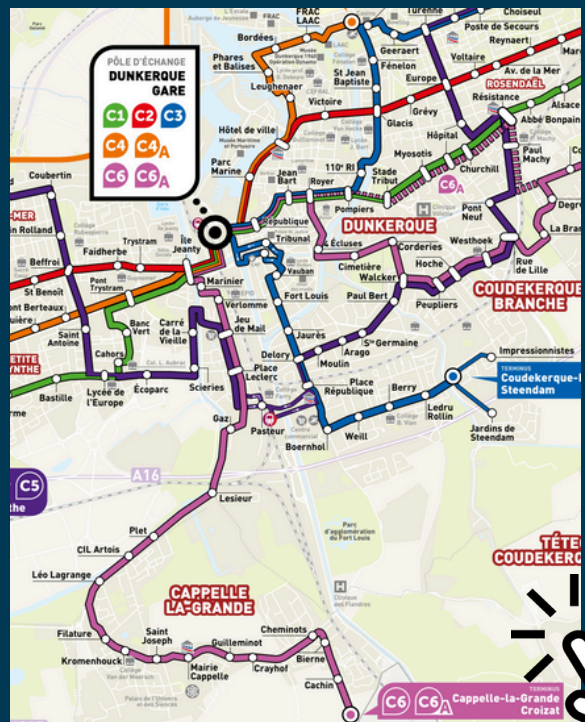
ACCOMMODATION



DUNKIRK TOURIST OFFICE WEBSITE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

THE DK'BUS BUS NETWORK IS COMPLETELY FREE. IT ALLOWS YOU TO REACH CAPPELLE LA GRANDE FROM DUNKIRK AND TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE DUNKIRK AREA.





REGISTRATION



Online pre-registration **Access the online form**



Registration fees

U20 open : 25 euros

U20 rapide : 10 euros

U20 open & rapid : 30 euros

Open : 50 euros

Rapid tournament : 20 euros

Open & Rapid tournament : 60 euros



How to pay for your registration?

- by bank transfer
- in cash, before 12:00 p.m. on February 21



Checking on our website

You check your registration on the list.

Players whose registration has been paid should not come in the morning. See you on Saturday February 21 at 3:30 p.m. for the opening ceremony.



TOURNAMENT RULES

Article I : Organization - Entries

The tournament is organized by " L'Echiquier Cappellois " chess club and takes place at the Palais des Arts in Cappelle-la-Grande.

The President of the Organizing Committee is Mr Alexandre FERYN.

The tournament is registered with the French Chess Federation (FFE) and FIDE.

The following are definitely entered and will be included in the first round draw:

- players who enter in advance by post if their entry and entry fee reaches the organizers
- players who pay their registration to the organizers in the playing hall by 13:00 at the latest on Saturday February, 21st
- titled players if they present themselves to the organizers by 13:00 at the latest on Saturday February, 21st, and fill in their entry form
- other foreign players who enter in advance by internet who have paid their entry fee to the organizers by our website

Foreign players must have a FIDE ID.

By entering the tournament, players accept all the tournament rules.

Article II: Tournament timetable - special rules

The tournament will be held over 9 rounds.

The rate of play is:

- 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move for the first 40 moves and then
- 30 minutes plus 30 seconds per move to the end of the game.

The FIDE Laws of Chess will apply.

Players must not agree a draw in under 20 moves without the consent of the arbiter.

Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a round shall lose, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Notation is required throughout the game.

Article III : bye

Any player can take a "BYE", that is to say not to be paired during a round, but still scoring a half point (0.5 point). He must absolutely notify the arbiter before the end of the previous round. Each player is limited to one "BYE" in the tournament, only possible during rounds 1 to 6.

Article IV: Fees

Adult: 50 euros

Youth under 20 (2026/01/01): 25 euros

GM, IM, WGM, WIM : free

Article V: Pairings

The pairings will be made according to the accelerated Swiss system (using the SAD system). Before the first round pairings the arbiter will decide the rating limits of the 3 groups, depending on the entries. A player can take a bye (not be paired and get 0.5 points). The arbiter will be assisted by P.A.P.I. pairings program.

Article VI : Classification - Prizes

The classification is made according to the total numbers of point scored.

Ties are resolved first by the truncated buchholz (sum of adjusted scores of opponents minus two lower), by rating performance and then by buchholz.

If there is a tie, prizes in the general classification are shared according to the Hort system. Other prizes are not shared.

A player cannot win more than one prize. The definitive list of prizes will be displayed from round 7 at the latest. The organizer's decision on the award of prizes is final.

Prizes will only be awarded to players who attend the closing ceremony.

Article VII: Arbiters

The chief arbiter of the tournament is Mr Emmanuel VARINIAC, International Arbiter (FRA).

Article VIII: Players' behaviour

No analysis or conversations between players are allowed in the playing hall.
Electronic cigarettes are forbidden in the playing hall.
Two warnings will lead to the immediate expulsion of a player from the tournament.

If a player has to default for unforeseeable reasons of absolute necessity he should explain the situation no less than 4 hours after the start of the round (+33610154615 or secretariat.cappelle@gmail.com) to avoid being expelled from the tournament.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited in the playing hall.

Any unethical action will be noted in the official report of the tournament and may lead to the request for a penalty to be imposed by the disciplinary committee of the French Chess Federation.

Article IX : Disputes

If a player disagrees with an arbiter's decision he can give notice of appeal before resuming the game, which he must finish. After the game he must make a written statement of claim which will be attached to the official report of the tournament.

The Appeal Jury will be composed of five players plus two reserves, who will be appointed before the first round. The Jury's decision will be final.

Article X : Health protocol

By registering for the tournament, each player agrees to respect the tournament rules.



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LIST OF REGISTERED PLAYERS

Open - Registered players

Rapid tournament - Registered players

