



1. SKBN-Online-U25 Play & Meet

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Dear chess friends,

I like to offer a new online tournament in a new format. The idea is to play every week a rapid 25+10 game in a 7 round swiss tournament comparable with the previous online rapid club tournaments. Additionally, we will meet online only for chatting on Sunday morning at 10 am. Furthermore, there will be offers to meet in small groups for online analyzing games together with strong players as well.

Why English?

Yes, tournament language is English. I think it will be an interesting experience and practice for everybody. However, we have an international community anyway, some study or like to study abroad and some of you have foreign family roots or even don't speak German.

Does SKBN has so many young players?

Unfortunately, we don't. But we have a good tradition bringing young players always to a top level. To my knowledge I counted 3 participants of a world youth championship, 1 German Master and 7 participants of the national German championship. I have already trained most of you, some more some less and I recognize with pleasure that some of you have new interest in chess again. The online format makes it independent from place and save time. Doesn't matter if you are an active member or ex-member or a more passive player, everybody is welcome and invited to take part in this tournament.

Why U25?

This is the official age limit for Juniors. The winner will get the title SKBN Open Junior Master and a trophy. Besides the junior title there exists a U25 open championship yearly separated in a class A and class B tournament taken place together with the official national youth championship in Willingen. Willingen is maybe the biggest and best chess event in Germany. Well, my idea is to organize a sponsored club tour to Willingen. This year it is not decided if the U25 will take place, nor the time of the youth championship is fixed yet. However, this could become a traditional chess tour of our club every year.

Please note that you can decide yourself according to your availability how to participate:

- A. Easy tour, I want just to take part sometimes in the Sunday morning chat
- B. Play tour, I just want to play the tournament, no chat, no analyze
- C. Full tour, I want to play and meet

Tour B can be upgraded to C during the tournament 😊

Finally, I hope that I could encourage you with this next new idea of mine 😊

cheers,

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Regulations:

- ✓ lichess.org, 7 rounds swiss, 25 minutes + 10 seconds per move,
- ✓ 1 round per week, individual timing from Monday to Saturday
- ✓ 1. round starting from Monday, 12.Apr. 2. round from 19.Apr., etc.
- ✓ always Sundays the draw of the next round send by email
- ✓ White is responsible for organizing the date with his opponent
- ✓ up to 2 bye-remis can be taken, to be notified latest before the draw is published
- ✓ participants must have not fulfilled 25 years of age in 2021 and are limited to actual and former SKBN-member
- ✓ no entry fee, no prizes except a trophy for the winner
- ✓ registration by email latest on April 4th
including full name, email address, mobile and lichess name, type of tour A,B or C