Regulations

1. *Contest organizer and purpose*

The Polibuda Chess Cup – EUNICE edition is organised by Poznan University of Technology, acting through its European University Office (Jana Pawła II 14, 61-139 Poznań, e-mail: due@put.poznan.pl). The organisational units and partners supporting the event are:

- Student Council of the Faculty of Civil and Transport Engineering
- Sports Center of Poznan University of Technology
- Academic Sports Association of Poznan University of Technology

The entity responsible for providing the prizes is Poznan University of Technology.

The tournament promotes chess, fair play and cooperation within the EUNICE university community. Participation is free of charge. The tournament will take place online on Lichess on 6 December 2026 at 16:00 CET (15:00 UTC).

2. *Eligibility and registration*

Entry is open to students and employees of EUNICE European University (*EUNICE universities: Brandenburg University of Technology, University of Cantabria, University of Catania, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France, Karlstad University, University of Mons, University of the Peloponnese, Poznan University of Technology, University of Vaasa, Universidade Politécnica de Viseu).* Eligibility must be held on the date of the tournament. Each participant may enter once, using one personal Lichess account identified in the registration form.

A maximum of 100 participants may be admitted (10 participants per partner university). Registration opens on the 16 November 2026 at 2 pm CET and closes on 26 November 2026 at 3 pm CET. Applications must be submitted through online form (https://forms.gle/CpDYwtNs5Ax96x7G7) with accurate information and an **active university email address**.

Where applications exceed the applicable quota, places are allocated by the time of receipt of a complete and eligible application. Applicants asked to correct a minor formal error have a period of 1 day to do so; their application is treated as complete when the correction is received. A waiting list is maintained in the same order. Applicants are informed of acceptance or the reason for refusal by 27 November 2026. Withdrawal must be notified to due@put.poznan.pl. Vacancies may be offered to the next eligible person on the waiting list until 4 December 2026.

Before registration, participants must have a Lichess account and provide its username. Accepted participants will receive detailed instructions from the organiser on how to join the tournament on Lichess. Participants must complete check-in and test their game and video connections by 6 December 2026, 1 pm CET. Account eligibility and any platform restrictions apply in addition to these rules.

3. *Tournament format and time control*

- The tournament will consist of a maximum of 11 rounds played in the Swiss system.
- Time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move for each player.
- Final standings will be determined based on total points. In the case of a tie, the following tiebreakers will apply: total points, Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger, progressive score, head-to-head result, number of wins.

  These criteria form part of these rules before registration opens and will not be changed retrospectively.

4. *Participation conditions*

Arbiters must not compete and must withdraw from decisions involving a conflict of interest. External assistance, including engines, AI move advice, books, databases, tablebases, other people's advice and live commentary on an ongoing game, is prohibited. Account sharing, impersonation and result manipulation are prohibited. Agreed accessibility tools may be used if they provide no chess advice.

Proportionate sanctions may include a warning, exclusion from later pairings, loss of a game or disqualification where implementable. Any manual correction that Lichess cannot implement must be separately documented in the official standings. Confirmed cheating or impersonation may cause disqualification and loss of prize entitlement.

Participants must keep their camera on during each game, following the positioning instructions provided before registration. Supervision is limited to what is necessary to verify identity and fair play. Access is restricted to authorised tournament officials. Avoid showing other people or unnecessary private information. The organiser neither records the supervision feed nor includes it in the public livestream. A camera failure must be reported immediately. Games and English commentary will be streamed on PUT YouTube.

Participants are responsible for providing a working device, a stable internet connection and the camera required for supervision. An individual connection failure does not automatically pause a game, stop the clock or entitle a player to a replay. The result recorded by Lichess remains provisional, subject to a documented decision under these rules.

5. *Prizes*

Prizes will be awarded to the top three players in the official final standings.

- **First place** - a voucher for a one-year Chess.com Diamond membership (approx. EUR 100) and a LEGO set of the recipient's choice with a purchase price of up to EUR 150.

- **Second place** - a voucher for a one-year Chess.com Platinum membership (approx. EUR 70) and a LEGO set of the recipient's choice with a purchase price of up to EUR 100.

- **Third place** - a LEGO set of the recipient's choice with a purchase price of up to EUR 100.

The choice of LEGO set is subject to availability. For accounting purposes, the Organiser will purchase each selected set directly and arrange delivery to the address provided by the prize recipient. The Organiser will cover delivery costs separately.

Poznan University of Technology will deliver the prizes by 31 January 2027. Winners must provide necessary delivery information by 31 December 2026. Before treating a prize as unclaimed, the organizer will send a reminder allowing another 7 days.

6. Protests and complaints

Report sporting or technical incidents immediately to the Tournament Arbiter. Game protests must be made within 15 minutes of the end; standings protests within 30 minutes of publication. A documented technical obstacle permits submission promptly after its removal. Urgent protests should be reviewed before subsequent pairings where practicable.

Other organisational or prize complaints may be submitted to due@put.poznan.pl, preferably within 14 days of the relevant event. A response will be provided within 14 days of receipt.

7. Personal data and amendments

Personal data will be processed as explained in the privacy notice at https://put.poznan.pl/en/ochrona-danych-osobowych and provided in the privacy notice available in the registration form. It specifies purposes, legal bases, contacts, recipients, retention, applicable rights, international transfers and any automated decision-making. Accepting these rules is separate from optional consent or image authorisation. Independent service providers, including Lichess, process account data under their own notices.

Changes may be made only where necessary to comply with law, correct an obvious error or address a documented technical obstacle preventing the event from taking place as announced.

These rules take effect on 16 November 2026 and are available for downloading and retention before entry. The organisers act within these rules; their decisions remain subject to the stated review procedures and applicable law. Polish law applies subject to mandatory rules applicable to international participants. Nothing excludes or limits liability or jurisdiction contrary to mandatory law.