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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE
A PROFESSIONAL
TO BECOME
A WORLD CHAMPION.



World Non-Professional Chess Championship

Make Your Move
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A new international championship for people whose lives went far beyond chess - but never away from it.



"Some dreams don't disappear with time — they simply wait for another move. WNCC is for people who built careers, families and lives beyond chess, but never lost their passion for the game. My vision is to bring them together from around the world and give that passion a new stage."

— *Shahin Novrasli*

FOUNDER, WNCC
NOVRASLI GLOBAL

CHAMPIONSHIP
WNCC 2027 AT A GLANCE

The **World Non-Professional Chess Championship (WNCC)** is a new international championship for non-professional chess players whose primary professional activity is outside chess. The championship is divided into two age categories: **18–35 years and 35 years and over.** Players from the two age categories compete seperately and do not play against each other.

GLOBAL ENTRY
Up to
10,000 players

WORLD PRE-FINAL
64 players
Online

WORLD FINAL
8 finalists
Over-the-board (OTB)

2027 WINDOW
May – June 2027
Host city: To be confirmed

WORLD ONLINE QUALIFICATION

Players from around the world will compete online for a place in the next stage of the championship.

Format:	Rounds:	Schedule:	Time Control:	Duration:	Platform:
Swiss System	**9**	**1 round per day**	**60 minutes per player**	**9 days**	**Tornelo**

FAIR PLAY & INTEGRITY

WNCC protects the integrity of the Championship through an independent **Fair Play Committee,** identity and eligibility verification, online game monitoring, anti-cheating technology and specialist review of suspicious games.

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COMPETITION FORMAT

WORLD PRE-FINAL — ONLINE

The **World Pre-Final** will be played online on **Tornelo** using the **Swiss system.**

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Swiss System	**9**	**1 round per day**	**60 minutes per player**	**9 days**	**Tornelo**

At the end of the 9 rounds, the **Top 8 players** will qualify for the World Final.

WORLD FINAL — OTB

The **World Final** will be played **over the board (OTB)** as a knockout championship.

Quarterfinals
8 ⟶ 4 players
2 classical games
per match

Semifinals
4 ⟶ 2 players
4 classical games
per match

World Championship Final
2 players
6 classical games

If a match ends in a tie, the winner will be determined through **rapid tiebreaks** and, if necessary, **blitz.**
The winner of the final match will be crowned the **WNCC World Champion.**

The World Final program will include finalist arrival and accreditation, Opening Ceremony, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, World Championship Final, Closing Ceremony and Awards Ceremony.

FINALIST VERIFICATION

World Final qualifiers will undergo full verification before their places are confirmed, with additional on-site security and anti-cheating measures applied in Baku.
The objective is to ensure fairness, transparency and credibility at every stage of WNCC.

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WORLD FINAL

THE GRAND FINAL OF THE WNCC

The WNCC World Final will bring together the championship's leading players for the decisive stage of the inaugural World Non-Professional Chess Championship.

More than a final, it is designed as a complete international experience — from arrival and accreditation to the Opening Ceremony, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, World Championship Final, Closing Ceremony and Awards.

The host city will provide the stage for WNCC's most important moments and help shape the identity of its inaugural World Final.

A historic first WNCC.

A global stage for the finalists.



AN EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO REMAIN LONG AFTER THE LAST MOVE.

WNCC 2027
PRIZE FUND

The **1st World Non-Professional Chess Championship (WNCC)** is planned to feature a major international prize fund, rewarding the players who advance furthest on the road to the World Championship title.

CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SEMIFINALISTS	QUARTERFINALISTS
WNCC World Champion	World Championship Finalist	2 players	4 players
$50,000	**$25,000**	**$10,000 each**	**$5,000 each**

TOTAL PRIZE FUND

$115,000

The prize structure is designed to reflect the scale, prestige, and international ambition of the **WNCC**, creating a championship where non-professional players can compete on a truly global stage.

CHEF. ARCHITECT. COMPOSER.

WNCC — Different lives. Same 64 squares.

CHESS IS THEIR PASSION.
NOT THEIR PROFESSION.

Players with careers beyond chess —
but the same ambition at the board.

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WORLD NON-PROFESSIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PARTNER

Tornelo

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT PLATFORM PARTNER
OF THE WNCC

Tornelo is the **Official Tournament Platform Partner** of the World Non-Professional Chess Championship (WNCC), providing a reliable, modern and globally trusted platform for the championship.

GLOBAL REACH
Trusted by chess organisations worldwide.

MODERN PLATFORM
Reliable, secure and player-friendly tournament experience.

STRONGER COMMUNITY
Helping to bring the WNCC to players and communities around the world.

FAIR PLAY
Tornelo provides a real-time **Fair Play Report** system designed to help chess arbiters and organizers detect cheating during online, hybrid, and over-the-board (OTB) events.



WORLD NON-PROFESSIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

PARTNER WITH WNCC

WNCC connects brands with a global community of ambitious people who share a lifelong passion for chess – far beyond the professional chess circuit.

Reach an international audience.

Gain visibility across digital platforms, media and live events.

Create branded experiences, awards and activations.

Become part of WNCC from its very first edition.

More than a sponsorship, this is a chance to help shape the future of a new global championship.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

Brand Visibility — Your company name and logo will be featured across WNCC and Shahin Novrasli Festival promotional materials, including print, digital, social media, press, posters, programs, flyers and brochures.

On-Stage Recognition — Your company will be acknowledged during the WNCC World Final and Shahin Novrasli Festival events.

Website Presence — Your logo and a direct link to your official website will be featured on the Novrasli Global website.

Video Promotion — Your promotional video may be displayed on the event LED screen and shared through Novrasli Global's official social media channels.

Employee Participation — Eligible company employees who are not professional chess players may participate in WNCC free of charge.

VIP Hospitality — 10 VIP invitations to each Shahin Novrasli Festival event and to the WNCC World Final.

Official Recognition — An official Certificate of Appreciation recognizing your company's partnership and support.

UNFINISHED...

SOME GAMES WAIT 20 YEARS
FOR THE NEXT MOVE.

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