

Francophonie Rapid Chess Championship 2026

MEMORIAL LUC WINANTS

First Edition

**SATURDAY
9 MAY 2026**

**VAN DER VALK
BRUSSELS AIRPORT HOTEL**

**FROM 10.00 AM
TO 18.00 PM**



Luc Winants

The **Luc Winants** Memorial will take place on 9 May 2026 at the Van der Valk Brussels Airport Hotel, in the immediate vicinity of Brussels Airport.

This chess tournament will bring together **200 players** and is organised in tribute to the Belgian Grandmaster Luc Winants.

The event is **organised by the Qb4 association**, with the support of North Group and Bio Strategy, in collaboration with the AIDEF, the FEFB, Caïssa Woluwé, Royal Namur Échecs, the Watermael-Boitsfort Chess Club and the Royal Brussels Chess Circle (CREB), Agadmator Chess Channel, Lotus Chess, Blitzstream and Sarah Chess.

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Open Swiss system tournament.
9 rounds. Time control:
10 minutes + 5 seconds per
move (Fischer). FIDE-rated.



ACCESS AND LOCATION

Van der Valk Brussels
Airport Hotel
Culliganlaan 4b, 1831 Machelen
Free parking available.



ENTRY FEE

€40 per player –
Free for **GM, IM, WGM & WIM***.
Registration, lunch, non-alcoholic
drinks and snacks included.



PRIZE FUND & AWARDS

First prize: €5,000.
Specific prizes awarded by category.
Total prize fund: €20,000.



CATEGORIES

Women's categories,
Senior categories (+65),
Elo rating categories,
Youth categories, ...



ARBITRATION

Jocelyn Azzegag (Chief Arbiter),
Pascal Vandervorst,
Zakaria Bezza and
Grégoire Corlù.



LIVE COMMENTARY : GM FABIEN LIBISZEWSKI AND WIM FIONA STEIL-ANTONI

THE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND PRIZE ALLOCATION RULES ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE DEDICATED LUC WINANTS MEMORIAL WEBPAGE: WWW.QB4.BE

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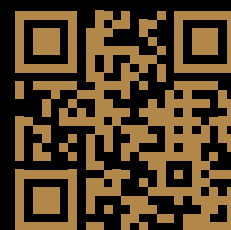
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NON-CUMULATIVE PRIZES

1 OVERALL RANKING	5000€	1 WOMEN	1000€	1 U2000	200€
2 OVERALL RANKING	3500€	2 WOMEN	500€	2 U2000	150€
3 OVERALL RANKING	2000€	3 WOMEN	250€	3 U2000	100€
4 OVERALL RANKING	1500€				
5 OVERALL RANKING	1400€	1 U2200	250€	1 U1800	150€
6 OVERALL RANKING	1300€	2 U2200	150€	2 U1800	100€
7 OVERALL RANKING	1200€	3 U2200	100€	3 U1800	50€

1 U1600	100€	1 U20	100€
2 U1600	70€	2 U20	50€
3 U1600	50€	3 U20	25€
1 VETERANS 65+	300€	1 U12	100€
2 VETERANS 65+	150€	2 U12	50€
3 VETERANS 65+	80€	3 U12	25€



THE TITLE OF FRANCOPHONIE CHAMPION 2026 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST-RANKED FRENCH-SPEAKING PLAYER IN THE FINAL STANDINGS HOLDING A FIDE ID FROM AN AIDEF MEMBER COUNTRY.



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