29th Vasja Pirc Memorial

Date of the tournament: Saturday, **16 January 2027**

Organizer: Železničarski šahovski klub Maribor Poligram

Venue: Nakupovalno središče Europark, Pobreška 18, 2000 Maribor

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Eligibility: All players with a valid **FIDE ID** who register on time are eligible to participate.

Tournament Schedule: 16 January 2027

- Confirmation of registrations: 13.45-14.15
- Opening ceremony & Round 1: 14.30

Other rounds follow immediately after results are processed.
The prize-giving ceremony takes place **10 minutes after Round 11** ends.

Tournament System & Time Control

- **11 rounds**, Swiss system
- Time control: **5 minutes + 3 seconds** increment per move

Tie-Break Criteria

1.Higher number of points, 2. Direct encounter(s) (if all tied players have played each other), 3. Buchholz minus one, 4. Buchholz coefficient, 5. Higher number of games played with Black, 6. Higher number of wins (wins by forfeit or when the opponent was absent do not count).

Entry Fee & Registration

Players must register for the tournament **by 13 January 2027** with the organizer, **Tadej Sakelšek** (email: **tadejsakelsek@gmail.com**, phone: **00386 40 748 916**).
The entry fee is **€10.00** for girls and boys (born **2007 or later**) and **€15.00** for women and men.
The fee is paid **on site** upon confirmation of registration.
Grandmasters (male and female) are exempt from paying the entry fee.

The registration must include:

- Surname and Name
- FIDE ID

Prizes

A total of **26 main and category prizes**, with a total prize fund of **€3,000**.
All prizes are awarded in **DESETAK gift vouchers**.

Each player receives a **Europark gift bag**. Each participant may receive **only one prize**.

DESETAK vouchers can be redeemed in the following shopping centers:

- Europark Maribor
- Aleja Ljubljana
- Center Vič Interspar Ljubljana
- CityPark Ljubljana
- CityCenter Celje

More information: **desetak.si**

Main Prizes – Overall Ranking	Prize
1st place	500 + trophy
2nd place	300
3rd place	200
4th place	150
5th place	130
6th place	100
7th place	100
8th place	100
9th place	90
10th place	80

Category Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd
Best ŽŠK Maribor Poligram players	150	100	70
Best women	100	70	50
Best seniors	100	70	50
Rating ≤1600	70		
Rating 1601–1800	70		
Rating 1801–2000	70		
Rating 2001–2200	70		
Best U20	70		
Best U15	70		
Best U10	70		

Additional Information

The tournament will be submitted for **FIDE blitz rating**.
Anything not defined in this announcement will be regulated by the **tournament regulations**.
The rules of the **Slovenian Chess Federation (ŠZS)** and **FIDE** apply.