

**1<sup>st</sup> edition Romanian Open Chess Solving Cup**  
*In memoriam Ioan Zaharie*

We invite all solvers to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of **Romanian Open Chess Solving Cup**.

**Main location**

This tournament is a multi-location tournament, run simultaneously in several locations from Romania and cities from other countries.

The main location is **Centrul Cultural “Valentin Uritescu”, str. I. L. Caragiale nr. 5, Cugir**.

The first edition of the Romanian Open Chess Solving Cup is dedicated to the memory of the oldest Romanian participant in a rated chess solving tournament – Ioan Zaharie (90 years old) from Cugir.

**Time**

The solving tournament will take place on Saturday, **14 March 2026, 11:00 – 13:30**.

**Format**

There will be 14 problems and endgame studies to be solved in a single round of 150 minutes:

- 3 twomovers (#2)
- 2 threemovers (#3)
- 3 endgame studies
- 2 helpmates (H#)
- 2 moremovers (#n)
- 2 selfmates (S#)

This solving tournament is suitable for both beginner and advanced solvers:

- Half of the problems will be of lower difficulty
- Half of the problems will be of higher difficulty

**Tourney Controller**

The tournament director will be Vlaicu Crişan.

**Other Locations**

Countries/locations willing to participate, please contact [Vlaicu Crişan](#) until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Results**

The overall results will be announced on WFCC Solving Portal.