
Thuner Freestyle Chess

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Unexpected.Genious.Freestyle.



Are you ready for a different kind of chess?

The Thun Chess Club warmly invites you to **Thuner Freestyle Chess** – a unique event that turns classical chess on its head!

Forget rigid openings and discover what it means to think from scratch in every game. Freestyle Chess is a chess variant where the starting positions of the pieces are randomized before each game, leading to unique and unpredictable matches.

Whether you're an **amateur with no tournament experience**, a **club player**, or a **titled competitor** – if you enjoy chess and are open to exciting new formats, this is the place for you!

We promise you a day full of creativity, unexpected moves, and thrilling duels.

Key Information at a Glance

Location: Rössli Dürrenast, Frutigenstrasse 73, 3604 Thun

Date: September 9th, 2026

Schedule:

- 09:00: welcome and briefing (attendance required!)
- 09:30: Start of round 1
- The remaining 4 rounds will follow consecutively on the same day. Exact times will be announced on-site.
- Afterwards award ceremony and prize distribution

Format:

- 5 rounds, **Swiss system**
- **Freestyle Chess** (Chess960 / Fischer Random) – a new random starting position each round!
- **Time control:** 30 minutes per player, no increment
- **Rating:** The tournament will not be rated for the Swiss ELO list or FIDE ELO.

Registration & Participation

How to register:

- Online form: <https://www.schachklubthun.ch/details-registrierung/FreestyleChess-Thun>
- Or via email: turnierleitung@schachklubthun.ch

Required info (for email registration):

Name, first name, year of birth, gender, place of residence, SSB code (optional), FIDE code (optional). If not rated by SSB or FIDE, you may provide your online rating (e.g., Chess.com or Lichess.org – also optional). This helps with fair pairings in the early rounds.

Entry fee:

- Adults: CHF 25.–
- Youth (up to 16 years): CHF 15s.–
- Discount when registering before September 12th.: CHF 5.–
- Fees can be paid in cash or via Twint on the day of the event.

Important Rules

- **Punctuality:** Please be at your board on time. Players not present at the start of a round will forfeit the game.
- **Setup:** The starting position will be announced at the beginning of each round. Players set up the board together. The clock starts 5 minutes after the announcement; during this time, you may not leave the board.
- **Results:** The winner reports the result. In case of a draw, the player with White is responsible.
- **Fair Play:** Electronic devices (smartwatches, phones, etc.) are not allowed at the table during games and will result in disqualification. Fair play is a matter of honor! For any disputes, contact the tournament directors immediately.
- **Rules:** Official FIDE rules apply (Appendix F for Rapid Chess), unless stated otherwise.

Questions?

Your contacts for all tournament-related questions are **Fred Theler** and **Michael Portner**.

Just send us an email at: turnierleitung@schachklubthun.ch