

TOBAGO OPEN WORLD CUP 2026

FMJD 9-Star World Cup Event*****

9 September – 18 September 2026 (First Round 10th Sep. and Last Round 17th Sep.)

TOBAGO. (Official Airport A.N.R. Robinson International Airport) Code - TAB

Hosted by the Trinidad & Tobago Draughts & Checkers Association (TTDCA)

1. ORGANIZERS

The Tobago Open World Cup 2026 is organized by the Trinidad & Tobago Draughts & Checkers Association (TTDCA), the officially recognized FMJD member federation in Trinidad & Tobago. The TTDCA assumes full organizational and financial responsibility for the event, including prize payments and compliance with FMJD regulations. <https://trinidadopen.ttdca.net>

2. EVENT STATUS

The tournament is registered as an FMJD 9-Star World Cup Event and will be conducted in accordance with FMJD General Competition Rules, World Cup Regulations, Rating Regulations, and Arbiters Regulations Annexes. All games will be FMJD rated.

3. DATES

Arrival: Wednesday 9 September 2026

Competition: 10 September – 17 September 2026

Free Day: Sunday 13 September 2026

Departure (Recommended): Friday 18 September 2026

4. SYSTEM OF PLAY

The tournament shall be played according to the Standard FMJD Swiss System (on Solkoff) over 9 rounds using the official FMJD Draughts Arbiter Pro pairing software. The Open tournament shall be conducted as the principal competition of the event. If ten (10) or more rated women players are registered, a separate Women's Tournament shall be organized. If fewer than ten (10) rated women players are registered, women players shall compete within the Open Section while retaining separate Women's standings and prize eligibility.

5. TIME CONTROL

Open & Women Sections:

90 minutes for 45 moves + 30 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move from move 46.

Blitz (Optional):

5 minutes + 3 seconds per move.

6. OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 9 September – Arrival

Thursday 10 September – Registration, Technical Meeting, Opening Ceremony (10:00 – 12:00)

Break for Lunch

Round 1 (15:00)

Friday 11 September – Round 2 (9:00), Round 3 (15:00)

Saturday 12 September – Round 4 (9:00)

Sunday 13 September – Free Day

Monday 14 September – Round 5 (15:00)

Tuesday 15 September – Round 6 (9:00)

Wednesday 16 September – Round 7 (9:00), Round 8 (15:00)

Thursday 17 September – Round 9 (9:00), Closing Ceremony (18:30)

7. PARTICIPATION and ACCOMMODATIONS

Registration and payment must be completed prior to the Opening Ceremony. Bank Transfer Account details will be Published Shortly. Payments for Accommodations must be made by DEADLINE August 1st 2026. See more info about Accommodations below.

8. ENTRY FEES

Open: 70 USD or 60 Euro

Juniors (U16): 35 USD or 30 Euro

Blitz: 25 USD or 20 Euro

Fees payable at official registration. GMI with rating minimum 2300 and GMIF with rating minimum 2165 are free of competition fee.

9. PRIZE FUND

The total prize fund will comply with FMJD 9-Star World Cup requirements:

Minimum 20,000 EUR – Open Section

Minimum 10,000 EUR – Women Section

Full breakdown published below.

ANNEX A – OFFICIAL PRIZE STRUCTURE

All prize amounts are defined in EURO (EUR) in compliance with FMJD 9-Star World Cup requirements. However, prizes will be paid in United States Dollars (USD) equivalent at the official exchange rate applicable on the first day of the tournament.

OPEN SECTION – 20,000 EURO EQUIVALENT IN USD

1st Place:	6,000 EUR
2nd Place:	4,000 EUR
3rd Place:	2,500 EUR
4th Place:	1,500 EUR
5th Place:	1,100 EUR
6th Place:	1,000 EUR
7th Place:	900 EUR
8th Place:	800 EUR
9th Place:	700 EUR
10th Place:	600 EUR
11th Place:	500 EUR
12th Place:	400 EUR

WOMEN SECTION – 10,000 EURO EQUIVALENT IN USD.

1st Place:	2,500 EUR
2nd Place:	2,000 EUR
3rd Place:	1,500 EUR
4th Place:	1,000 EUR
5th Place:	800 EUR
6th Place:	700 EUR
7th Place:	550 EUR
8th Place:	400 EUR
9th Place:	300 EUR
10th Place:	250 EUR

ADDITIONAL CATEGORY PRIZES \$4000 USD

Best Pan American Player:	1,000 USD
Best 16 & Under Player:	500 USD
2nd Place 16 & Under:	400 USD
3rd Place 16 & Under:	300 USD
Best Rated 2000–2099:	500 USD
Best Rated 1900–1999:	500 USD
Best Rated Under 1900:	300 USD
Best Senior 60+:	500 USD

Note: ***A player may receive only one prize (the highest value prize won).***

The TTDCA retain authority over final prize validation.

ANNEX B – BLITZ PRIZE STRUCTURE

BLITZ PRIZE FUND – USD 1,250

1st Place:	500 USD
2nd Place:	260 USD
3rd Place:	180 USD
4th Place:	120 USD
5th Place:	80 USD
6th Place:	60 USD
7th Place:	50 USD

TOTAL PRIZE FUND DECLARATION

Main Prize Structure (Open + Women): 30,000 EUR paid in USD equivalent at official exchange rate using the official exchange rate applicable on the first day of competition.

Additional Category Prizes: USD 4,000

Blitz Prize Fund: USD 1,250.

Combined Total Prize Fund: Approximately USD 40,000 equivalent.

10. TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

- a. Short Solkoff truncated
- b. Solkoff plus
- c. Solkoff Baliakin
- d. Full Solkoff truncated

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes after the game with a deposit of 50 EUR. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.

12. ARBITERS

Arbiters shall be appointed in accordance with FMJD regulations.

13. DIGITAL MEDIA

Participants consent to photography, live streaming, and publication of audiovisual material related to the event.

14. ANTI-DOPING & FAIR PLAY

The tournament complies with FMJD Anti-Doping regulations and Fair Play policies including electronic device restrictions.

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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16. Accommodation Options and Booking Policy

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

For the 2026 edition, the Trinidad & Tobago Draughts & Checkers Association (TTDCa) will offer a diverse and upgraded accommodation experience tailored to international participants, teams, and federations. The official accommodations are close to the playing area, beaches and Airport.

Single Room Full Board Option: 120 USD

Double Room Full Board Option Per Person: 75 USD

Both Includes Breakfast, Lunch + Dinner. Transportation From Airport to Hotel and return, Hotel to Playing Venue, Tour Day.

Vehicles for Rent at discounted rates once booked through the TTDC. More Info Soon

Accommodation styles will include:

- Beach Houses (Premium Locations)
- Private Villas (with and without swimming pools)
- Serviced Apartments
- Standard Rooms / Hotel Options

FLEXIBLE ALLOCATION BASED ON GROUP SIZE

Accommodation will be assigned based on national federation delegations, team/group sizes, player preferences (where possible), and availability at time of confirmation.

This system allows federations and groups to stay together in shared villas or apartments.

EARLY BOOKING ADVANTAGE

Participants are strongly encouraged to register and confirm payments early.

Early confirmations will have priority access to premium beachfront properties, villas with swimming pools, and larger group accommodations.

Later registrations will be assigned based on remaining availability.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM

Participants using the official TTDC accommodation system will benefit from daily transportation to and from the playing venue.

Participants arranging accommodation independently will be responsible for their own transport.

OFFICIAL FREE TOUR DAY EXPERIENCE

An unforgettable Tobago Tour Day is scheduled for the official Free Day and is complimentary for participants using the official system.

Tobago is a top Caribbean tourist destination known for its beaches and scenery.

17. TRAVEL INFORMATION

Most international flights arrive at Piarco International Airport (POS), Trinidad. Participants will then connect to A.N.R. Robinson International Airport (TAB), Tobago.

The TTDC will assist with coordination of domestic transfers from Trinidad to Tobago in collaboration with Caribbean Airlines. Support will be provided in cases where flights are limited or fully booked. The Standard Transfer via Airline (20 Min) is USD 60.00 for return ticket and via Boat (3Hrs) is USD 23.00 Return fare.

Participants are encouraged to submit travel itineraries in advance and book flights early.

18. OPTIONAL TOURS

1. Trinidad

- Maracas Beach – Famous for scenic beauty and Bake & Shark
- Caroni Bird Sanctuary – Sunset tours to see the Scarlet Ibis
- Pitch Lake (La Brea) – Largest natural asphalt lake in the world
- Queen's Park Savannah – Cultural hub near zoo and botanical gardens
- Macqueripe Bay – Cove with zip-lining
- Temple in the Sea (Waterloo)
- Hanuman Murti Statue (Carapichaima)
- Fort George – Panoramic views of Port of Spain
- Asa Wright Nature Centre – Rainforest tours
- Las Cuevas Beach – Quiet relaxing beach
- Five Islands Water Park (Chaguaramas)

2. Tobago

- Nylon Pool – Shallow white-sand pool in the ocean
- Buccoo Reef – Snorkeling and glass-bottom tours
- Pigeon Point Heritage Park – Iconic beach
- Argyle Waterfall – 3-tier waterfall
- Fort King George – Historic fort and museum
- Main Ridge Forest Reserve – Oldest protected rainforest
- Castara Bay – Eco-tourism village
- Little Tobago Island – Bird sanctuary
- Charlotteville & Pirate's Bay – Scenic beaches
- Sunday School Buccoo – Cultural street party
- Courland Bay Heritage Museum – Black Rock

19. FLIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS

Direct Flights from Europe

- KLM Airlines: Amsterdam (AMS) → Trinidad (POS)
- British Airways: London (LGW) → Trinidad (POS)
- Condor Airlines: Frankfurt Germany direct to Tobago (TAB).

Indirect Flights

- Curacao → Trinidad (Caribbean Airlines)
- Panama → Trinidad (COPA Airlines)
- Miami → Trinidad (American Airlines / Caribbean Airlines)
- New York → Trinidad (JetBlue / Caribbean Airlines)
- Fort Lauderdale → Trinidad
- Orlando → Trinidad
- Houston → Trinidad (United Airlines)
- Antigua → Trinidad
- Barbados → Trinidad
- Jamaica → Trinidad
- St. Lucia → Trinidad
- Grenada → Trinidad
- St. Vincent → Trinidad