

CITTÀ DELLA DAMA 2026

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LUCERA (FOGGIA)

PUGLIA, ITALY

12 - 15 NOVEMBER 2026





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1. INTRODUCTION

The "Città della Dama 2026" event will be one of the leading international checkers events of 2026.

Organised by ASD Trilogy Dama Arpi in cooperation with the Italian Draughts Federation (FID), the European Draughts Confederation (EDC) and the World Checkers/Draughts Federation (WCDF), the event will bring together players, official delegations and institutional representatives from numerous countries. It will include both the World Championship in Checkers – GAYP (Go As You Please) and the European Championship in Checkers – 3-Move.

The event forms part of the "Puglia 2026 – European Region of Sport" programme and is organised with the support of the Apulia Regional Government (Regione Puglia), in cooperation with public authorities, institutions and private partners. Consequently, certain initiatives, hospitality programmes and complementary activities may be confirmed and announced progressively as the overall event organisation is finalised.



2. EUROPEAN TITLES AWARDED

The Championship awards the following official titles:

- 2026 European Champion in Checkers (3-Move)
- 2026 Women's European Champion in Checkers (3-Move) (Women's category)
- 2026 European Under-18 Champion in Checkers (3-Move) (for players who are under 18 years of age on 15 November 2026)

3. COMPETITION DATES

The 2026 European Championship will be held from 12 to 15 November 2026.

The first round of play will start at 9:00 a.m. on 13 November 2026.

4. VENUE

The 2026 European Championship will take place in Lucera (FG), Puglia, Italy, as part of the "Città della Dama 2026" international event.

The official venue for the Championship is:

Best Western Hotel Palace Lucera - Via Pietramontecorvino - 71036 Lucera (FG)

5. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted until 8 November 2026 and must be submitted by e-mail to **asdtrilogydamaarpi@gmail.com**.

The Championship entry fee is €20.00 (twenty euros).



6. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- a) The Championship is open to all European players, whether Italian or foreign, provided they are duly registered with their respective national federations.
- b) All players will compete in a single group.
- c) The tournament will consist of six rounds, each played as a two-game match (one game with each colour). The Fischer time control will be used, with digital clocks set to 40 minutes plus a 10-second increment per move.
- d) Between the first and second games of each round, players may take a 5 (five) –minute break before the return game. A minimum 10-minute break will be provided between consecutive rounds.
- e) For matters not covered by these “Regulations”, the WCDF rules shall apply (available at: <https://wcdf.net/rules.htm>). An Italian version of the first section is included in the FID Technical Regulations.
- f) The Main Referee may, whenever necessary, make any appropriate adjustments required to ensure the proper conduct of the tournament, in accordance with the WCDF Regulations and the FID Technical Regulations.
- g) Players are required to record all moves. Players may stop recording when they have less than 3 (three) minutes remaining on the clock. However, at the end of the game, both players must reconstruct and complete the full recording of the game.
- h) The opening ballot shall consist of the first two moves for Black and the first move (one move) for White, using the official opening list adopted by the World Checkers/Draughts Federation (WCDF) for competitions played as two-game matches.
- i) Any appeal may be submitted to the Appeals Committee, accompanied by a €50.00 (fifty euros) deposit, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.



- j) In the event of a tie in points, cash prizes will be divided equally among the players; any indivisible prizes in kind will be awarded according to the final ranking.
- k) The health and safety regulations issued by the FID and the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), together with all applicable provisions of Italian law, shall apply throughout the event.
- l) In the event of an odd number of participants, the player receiving the bye will be awarded 3 points.
- m) In the event of an odd number of participants, the player with the lowest rating receive the bye in the first round.
- n) The tournament will be managed using the DraughtsArbiter Pro 5.44.3 software.

7. LOGISTICS AND ACCOMMODATION

Players and their companions will be accommodated at:

Best Western Hotel Palace Lucera - Via Pietramontecorvino - 71036 Lucera (FG)

The following special full-board rates are available for players, accompanying persons and spectators:

- ☐ Double room: €80.00 per person, per day, full board included.
- ☐ Single room supplement (apartment): €20.00 per day.
- ☐ Additional meals: €20.00 per meal.

Upon request, the Organising Committee may provide assistance with hotel reservations, transfers, tourist information and other logistical services.

Please note: To benefit from the special accommodation rates, reservations must be made directly through the Organising Committee by e-mail at asdtrilogydamaarpi@gmail.com. Reservations made through other booking channels (e.g. online booking platforms, travel agencies, etc.) will not be eligible for the special rates.



8. GETTING TO THE VENUE

IBest Western Hotel Palace Lucera - Via Pietramontecorvino - 71036 Lucera (FG) offers ample free parking for guests.

The venue is easily accessible from:

- ☐ Foggia "Gino Lisa" Airport (approximately 20 minutes by car);
- ☐ Foggia Railway Station (approximately 25 minutes by car);
- ☐ Bari "Karol Wojtyła" International Airport (approximately 90 minutes by car).

Upon request, a transfer service from Foggia Airport, Bari International Airport or Foggia Railway Station to the official venue may be arranged.

Participants wishing to use this service are kindly requested to submit their request by e-mail to asdtrilogydamaarpi@gmail.com.

9. SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2026

6:00 p.m. – Opening Ceremony

6:30 p.m. – Technical Meeting and First Players' Roll Call

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2026

8:30 a.m. – Final Players' Roll Call and Round 1 Pairings

9:00 a.m. – Round 1 (Two games – one with each colour)

2:00 p.m. – Round 2 (Two games – one with each colour)

5:30 p.m. – Round 3 (Two games – one with each colour)

SATURDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2026

9:00 a.m. – Round 4 (Two games – one with each colour)

2:00 p.m. – Round 5 (Two games – one with each colour)

5:30 p.m. – Round 6 (Two games – one with each colour)

SUNDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2026

9:00 a.m. – Tie-break Games (if required)

11:30 a.m. – Prize-Giving Ceremony



10. PRIZES

2026 European Champion

1st Place: Cup, Diploma and €300 Travel Grant

2nd Place: Cup, Diploma and €250 Travel Grant

3rd Place: Cup, Diploma and €250 Travel Grant

2026 Women's European Champion

1st Place: Cup and Diploma and €100 Travel Grant

2nd Place: Cup, Diploma

3rd Place: Cup and Diploma

2026 European Under-18 Champion

1st Place: Cup and €100 Travel Grant

2nd Place: Cup and Diploma

3rd Place: Cup and Diploma

The Organising Committee reserves the right to supplement the prize fund with additional special prizes, awards and benefits made available by sponsors and institutional partners.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

European Blitz Championship

The Organising Committee is currently evaluating the inclusion of the European Blitz Championship in the official programme of the event.

The organisation of this competition will depend on the completion of the necessary organisational arrangements and supporting partnerships. A final decision will be announced by 30 September 2026.



Hospitality Programme

The Organising Committee has established a dedicated Hospitality Programme for institutional representatives, official delegations and invited guests.

The relevant arrangements will be communicated directly to the persons concerned once the hospitality programme and the related partnerships have been finalised.

All invited guests will be contacted directly by the Organising Committee no later than 30 September 2026.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to amend, supplement or update these Regulations, as well as any logistical or organisational aspects of the event, whenever necessary to ensure the successful conduct of the Championship or in the event of organisational, institutional or force majeure circumstances.

Any updates will be communicated promptly through the official communication channels of the event.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Organising Committee would like to express its sincere appreciation to all players, national federations, tournament officials, institutional partners and sponsors for their valuable contribution to the success of the event.

It is our hope that “Città della Dama 2026” will represent an important opportunity for sporting competition, international cooperation and the promotion of the sport of Checkers worldwide.