

„Alba Carolina” Solving & Composing Cup 2026 *Proposal by Romania through Mihnea Costachi Chess Academy*

Taking into consideration the last edition of WCCC 2025, held in Alba Iulia, in cooperation with WFCC and Fujairah Chess & Culture Club, which had received a very good feedback among the international solving community, Mihnea Costachi Chess Academy has the pleasure of proposing a new project for 2026, dedicated mainly to the young composers and solvers, those who have to be our target for the future.

The project includes two events:

1) „Alba Carolina” Composing Cup 2026

Junior (U23) international composing tournament (online) – this would benefit youngsters from all over the world. It would take place during Autumn 2026. The tournament will focus on #2 and H#2.

2) „Alba Carolina” Solving Cup 2026

Solving international rated tournament in Alba Iulia (Autumn 2026) – this would benefit both youngsters and experienced solvers. Junior solvers' level raised significantly in Romania in the last two years, especially due to the organizing of WCCC 2025. By competing against experienced solvers, we consider they become more motivated and focused to obtain good results, thus making progress.

There will be a merged classification between the two competitions and the Junior who will win shall receive the trophy „Alba Carolina” Cup 2026.

Considering that we will receive funding from Fujairah Government, the amount will be used for:

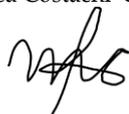
- Prizes for both events: **600€** (or more, depending on the funding);
- Renting of the playing venue for the solving tournament: **200€**;
- Expenses with arbiters (fee; accommodation; transport): **300€**;
- Media services (photographer; advertisement for the events): **100€**;
- Organizing expenses: **300 €**.

Main benefits for Fujairah Chess Club:

- Display of the *WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix* logo on all promotional materials;
- Social media promotion;
- Mention of Fujairah Chess & Culture Club in official press releases and post-event reports;

We would be honored if you accept our proposal and we believe that these two tournaments will spread chess composition in new regions and among younger generations. We shall also try to bring strong over-the-board chess players to solving and we believe they will raise the overall level of interest for „Alba Carolina” Solving & Composing Cup 2026.

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