



KING OF THE HILL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 2025 edition of the King of the Hill World Championship, held on Lichess.

Registration is open until November 28th, 2025

ACCOUNTS

Using alternate accounts (alts) is strictly prohibited. Register with the account you have primarily used on Lichess over the past six months. This ensures fairness for all participants, as opponents should have access to similar historical data for preparation.

Choose your main account wisely:

- Accounts created after **March 31th, 2025**, are ineligible to participate. (While these checks can be detected by moderators, it is a precautionary measure. If you have a suitable account created before that date, please reopen it for participation).
- Your main account must have at least **250 rated** King of the Hill games.
- Your main account must have at **Rating Deviation below 65**.
- Players with at least one account banned for cheating within the past **3 years** are ineligible.

Completing the registration form confirms that you have unblocked Tournament Directors (TDs) and enabled DMs. Players who have not done so will be removed from the tournament.

Our team has limited time. We prioritize players who follow directions and are committed to fair play.



FORMAT

Seeds: the average of a player's peak and current rating.

Stage 1: Bracketed tournament, single elimination. This stage will finish once we have 4 players, who will continue to the next stage.

Stage 2: Round Robin (4 players). Each encounter will be a best-of-10 match. In this stage, if a match ends in a tie, it will remain that way.

Round-robin player numbers (1–4) are assigned by the single-elimination seeds. The match order will be (1) v (4) and (2) v (3), (1) v (3) and (2) v (4), (1) v (2) and (3) v (4).

Round Robin Tie Breaks:

- Sonneborn – Berger
- Head-to-head result
- Most victories

Two games with a 3+2 time control, repeated until a winner is decided.

Stage 3: The winner of the Round Robin will face the last year's and current champion (VariantsOnly) in a match of 20 games of 3+2.

Starting next year, the current champion joins the round-robin stage instead of proceeding directly to the final.

TIME CONTROL AND TIES

Time control: 3+2, Rated (Matches must be played as rated games)

In the knockout stage all matches will be best of 10, with a 3+2, time control. You can play all 10 games or stop once a player reaches 5.5 points or more. Conceding is also allowed. After the match, either player must report the score and winner in the designated forum.

The finals will follow the same rules, except it will be best-of-20 (or first to 10.5 points).

If the match is tied 5-5 after 10 games, then you and your opponent will play two (2) games of 3+2. Repeat playing these pairs of games until someone wins a pair. In the case that this process goes on for too long and one of you needs to go, please inform us and your opponent, and try to schedule another time for the match to conclude.



SCHEDULING

Scheduling matches will begin within a few days of November 28th, 2025, the registration closing date. We will notify both players in a forum post and on a dedicated website that will be created after we receive the participant list. You and your opponent are responsible for scheduling your match. Matches must be played before the deadline unless you inform us in advance of your unavailability for all proposed times.

Both players **MUST** provide available times to each other and agree on one. This prevents confusion and forfeits. If your opponent does not appear within 15 minutes of the agreed-upon time, they will forfeit unless they notified you beforehand of a scheduling conflict. In such cases, please try to reschedule. If rescheduling is impossible due to procrastination or other reasons, we will forfeit the guilty party. To determine the guilty party, we will require screenshots of all relevant DMs. Based on this evidence, we will forfeit the player who made the lesser effort. In cases of equal negligence, a public coin flip on the House Discord server will decide the outcome.

CHEATING AND OTHER INFRACTIONS

If you suspect your opponent cheated or manipulated their rating, report them using the official Lichess report system: lichess.org/report. Additionally, send us a direct message (DM) with details of the incident.

For abusive behavior in DMs or game chats, take screenshots, upload them to Imgur (or a similar image hosting platform), and send us the link in a DM. Report the abuse to Lichess moderators as well.

We have zero tolerance for abuse. Players found to be abusive will be removed from the tournament.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Feel free to direct message (DM) any of us for inquiries. However, joining our Discord server at <https://discord.gg/fMzZMTdtEa> is highly recommended. The server caters to both 3 Check and King of the Hill enthusiasts!

To understand how the registration process works please visit: <https://lichess.org/page/variant-wc-registration>

Thank you for reading and enjoy the tournament.