

WSTCC 2025 has concluded

From the 16th to the 27th of February 2025 Prague hosted the World Senior Team Chess Championship. After more than ten days and nine exciting rounds, we finally know the winners in every category.

Team USA (GM Ehlvest, GM Kaidanov, GM Shabalov, GM Novikov, IM Rachels) clinched first place in category 50+ after winning their last encounter. Team Italy (GM David, GM Godena, IM Bellini, IM Bellia, IM D'Amore) won their last match as well, but due to slightly worse tiebreaks, they gained only the silver medal. Kazakhstan (GM Kazhgaleyev, GM Kotsur, GM Temirbayev, IM Tikzhanov, and IM Min), which was leading the event after eight rounds, had a very tough last pairing—England. After four intense games, their match finished in a draw, which meant the bronze for Kazakhstan and the fourth place for England.



The winners of 50+

Some players had a truly amazing event and helped their team immensely. GM Michael Adams scored 6,5 out of 8 on the first board, only losing to GM Ftacnik in the seventh round. This performance meant the gold medal for him on board number one. Kazakhs were empowered by GM Pavel Kotsur, who scored the same number of points on the second board. The medal for the third board was won by American GM Alexander Shabalov. The fourth board was dominated by English GM Mark Hebden. IM Carlo D'Amore greatly supported Italy on the reserve board.

The category 65+ was dominated from start to finish by the team England 1 (GM Nunn, GM Flear, GM Kosten, IM Large, FM Chapman). From the second round onwards, they only played on the first board and allowed only two match draws to their opponents. The first-ranked team, Lasker Schachstiftung GK (GM Knaak, GM Jussupow, GM Meister, Dr. Koehler), did not lose any match but won only five. They achieved a second place.



The winners of the category 65+

Legendary GMs Knaak and Jussupow won their boards convincingly. FM Mario Sibilio played amazing chess on board three. Very large score on the last board was achieved by IM Large. The medal for the reserve board belonged to French IM Giffard.

Women played together with the men. The first place in the category 50+ obtained the Czech Republic team ahead of China and the USA. In the older category the first place was achieved by the Latvian women team, followed by the Czech Republic and Poland.

This event once again proved that age is just a number, but chess is timeless. Don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). For results, click [here](#).

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