

68th WORLD CONGRESS OF CHESS COMPOSITION Magdeburg 8th-15th August 2026

24th Romanian Tzuica Tourney Judges: Vlaicu Crişan & Eric Huber (Romania)

Theme: Helpself compositions (**hs#n/hs=n**) with **at least 2 solutions** showing the theme **Change the Pinner**.

Please take in consideration the following **definitions**:

1. In a help-selfmate problem in 'n' moves (denoted **hs#n**), White starts and Black collaborates with White in order to reach a position of **s#1** (selfmate in one move) at move 'n' (the last move). Helpselfstalemates are also accepted.

2. Change the Pinner:

Form: In the initial position black piece **a** pins white piece **A** and a different black piece **b** pins a different white piece **B**. Before Black's last move, **a** pins **B** and **b** pins **A**.

Antiform: In the initial position white piece **A** pins black piece **a** and a different white piece **B** pins a different black piece **b**. Before White's last move, **A** pins **b** and **B** pins **a**.

- Neutral pieces are allowed as thematic pieces.
- A cyclic presentation of the theme is also allowed.

All fairy pieces and conditions are accepted, provided that the problem is checked by a known solving program.

<p style="text-align: center;">Example 1 - Form Vlaicu Crişan Dedicated to my son Eric for his 13th birthday 3rd Prize feenschach 2021</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">hs#4 2.1.1... (5+7)</p> <p>1.Be6 Sc4 2.Rg7 Bh3 3.Rg4+ Kd3 4.Bxc4+ Rxc4# 1.Rc5 Sf5 2.Ba4 Rc1 3.Bc2+ Kf4 4.Rxf5+ Bxf5#</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A=♖c7, B=♗d7, a=♜c2, b=♘g4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Example 2 - Antiform Christopher J.A. Jones 3rd Prize StrateGems 2019</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">hs#3.5 b) ♜g3→e2 (5+10)</p> <p>a) 1...Rg2 2.Ba4 Sf6 3.Bd1+ Se2 4.Rxf6+ Bxf6# b) 1...Bf2 2.Rh7 Sd5 3.Rh3+ Sg3 4.Bxd5+ Bxd5#</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A=♖f7, B=♗c6, a=♞f4, b=♞e4</p>
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Prizes - bottles of Tzuica.
The tourney is open worldwide.

Deadline: Wednesday, August 12th, 8 p.m
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