

 Eljanov Pavel (10.05.1983)



Ukrainian GM 2000, IM 1999. Born in Kharkiv, graduated in Law.

Twice Gold medalist at the Chess Olympiads in 2004 and 2010 as a team member of Ukraine.

Won or shared first: Alushta (closed) 2000 joint first (playing together with his father Vladimir); Biel MTO Open 2004, 1st-5th (Bauer won on tie-break); Amsterdam ACT Open 2005; Montreal Empresa-A (closed) 2006; **Corus, Wijk aan Zee B 2007; Sarajevo, Bosna (GM Invitation) 2009** (ahead of 2./3. Wang Hao and Predojevic, six players), considered his best individual result so far; **Astrakhan (RUS), FIDE Grand Prix stage 2010** (a full point above 2.-6. Ponomariov, Jakovenko, Mamedyarov, Alekseev, Radjabov, 7.-9. Leko, Gashimov, Wang Yue, incl. also Ivanchuk, Gelfand, and Svidler, 14 strong players but none from top five; Eljanov was ranked no. 9 in Elo Rating list); **Copenhagen, Politiken Cup (Open) 2010**, clear first; **Moscow Aeroflot Open 2012**, 1st-3rd (Bartel won on tie-break); **Reykjavik Open 2013**, 1st-3rd (Eljanov won on tie-break above So and Amin); **Poikovsky (Karpov Tournament) 2013** (above 2. Motylev, 3. Inarkiev, 4.-7. Nepomniachtchi, A. Onischuk, Jakovenko, Sutovsky, ten players), **St. Petersburg Chigorin Memorial (Open) 2013**, 1st-11th (!), won on tie-break score; **Shamkir (Gashimov Memorial) B 2014; Douglas, Chess.com Isle of Man (Open) 2016**, 1st-2nd, won on progressive tie-breaks above Caruana (in a strong field including the three (US) top ten players Nakamura, Caruana, and So, plus Shirov, Leko, Adams, or Hou Yifan); **Sharjah Masters (Open) 2021**, 1st-4th (Tabatabaei, Iran, winner on tie-break, with Salem Saleh, UAE, and Maghsoodloo, Iran). **Dortmund ('Deutschland Grand Prix') 2021** (above 2./3. Kollars, Fridman, 4. Keymer, no player from the current Elo Top 50, but prominent names like Kamsky, Ponomariov, or Kasimdzhanov, ten players, five from the German hosting nation); and **Dortmund ('Deutschland Grand Prix') 2022** (ahead of 2. Deac (top seeded player at Elo 2692), 3. McShane, 4.= (equal) L'Ami, Svane, 6./7. Navara, Blübaum, seven players in a balanced field). *So far, Eljanov never won the National Championship of Ukraine (as of 2021)*



Eljanov (2755) wins over Richard Rapport (2702) in the first round of TATA Steel at Wijk aan Zee 2017 (Photo: Official Site). Replay: [Pavel Eljanov vs Richard Rapport \(2017\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com)



Eljanov, double winner at Dortmund Sparkassen 2021 (above) and 2022 (below). Photo: Organiser Website

His highest rating and ranking were in **September 2010 when he was rated at 2761 Elo and ranked sole #6 in the world** (behind leading Carlsen, Topalov, Anand, Aronian, Kramnik).

In 2007 and 2011 Pavel Eljanov worked as an assistant (second) of Boris Gelfand in the World Championship Candidates Contests (in 2011, Gelfand became Challenger of Anand for 2012).

Instructive games: **Kiroski, Toni (2403) – Eljanov, Pavel (2558) 0-1**, EU-ch 2nd Ohrid (3), 2001
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nc4 O-O 10.Bb6 Qd7
11.Be2 Rb8 12.Qd2 Bd8 13.Rd1 Bxb6 14.Nxb6 Qd8 15.Nxc8 Rxc8 16.Qxd6 Qb6 17.Qa3 Nd4 18.Bd3 Ng4
19.O-O Qh6 20.h3 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Ng5 22.f3 Nxb3 23.fxg4 Nf2+ 24.Kg1 Nxb4 25.Rf5 Qh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh1+
27.Ke2 Qxg2+ 28.Ke1 Qg3+ 29.Ke2 g6 30.Rdf1 gxf5 31.Nd5 fxe4 32.Ne7+ Kh8 33.Bxe4 Qxa3 34.bxa3
Rc7 35.Nd5 Rc4 36.Bf5 Rd8 **0-1** → Replay: [Toni Kiroski vs Pavel Eljanov \(2001\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)

Gelfand, Boris (2733) – Eljanov, Pavel (2693) 0-1, Nalchik, FIDE Grand Prix 2009
→ Replay: [Boris Gelfand vs Pavel Eljanov \(2009\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)

Cheparinov, Ivan (2709) – Eljanov, Pavel (2678) 0-1, Reykjavik Open 2013
→ Replay: [Ivan Cheparinov vs Pavel Eljanov \(2013\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)

Eljanov, Pavel – Karjakin, Sergey 1-0, Tromsø, FIDE World Cup (round 3, Rapid) 2013
→ Replay: [Pavel Eljanov vs Sergey Karjakin \(2013\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)

Eljanov, Pavel (2739) – Nepomniachtchi, Ivan (2742) 1-0, Geneva, FIDE Grand Prix 2017
→ Replay: [Pavel Eljanov vs Ian Nepomniachtchi \(2017\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)

Ganguly, Surya (2636) – Eljanov, Pavel (2650) 0-1, Wijk aan Zee, TATA Steel Challengers 2020
→ Replay: [Surya Shekhar Ganguly vs Pavel Eljanov \(2020\) \(chessgames.com\)](https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?pid=49456)



Winner at Isle of Man (Open) 2016: Pavel Eljanov in play (photo from his own Twitter)

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<http://en.chessbase.com/post/interview-with-pavel-eljanov> (ChessBase Interview)

His father, Vladimir Eljanov (1951 – 2013), was an International Master:
<http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessplayer?pid=16813> (Vladimir Eljanov, father of Pavel)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladimir_Eljanov (Vladimir Eljanov, 1951 – 2013)