

TournaCast User Guide

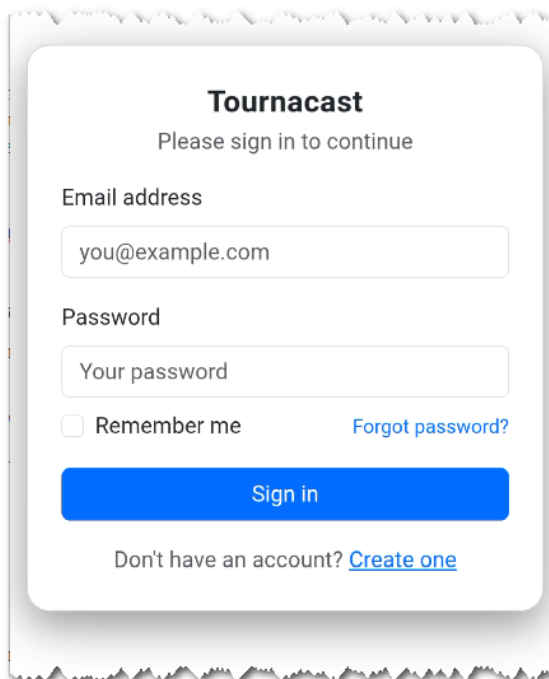
TournaCast is the companion app for VegaResults, the chess tournament platform. It lets you browse and follow tournaments, get notified the moment new results are published, scan a QR code at the venue to jump straight to a tournament's standings, and find chess clubs near you on a map.

1. Signing In

You need a VegaResults account to use TournaCast — nothing else works until you're signed in.

When you launch the app for the first time, you'll land on a sign-in screen with:

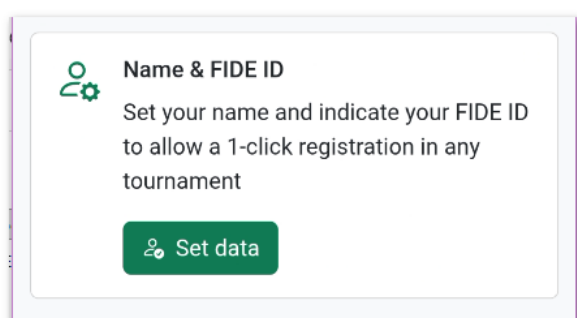
- **Email address** and **Password** fields
- **Remember me** — stay signed in on this device, so you don't have to log in again on every launch
- **Forgot password?** — request a password reset by email
- **Create one** — don't have an account yet? Register here with your email and a password



Once you're signed in, the app takes you straight to the main screen on every future launch (as long as you didn't log out or clear the app's data), skipping the sign-in screen entirely.

Setting your FIDE ID

Right after signing in, go to **Profile** and enter your **FIDE ID**. It's what powers **1-click registration** on Home (see below) — without it set, you'll have to fill in the full registration form by hand every time instead of registering with a single tap.



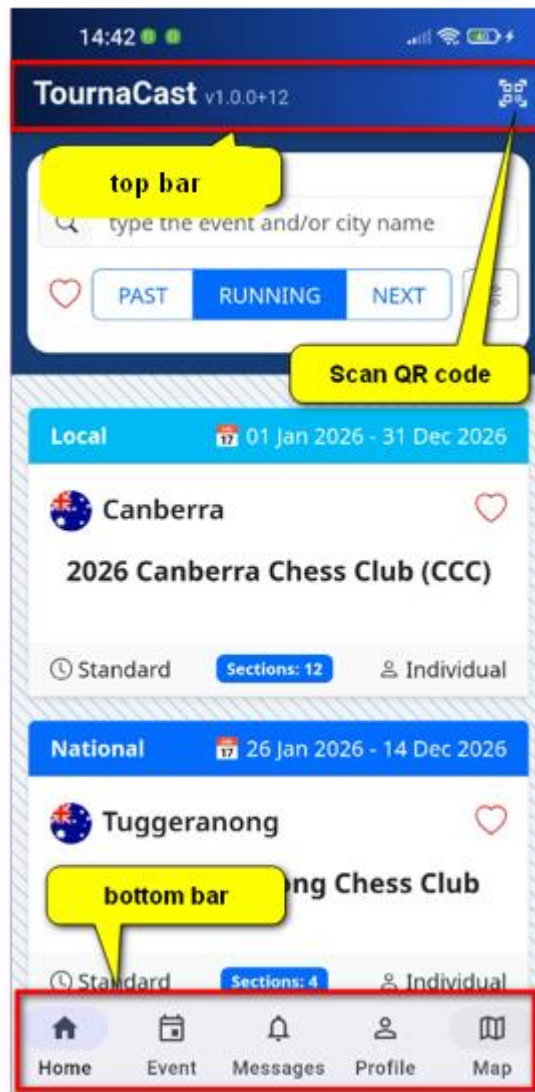
Profile also has a built-in **ID check**: enter your FIDE ID there and it looks it up in the FIDE database, showing the name, federation, rating and title on record for that ID. Use it to confirm the number is really yours before you rely on it for 1-click registration — a mistyped digit would otherwise register you as, or under, the wrong player.

2. The Top Bar and Bottom Menu

The **Tournacast** wordmark at the top of every screen is also a button — tap it to jump straight to Home from anywhere, including Map, which hides the bottom menu entirely. When there's somewhere to scan from, a **QR code** icon sits at the top right for that (see *Scan* below).

Below that, five buttons sit at the bottom of the screen:

Button	What it's for
Home	Browse and follow tournaments
Event	The event you last opened, if any
Messages	Your notification inbox
Profile	Your account, and tournament management tools if you organize events
Map	Find tournaments and chess clubs near you



Tapping **Home**, **Event**, **Messages**, or **Profile** again while you're already somewhere deeper inside that section always brings you back to its main screen (the tournament list, the event's own main page, the inbox, or the dashboard) — it's a shortcut back "home" for that tab, not just a refresh.

Scan

Tap the QR code icon at the top right to open your camera and scan a code — the kind printed at the tournament venue, on a pairings sheet or wall poster. A recognized VegaResults/Orion results code takes you straight to that section's live standings and pairings, no searching required. It's a one-shot action, not a tab: it closes itself as soon as a code is recognized (or if you go back).

Home

The tournament calendar — this is what you see first after signing in.

- Browse upcoming tournaments.
- Open one to see its details, sections, and standings.
- **Register** for a tournament you want to play in, with one click — requires your FIDE ID to be set first (see *Setting your FIDE ID* above).
- **Follow** any tournament with the bell icon, even ones you're not playing in — this is what makes you receive Messages about it (see below). Following and registering are

independent: you can follow a tournament just to watch its results without registering to play.

Event

Opening a tournament from Home or Map doesn't take over the whole screen — it lands here instead, in its own tab, so the bottom menu (and your place in Home or Map) stays right where you left it. This tab always shows the tournament you most recently opened, from anywhere in the app.

Tapping **Event** again while you're already looking at one takes you back to that same tournament's main page, even if you'd drilled further into its Results or Players — the same "back to the top of this tab" shortcut Home, Messages, and Profile also have.

Before you've opened a tournament for the first time, this tab is empty — open one from Home or Map to see it here.

Messages

Your notification inbox — the bell icon in the bottom menu shows a badge with your unread count. There are two kinds of messages:

- **Results** — automatic. Sent the moment new standings or pairings are published for a section, straight from the pairing software (Vega or Orion) the arbiter is using. Tap one to jump directly to those results.
- **Organizer** — written by hand by the tournament's organizer, using a dedicated button in their event management tools. These can be about anything — a schedule change, a venue note, a general announcement — and may include a link to tap through to.

You only receive messages for tournaments you're **following** (see Home above) — following is what subscribes you to a section's notifications.

Profile

Your account tab. What you see here depends on your role:

- If you're a regular player, this is your personal account info — including your **FIDE ID** and its built-in checker (see *Setting your FIDE ID* in Signing In).
- If you're an arbiter or tournament organizer, you'll also find the tools to manage your own events here — creating tournaments and sections, and sending **Organizer** messages to everyone following them.

Map

An interactive map — not a copy of a website page, this is native to the app. A three-way switch at the top controls what's shown:

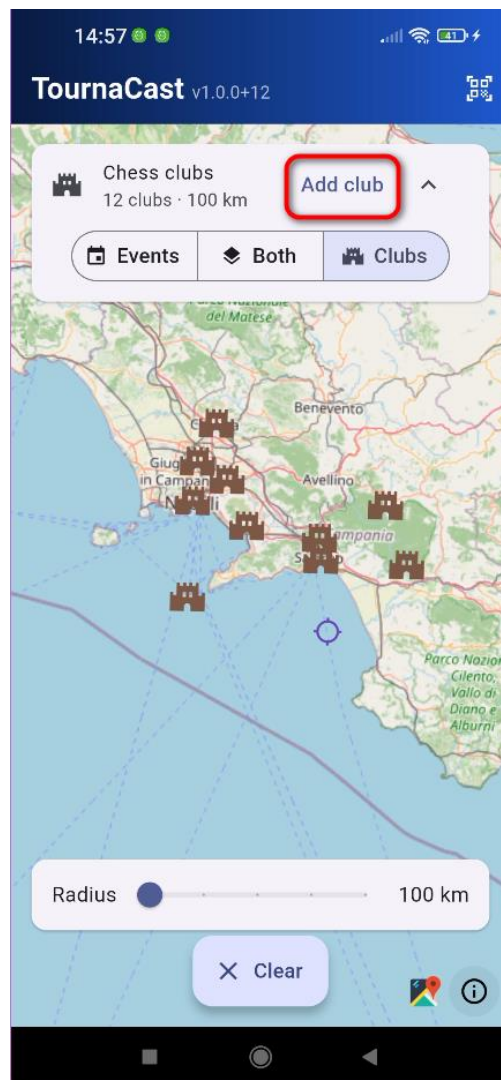
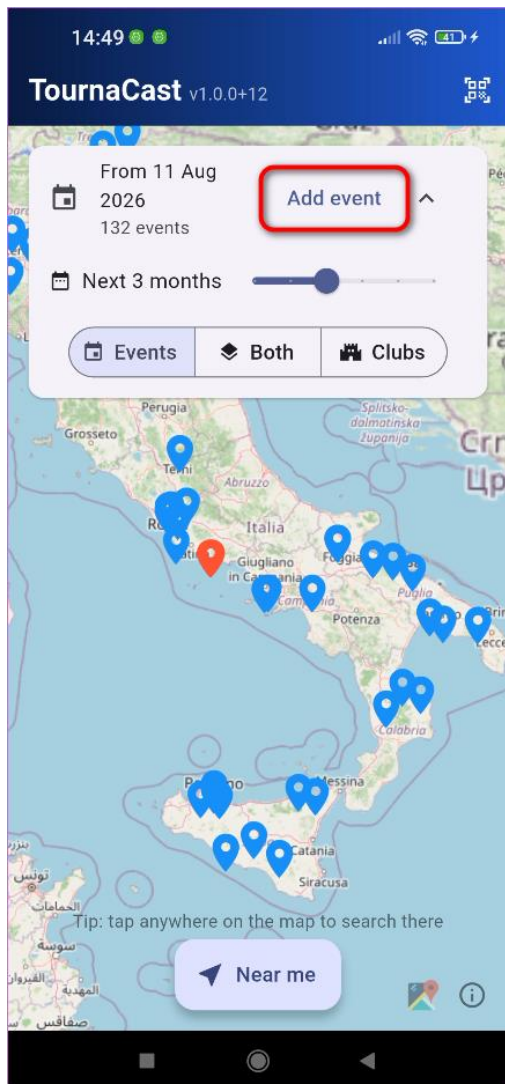
- **Events** (default) — upcoming tournaments with a known location
- **Clubs** — permanent chess clubs, anywhere in the world, that have a website
- **Both** — events and clubs together

When tournaments are shown, you can filter by start date and how many months ahead to look — this filter is hidden while you're in Clubs-only mode, since it doesn't apply there.

Tap **Near me** to center the map on your device's location and filter everything to a chosen radius —

this works for clubs too, handy if you're traveling and want to find a place to play nearby. You can also tap anywhere else on the map to search around that point instead of your own location.

Tap any marker for details. For a club, you'll get a button to open its website in your browser.



Adding a club or event

Can't find a club or a tournament that should be on the map? Add it yourself. Switch to **Clubs** only and you'll see an **Add club** button next to the club count; switch to **Events** only for **Add event** instead — neither button is offered in **Both** mode.

Nothing you submit goes live right away. Every submission is reviewed by our staff, and once approved it appears on the map within 48 hours.

The website field is strict, and it matters: it must be the club's or event's own official website — wherever its contact details live and where we can actually verify what you entered. Links to social media pages or to results-publishing platforms are not accepted, even if that's normally where you'd look a club or tournament up — those pages don't let us confirm who's really behind the submission.

3. Notifications

The app will ask for permission to send notifications the first time you launch it. Allow it if you want to be alerted about new results or organizer announcements even while you're not using the app — otherwise you'll still find every message waiting for you in **Messages**, you just won't be alerted the moment it arrives.

4. Language

TournaCast follows the language set on your VegaResults account. On a fresh install, it starts out matching your phone's own language automatically; from then on it follows whatever language you've chosen on your account, the same as if you were using the website.