

EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONS CROWNED

The European School Chess Championship 2018 finished yesterday in Krakow, Poland, with the participation of more than 300 players from over 20 European federations divided in 6 age categories open and girls: U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17.



The Closing Ceremony of the event took place yesterday where European School Chess Champions 2018 of each category were crowned.



In section for the youngest, Open U7, Buyuk Eymen Eren (TUR) convincingly won the Championship with 8.5 points and two points ahead of runner-ups: Bayramli Rafael, who was second with 6.5 points, and Karimli Yusuf who took bronze with 6 points.

In the same age category for girls, after 7 played rounds, the Winner became Levitan Liel (ISR) with 6 points. Ismayilova Salbinaz (AZE) and Lajdamik Kinga (POL) tied for the silver medal, but Ismayilova Salbinaz had better tiebreaks and took the second place, while Lajdamik Kinga was third.



In the category Open U9, Samunekov Ihor (UKR) triumphed at the event with 8.5 points. Silver medal went to Emir Doruk (TUR) with 8 points, while Zverev Lev (RUS) reached 6.5 points, which was enough for the third place.

In section for Girls U9, Zavivaeva Evelina (RUS) took gold with 7.5 points, while second place went to Natoli Alessia with 7 points and the third place came to Aslan Roza (TUR) with 6.5 points.

Kolesov Gordey (RUS) became the Winner of the Open U11 category. He scored 7.5 points to be ahead of Meers Hubert (POL) and Han Yichen (NED) who according to the tiebreaks took second and third place, respectively, each with 7 points.

In category Girls U11, Mellor Jessica won the event with score of 7.5 points. Silver and bronze medal went to Korovina Yana (RUS) and Kapacikova Lucia (SVK) with 7 and 6.5 points, respectively.



After 9 played rounds in category Open U13, the Winner was decided by tiebreaks since Efremov Vladislav (RUS) and Ochedzan Tymon (POL) tied for the trophy, each with 7 points. Eventually, Efremov Vladislav finished on the top of the list, while Ochedzan Tymon was second. The third place came to Bicer Atakan Mert (TUR) who scored 6.5 points.

In Girls section U13, Kasaeva Sofia became the sole winner of the Championship with 7 points. Zavivaeva Emilia (RUS) and Tikvesli Cevlin (TUR) tied for the silver medal, each with 6.5 points, but Zavivaeva had better tiebreaks than Tikvesli, and ended the event as second.



Ozdemir Serhan Berat (TUR) and Dixia Oskar (POL) tied for the top of the list of the category Open U15, each with 6.5 points. The first place came to Ozdemir Serhan and Dixia Oskar finished the event as second. The third place went to Leszko Bence (HUN) with 6 points.

In category Girls U15, there was also a tie for the top after 7 played rounds. Zvereva Margarita won the event thanks to better additional criteria than Celik Eylul, since both had the same score of 5.5 points. Sade Defne (TUR) ended third with 5 points.

Additional criteria also determined the Winner of category Open U17, since two players had the same score of 7 points. Psyk Radoslaw (POL) was the first on the list, Petriashvili Nikoloz (GEO) took silver, while Kesgin Halit Kaan came third with 6 points.



In Girls section U17, Kaczmarska Joanna (POL) was the sole winner of the event with 8 points. Koridze Lile (GEO) finished the event with silver medal and 7 points, and Kucharska Honorata (POL) was third with 6 points.

All the standing lists, as well as the pairings, results and games can be seen on the Official Website of the Championship or [here](#).

The Championship was played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves+30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

The best 3 ranked players of each category were awarded with trophies and medals, while the best six players of each category were awarded with special prizes. The winners of the European Championships 2018 have the right to participate free board and lodging to the World School Championship 2019 in Tunisia. Maloposka Chess Association provided for the new European School Chess Champions of each category free accommodation for the 29th International Chess Festival "Cracovia 2018" which will be held from 27th December 2018- 4th January 2019 in Krakow, Poland.

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