

# EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID&BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 CONCLUDED

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2018 took place from 31st June-5th August in Oradea, Romania, with participation of almost 300 players from around 20 European federations who competed in different sections of 4 events.



The event opened with European Rapid Individual Youth Chess Championship which was played in 6 age categories (open and girls separately): U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, on 1st and 2nd of August. After 9 rounds played in each category 12 players achieved the title of European Youth Rapid Champion. The Winners are:

**Open U8**- 1. Usov Aleksandr E. (RUS, 1654) 7.5 points, 2. Cruceru-Uceanu Tudor-Mihai (ROU, 1302) 7 points, 3. Karvatskyi Oleksii (UKR, 1501) 6.5 points

**Open U10**- 1. Bialiuaski Artsiom (BLR, 1701) 8 points, 2. Pershin Patrik (RUS, 1709) 7.5 points, 3. Magold Filip (ROU, 1656) 7 points

**Open U12**- 1. Lazavik Denis (BLR, 1909) 8 points, 2. Spizharny Mikhail (BLR, 1929) 7.5 points, 3. Creanga Robert-Ionut (ROU, 1862) 7 points

**Open U14**- 1. Tsaruk Maksim (BLR, 2068) 8.5 points, 2. Baum Jonasz (POL, 1880) 8 points, 3. Morgunov Marc (AUT, 2095) 7.5 points

**Open U16**- 1. Blohberger Felix (AUT, 2189) and 2. Kozak Adam (HUN, 2204) each with 7 points, 3. Psyk Radoslaw (POL, 2143) 6.5 points

**Open U18**- 1. Deac Bogdan-Daniel (ROU, 2562) and 2. Costachi Mihnea (ROU, 2387) each with 7 points, 3. Banzea Alexandru-Bogdan (ROU, 2207) 6.5 points



**Girls U8**- 1. Cretu Sofia (ROU) 7.5 points, 2. Ciocirlan Bianca-Alexandra (ROU) 7.5 points, 3. Kiss Abiqel (ROU) 7 points

**Girls U10**- 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS, 1489) 9 points, 2. Babic Milana (BIH, 1740) 7.5 points, 3. Babic Masa (BIH, 1725) 7 points

**Girls U12**- 1. Gaal Zsoka (HUN, 1744) 8 points, 2. Mihelic Vesna (SLO, 1688) 7 points, 3. Mikheeva Galina (RUS, 1553) 6.5 points

**Girls U14**- 1. Trifoi Mihaela-Ioana (ROU, 1578), 2. Lehaci Miruna-Daria (ROU, 1722), 3. Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU, 1875), each with 7 points

**Girls U16**- Hryshchenko Kamila (UKR, 1928) 7 points, 2. Olde Grete (EST, 1966) and 3. Hercog Nusa (SLO, 1803) each with 6.5 points

**Girls U18**- 1. Olde Margareth (EST, 2067) 6.5 points, 2. Rozman Monika (SLO, 1879) 6 points, 3. Polterauer Chiara (AUT, 2166) 5.5 points



After the end of the Rapid Individual Championship, the European Championship in solving problems took place in the afternoon on 3rd of August. The event was held in 3 age categories (boys and girls separately): U10, U14 and U18. Depending on time and number of correctly solved chess problems, 6 players were crowned as winners of following sections:

**Girls U10**: 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS), 2. Samson Maria (ROU), 3. Maria Lia-Alexandra

**Girls U14:** 1. Ciolacu Alessia- Mihaela (ROU), 2. Ojog Felicia (MDA), 3. Wikar Martyna (POL)

**Girls U18:** 1. Balan Briana Cleopatra (ROU), 2. Olde Margareth (EST), 3. Olde Grete (EST)

**Open U10:** 1. Cnejev Vladimir-Alexandru (ROU), 2. Karvatski Olexsiy (UKR), 3. Bialiauski Artsiom (BLR)

**Open U14:** 1. Lazavik Denis (BLR), 2. Siniauski Artsiom (BLR), 3. Prydun Andriy (UKR)

**Open U18:** 1. Psyk Radoslaw (POL), 2. Amon Nejc (SLO), 3. Costachi Mihnea (ROU)



European Teams Rapid Chess Championship took place on 3rd August with participation of 70 teams composed of four players from the same federation. The event was played in 7 rounds in two age categories, open and girls sections separately, U12 and U18 and the Winners became:

**Girls U12:** 1. Russia A, 2. Russia B, 3. Romania Verde

**Girls U18:** 1. Slovenia B, 2. Slovenia A, 3. Poland

**Open U12:** 1. Belarus B, 2. Belarus A, 3. Romania Rosu

**Open U18:** 1. Austria, 2. Romania Galben, 3. Poland



European Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2018 was played on the last day of the event, 4th of August. The Championship was played in 3 age categories, boys and girls separately: U10, U14 and U18. After 9 rounds in each category, the winners were:

**Open U10:** 1. Usov Aleksandr E. (RUS, 1858) 8 points, 2. Bialiuski Artsiom (BLR, 1651) and 3. Karvatskyi Oleksii (UKR, 1461) each with 7.5 points

**Open U14:** 1. Persanyi Barnabas (HUN, 2129) 8 points, 2. Koziorowicz Michal (POL, 1737) 7.5 points, 3. Subelj Jan (SLO, 2212) 7 points

**Open U18:** 1. Costachi Mihnea (ROU, 2468) 7.5 points, 2. Horvath Dominik (AUT, 2221) 7 points, 3. Mesaros Florian (AUT, 2375) 6.5 points

**Girls U10:** 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS, 1490) 9 points, 2. Babic Masa (BIH, 1553)

and Maria Lia-Alexandra (ROU, 1344) each with 6.5 points

**Girls U14**: 1. Lehaci Miruna-Daria (ROU, 1683) 8 points, 2. Wikar Martyna (POL, 1831) 7 points, 3. Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU, 1689) 6.5 points

**Girls U18**: 1. Olde Margareth (EST, 2049) and 2. Olde Grete (EST, 1851) each with 6.5 points, 3. Hercog Nusa (SLO, 1780) 6 points.



The organizers provided the live transmission of the top boards of each competition. The pgn files of each round can be downloaded from the official website of the Championship.

Top 3 ranked players of each category were awarded with cups and medals, together with special chess prizes and gifts.

Besides the chess activities, ECU and FIDE seminars for trainers and for chess in schools were organized during the championship.

[Official Website of the Championship](#)