

European School Championship

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K.1. Participation

K.1.1 There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-07, Under-09 Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.

K.1.2 Entitled to participate are chess players from the ECU Chess Federations who shall not have reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 or 17 years, respectively, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament will commence.

K.1.3 The Champions (1st place) in the previous European School Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfil the conditions of Art. G.1.1. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the organising federation.

K.1.4 The 8 winners of the previous European Internet School Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age category or a higher age-category. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the organising federation (from 2019 edition).

K.1.5 Each federation shall be entitled to register any number of participants it deems necessary provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) payment to ECU of the approved fee (see Annex 2) per player in advance;
- (b) payment of the full board and lodge of the additional player(s) to the organising chess federation;

K.2. Organisation

K.2.1 The competition shall be organised between June 1 and June 30. In

exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.

K.3. Tournament Regulations

K.3.1 Each championship shall be played in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system.

K.3.1.1 If in any age group there are 11 to 15 participants only 7 rounds will be played.

K.3.1.2 If in any age group there are 10 or fewer participants a round robin tournament will be played.

K.3.1.3 The tournament may have a free day.

K.4. Titles and Prizes

K.4.1 The organising federation shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each Championship.

K.4.2 The organiser should award special prizes to as many participants as possible and publish the list of prizes and the rules for their award before the start of the first round.

K.4.3 The winner of each European School Championship shall have the personal right to participate in the World Championship of the corresponding or of a higher age category if the relevant stipulation of the FIDE Tournament Regulation is met. This privilege may be exercised exclusively in the same or subsequent year following the qualification.