

European Individual Chess Championship

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Organized by the
Israel Chess Federation



The Municipality of Jerusalem



Under the auspices of
European Chess Union (ECU)



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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

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2. VENUE & SCHEDULE

The European Individual Chess Championship will be held in Jerusalem, Israel, from February 23 (day of arrival) until March 9 (day of departure) 2015. The tournament will be held at the Jerusalem Ramada Hotel, which will also be its official accommodating hotel.

Sunday-Monday	22-23 February	Arrival of participants
Monday	23 February at 20:00	Opening ceremony
Tuesday	24 February at 10:00	Technical Meeting
Tuesday	24 February at 15:00	1st round
Wednesday	25 February at 15:00	2nd round
Thursday	26 February at 15:00	3rd round
Friday	27 February at 11:00	4th round
Saturday	28 February	Rest day – A journey to the Dead Sea
Sunday	1 March at 15:00	5th round
Monday	2 March at 15:00	6th round
Tuesday	3 March at 15:00	7th round
Wednesday	4 March at 15:00	8th round
Thursday	5 March at 15:00	9th round
Friday	6 March at 11:00	10th round
Saturday	7 March	Rest day – Guided tour in Jerusalem
Sunday	8 March at 13:00	11th round
Sunday	8 March at 20:30	Closing Ceremony
Monday	9 March	Departure

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Ramada Jerusalem Hotel



Hotel Lobby

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3. PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations, which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10), regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of the number of participants per federation; however **applications have to be sent by the national federations only.**

4. QUALIFIERS

The European Individual Championship 2015 is a qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 23 players will qualify. In case of equal score the qualification will be determined according to article 6.

5. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship is organized in 11-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules.

The rate of play will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

6. TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- (a) Average rating of the opponents cut-1, the highest number wins (unplayed games, byes are not calculated);
- (b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of unplayed games, for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c), the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

- (a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

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7. DRESS CODE

The ECU Rules related to dress code – Chapter B, Article 13 - shall be applied in this competition.

8. CHIEF ARBITER

Chief Arbiter – IA Almog Burstein (Israel)

Deputy Arbiter – IA Dr. Alexander Bach (Russia)

9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chairman – FA Willy Iclicki (Monaco)

IO Vladimir Ginzburg (Belarus)

Name of an additional member of the committee would be announced later on.

10. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, within one hour after completion or interruption of the game.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 Euro, as a deposit of the appellant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union.

The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

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11. PRIZES

The prize fund is **100 000 EUR**

Rank	Main prizes: 93,750 EUR	Special Performance Prizes (Performance minus Rating): 6,250 EUR
1	16 000	1 000
2	14 000	800
3	12 000	700
4	10 000	600
5	8 000	550
6	6 000	500
7	5 000	450
8	4 000	400
9	3 500	350
10	3 000	300
11	2 500	250
12	2 250	200
13	2 000	150
14	1 750	
15	1 500	
16	1 250	
17	1 000	

A player can get one prize only. If a prize-winner is absent during the closing ceremony, the money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 EUR. The first 3 places will be awarded cups and medals. According to Article 4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. Accordingly, prizes will be equally shared among players with the same performance gain. Israel Chess Federation will transfer the prizes to the award winning players' bank accounts through the ECU Bank account till 31st of March.

12. REGISTRATION

<http://192.116.118.9/?a=2>

The above link is an online registration. It should be filled in and sent to Ophir Tours not later than December 20, 2014.

All federations should send a list of their representatives to the Israel Chess Federation **prior to the individual registration of the player.**

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Banking details can be found at article 16 (Payment).

ICF contact details are at article 19 (Tournament Office).

For people who prefer to pay via regular mail, the registration form can be found in the annex to this document.

Each individual registration is valid only after the applicant's federation approved it.

13. ECU FEE

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM (as well as WGM, WIM, WFM) are required to pay a fee of 65 €/person. Other players' fee is 130 €/person.

According to the ECU regulations (art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU, before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid until the end of round 2, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

14. PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is 100 € per participant.

Optional deal of an added 50 € includes:

- Transfers from the Ben Gurion Airport (nearby Tel-Aviv) to the Jerusalem Ramada Hotel and back; Players who wish to be picked up from the Ben Gurion Airport should note the arrival time and flight number on the registration form.
- Free of charge internet in the Jerusalem Ramada Hotel
- Free of charge excursion on the rest day

The participation fee and the optional deal (for those who choose it) have to be paid before the deadline for registration, which is December 20, 2014.

15. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at Ramada Jerusalem hotel, venue of the championship, will be provided at the following rates (per person per night):

Ramada Jerusalem Hotel	Room	Bed & Breakfast	Discount Tariff till 20 December
Ramada Section	Double	56 €	53 €
	Single	101 €	96 €
Royal Section	Double	48 €	45 €
	Single	86 €	82 €

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The above rates are valid from 22 February through 9 March 2015.

Double rates are for each person in a double room.

Additional meals are available at a cost of 18 € per meal.

Israeli citizens should add VAT (18% at present) to all above tariffs.

Please contact Ophir Tours for all additional information about the hotel.

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank account of Israel Chess Federation.

16. PAYMENT

ECU fees must be paid to the following account:

European Chess Union

Bank: Credit Suisse

Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug

Account: 1835105-42

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

The participation fee, and accommodation cost must be transferred to Ophir Tours, to the following account:

Bank: Mizrahi Bank

Branch: 407

Account: 152833

Swift Code (for non-Israeli players): MIZBLIT

All bank commissions must be paid by sender. If they are not paid, the organizers will produce an invoice which must be paid before the start of the second round.

17. VISAS

Citizens of the following countries don't need visa to visit Israel:

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Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Gibraltar, UK, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.

This list may be subject to changes, so, it is recommended to check with your traveling agency if a visa is needed.

Citizens of other European countries can get Israeli entry visa upon their arrival at the Tel Aviv airport, after a prior announcement during the registration.

It is advisable to bring the invitation with you in order to ease the security arrangements process.

18. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

Photography with flash may be used only during the first ten minutes of each round. Only players and arbiters shall be allowed to enter the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.

Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards, if they don't play there themselves.

As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

In case of pre-arranged results the Chief Arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0 - 0.

Default time is 15 minutes after the start of the round, except for the opening round in which there will be zero tolerance.

We assume that all players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

19. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information regarding registration and payments through Ophir Tours. Chess related inquiries should be addressed via email to the Israel Chess Federation.

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20. OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Address and data of the official website of the championship will be known until mid-November.

21. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman: IA Amiram Kaplan

Names of other committee members will be provided at a later date.

22. GENERAL

22.1 Currency

1. The local currency is New Israeli Shekel (NIS).
2. Coins come in denominations of 10 agorot (1/10 NIS), ½, 1, 2, 5 and 10 NIS.
3. Notes come in denominations of 20, 50, 100 and 200 NIS. There are currently two valid versions of the 50 NIS note – violet (old) and green (new).
4. Travellers' cheques can be exchanged in banks, bureaux de changes and some hotels.
5. Money can also be withdrawn at automated teller machines (ATM) of which there are many countrywide.
6. All major credit cards are accepted at all reputable outlets, retail stores and restaurants.
7. US\$ is equivalent to 3.8 NIS at the current exchange rate.
8. € is equivalent to 4.8 NIS at the current exchange rate.

22.2 Electricity

1. The standard voltage in Israel is 220 Volts.
2. The Israeli electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ.

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3. Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong, with round pins. If an adaptor is needed, consider bringing one with you, although they can be purchased locally.
4. US-made appliances may need a transformer.
5. Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.

22.3 Weather

Jerusalem has a mild and wet winter, although flurries are not common and there are about 10 rainy days a month. The average temperature in February-March ranges from 6°-17° C. We suggest that all participants bring a rain coat and/or protective clothing for cooler days.

22.4 Drinking water

1. Water in Israel is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas.
2. Bottled water is available at all stores.

22.5 Telecommunications

1. For outgoing international calls, dial 00 plus the country and area codes of the destination concerned. Refer to telephone directories for international dialling codes, or obtain 24-hour assistance by calling 144.
2. For incoming international calls, the code is +972 followed by the city code or cell phone code, dropping the first 0.

22.6 Internet Access

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

22.7 Smoking

Be aware that smoking is prohibited in most public places in Israel: on all domestic flights and in all airport terminals; all restaurants, pubs and offices, unless there is a designated smoking area; on all public transport; in cinemas and shopping malls; in most hotel rooms (check on booking).

22.8 Medical

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

22.9 Safety

The organization committee will take the utmost precautions to ensure the safety of the players and accompanying persons.

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The hotel and its surroundings are well protected. It is located on the west side of Jerusalem, far away from any conflict areas.

You are most welcome in Israel.

We wish you a successful event.

Mr. Moshe Slav Chairman of ICF

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ANNEX – Printable Registration Form

A link to the online registration form can be found at article 12.

Participant Details

First Name	Last Name	Gender	ISR Citizen (Y/N)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone 1	Phone 2	E-mail	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Identity Card	Passport Number	Birth Date	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Flight Number	Landing Date	FIDE ID	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
International Rating	National Rating	Name Of Federation	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Ramada Hotel, Jerusalem

Tariff till 20 December / Tariff after 20 December

Ramada Section -- Single room (96/101 €/night) , Person in double room (53/56 €/night) , Double room (106/112 €/night)

Royal Section -- Single room (82/86 €/night) , Person in double room (45/48 €/night) , Double room (90/96 €/night)

Arrival Date **Departure Date :**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Room Section **Room Type** **Quantity** **Roommate name (if you have)**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Ophir Tours Bank details (for transfer payment):

Mizrahi Bank, Branch 407, Account no. 152833, Swift code: MIZBLIT

Credit Card Details

C.Card Type	C.Card Number	Cvv Code	Expiration Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Participation fee: 100 € , Added Deal (optional, see art. 14) 50 € , Israeli Citizen +18% Tax

Total Price : _____

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