

European Amateur Chess Championship

Ruzomberok (Slovakia), 5-12 June 2016

Organized by the

**Chess Club Prievidza
Chess Club Ruzomberok
Ruzomberok City**

**Under the auspices of
European Chess Union (ECU)**

European Amateur Chess Championship 2016

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

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2. VENUE

The European Amateur Chess Championship will be held in Ruzomberok, Slovakia, from June 5 (day of arrival) through June 12 (day of departure) 2016. The tournament will be held in the „Sports hall Koniaren“ (Polna 49, Ruzomberok, Slovakia).

The official accommodating hotel will be Hotel Kultura *** (A. Bernolaka 1, Ruzomberok, Slovakia).

The distance from hotel to playing hall is approximately 1 km, ie. max. 15 min. on foot.

3. PARTICIPATION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The European Amateur Chess Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations, which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10), who have no FIDE title and no FIDE rating above 2000 at the start of the tournament (5 June 2016), nor have had such a rating for at least two years prior to the start of the event (that is 5 June 2014 and on). There is no limit of the number of participants per federation.

A separate championship for women shall be organized if there are at least 10 women entries for this championship.

Sunday	5 June		Arrival of participants
Monday	6 June	10:00-12:00	Registration
		13:00	Technical Meeting
		16:00	Opening ceremony & 1 st round
Tuesday	7 June	10:00	2 nd round
		16:00	3 rd round
Wednesday	8 June	10:00-12:00	Information on Initiative Chess4Europe
		16:00	4 th round
Thursday	9 June	16:00	5 th round
Friday	10 June	10:00	6 th round
		16:00	7 th round
Saturday	11 June	16:00	8 th round
Sunday	12 June	10:00	9 th round
		16:00	Closing Ceremony

4. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship is organized in a 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules. If there are 10-16 women in a separate championship, the system of play shall be announced in the technical meeting. 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.

5. TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

6. DRESS CODE

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

7. ARBITERS

The Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be announced one month before the event.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be elected and/or announced at the technical meeting.

9. 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 200 EUR, 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.

10. PRIZES AND TITLES

The prize fund is **2 500 EUR** as outline below in euros:

Rank	Main prizes	Women prizes	Rating 0-1699
1	500	350	150
2	350	250	100
3	250	150	50
4	200	-	-
5	150	-	-

Each player can win only one money prize (the highest). In case of a tie, only money prizes are divided equally. Trophies and medals will be awarded after applying tie-break criteria.

From prizes in excess of 350 EUR 19% tax will be deducted.

The winner of the championship receives the title "European Amateur Chess Champion 2016". If a separate championship for women is held, the winner of this championship receives the title "European Women Amateur Chess Champion 2016".

The players taking the first three places in each championship will be awarded with cups and medals. The players taking the first three places in the open championship and the winner of the women championship/section will also be personally invited to participate (with free accommodation sharing a double room) in the next World Amateur Championship and European Amateur Championship.

11. REGISTRATION AND FEES

The registration fee: 60 EUR (The ECU entry fee of 15 EUR is included in the registration fee). The registration deadline is 15 May 2016 through online registration.

12. ACCOMMODATION

The official hotels are located close to the playing venue in the centre of Ruzomberok. In order to book a room in the official hotel it is necessary **to make a 20% advance payment of the total accommodation amount together with the registration fee before May 1, 2016**. If a participant wants he/she may also pay the total amount for the accommodation before the end of the registration period. The advance payment for the hotel shall be paid to the following account:

COMPANY NAME: Sachovy klub Prievidza

PURPOSE: EACC2016 & name of player(s)

COMPANY REGISTRATION ADDRESS: M. R. Stefanika 5/1, 971 01 Prievidza, Slovakia

COMPANY BANK: VUB BANKA

SWIFT (BIC): SUBASKBX

IBAN (Acc.No.): SK91 0200 0000 0019 0072 4658

Official hotel:

Hotel Kultúra ***

46 EUR per person per night / single room / bed&breakfast

32 EUR per person per night / double room / bed&breakfast

56 EUR per person per night / single room / full board

42 EUR per person per night / single room / full board

For a cheaper alternative (lower standard of accommodation: 1 double room & 1 triple room with common accessories, price 9 EUR per night / bed in room) to live during the championship please contact the organizer by email: press@sachrbk.sk (in Slovakian, English, or Russian). The distance to playing hall is approximately 1 km, ie. max. 15 min. on foot.

13. TRAVEL CONNECTIONS AND TRANSFER

Ruzomberok is situated on the main route Bratislava-Kosice, 260 km from Bratislava and 185 km from Kosice. There are a lot of trains to Ruzomberok. Organizer will provide transportation on request from the airport (Vienna 70 Eur, Budapest 50 Eur, Krakow 35 € /one way per person).

14. VISAS

If you need a visa to Slovakia, please contact the organizer as soon as possible. We will provide all possible assistance in getting the visa.

15. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for European Amateur Chess Championship and random AC inspections are possible.

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During their games the players are not allowed to go to the analysis room.

Photography with flash may be used only during the first ten minutes of each round.

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.

The default arrival time is 15 minutes after the start of the round.

During a game, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. These devices can be stored in a player's bag, as long as the device is completely switched off. A player is forbidden to carry a bag holding such a device, without permission of the arbiter. Further instructions regarding this matter will be given during the technical meeting.

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

16. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information regarding registration and payments (in English, Russian, Slovakian):

E-mail: press@sachrbk.sk

17. OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The official website of the championship is <http://chessfest.sachrbk.sk>

18. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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19. GENERAL

19.1 Currency

1. The local currency is euros (EUR).
2. Money can also be withdrawn at automated teller machines (ATM).
3. All major credit cards are accepted at all reputable outlets, retail stores and restaurants.

19.2 Electricity

1. The standard voltage in Slovakia is 220 Volts.
2. The Slovakian electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ.
3. US-made appliances may need a transformer.
4. Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.

19.3 Weather

The average temperature in June ranges from 10-30°C. We suggest that all participants bring a rain coat and/or protective clothing for cooler days.

19.4 Drinking water

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

19.5 Telecommunications

1. For outgoing international calls, dial 00 plus the country and area codes of the destination concerned. Refer to telephone directories for international dialing codes.
2. For incoming international calls, the code is +421 followed by the city code or cell phone code.

19.6 Internet Access

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

19.7 Medical

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

"You are welcome in Slovakia and Ruzomberok City! We wish you a successful event!"

MUDr. Igor Combor, PhD.

Mayor of Ruzomberok City