

# European Individual Chess Championship

Gjakova (Kosovo\*), 11 – 24 May 2016

Organized by the  
Kosovo Chess Federation



The Municipality of Gjakova



Under the auspices of  
European Chess Union (ECU)



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## GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. ORGANIZER

Gjakova Municipality together with the Kosovo Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

### 2. VENUE & DATE

The European Individual Chess Championship will be held in Gjakova – Kosovo\*, from May 11<sup>th</sup> (day of arrival) until May 24<sup>th</sup> (day of departure) 2016.

The tournament will take place in Gjakova, at “Pashtriku” Hotel, “Nena Tereze” Street, No. 258.

\*According the ECU Statues any mention of Kosovo followed with an asterisk with reference to UN Resolution 1244, without prejudice of status

### 3. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Hour	Program
Wednesday	11.05.2016		Arrivals of participants
Wednesday	11.05.2016	20:00	Opening ceremony
Thursday	11.05.2016	22:00	Technical meeting
Thursday	12.05.2016	15:30	Round I
Friday	13.05.2016	15:30	Round II
Saturday	14.05.2016	15:30	Round III
Sunday	15.05.2016	15:30	Round IV
Monday	16.05.2016	15:30	Round V
Tuesday	17.05.2016	15:30	Round VI
Wednesday	18.05.2016		Rest day
Thursday	19.05.2016	15:30	Round VII
Friday	20.05.2016	15:30	Round VIII
Saturday	21.05.2016	15:30	Round IX
Sunday	22.05.2016	15:30	Round X
Monday	23.05.2016	11:00	Round XI
Monday	23.05.2016	20:00	Closing ceremony
Tuesday	24.05.2016		Departure

### 4. 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.

By the registration each player confirms that he/she will participate in the 2016 European Open Individual Chess Championship, part of the World Championship Cycle and has in consultation with his/her national federation acquainted himself/herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, and accept the conditions relating to his/her participation as describing in the General Regulations of the Championship.

## **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.

Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

## **6. SCORING AND TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM**

The score in each game is 1 for a win,  $\frac{1}{2}$  for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

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.

**In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.**

## **7. QUALIFIERS**

The European Individual Championship 2016 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.

## **8. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

- Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- Players are not allowed to enter the area of the top boards during the last three rounds, if they don't play there themselves.
- The ECU Rules related to dress code shall be applied in this competition. The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for all the European Championships. (Article B.3.4)
- <http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=53&view=category>
- During European Individual Championship random AC inspections are possible.

## **9. ARBITERS**

The Arbiters will be announced at the end of March 2016:

## **10. APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee Chairman and the Deputy members will be announced before the start of the championship.

## 11. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Appeals against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter and Chief Organizer 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 appeal must be accompanied with the sum of 200 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.

## 12. PRIZES

The prize fund is **120 000 EUR** (including special prizes, see below)

### Main prizes

1.	20000€
2.	15000€
3.	10000€
4.	8000€
5.	7000€
6.	6000€
7.	5000€
8.	4000€
9.	3500€
10.	3000€
11.	2500€
12.	2000€
13.	2000€
14.	2000€
15.	1800€
16.	1600€
17.	1400€
18.	1200€
19.	1000€
20.	1000€
21.	1000€
22.	1000€

### Special prizes (Performance minus rating)

1.	1.000€
2.	800€
3.	700€
4.	600€
5.	500€
6.	500€
7.	400€
8.	400€
9.	300€
10.	300€

### Special Prizes

#### (Seniors born before 31.12.1966)

1.	1500€
2.	1000€
3.	800€
4.	700€
5.	500€

According the agreement between ACP and O.C there will be 10 additional prizes (1000 Euro each) for the ten highest-placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the EICC.

A player can get one prize only. According to Article D.4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

According to Article B. 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, if one of the prize – winners is absent during the closing ceremony, his money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 €.

The money prizes will be transferred by organisers to the award players' bank accounts free of any local taxes.

### 13. APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION

Registration of participants will be done online.

Username and Password shall be sent to the respective Federations and they will register their own participants.

Entry form of the championship must be filled out and sent not later than 25 March 2016. This date is the registration deadline. After that, federations will not be able to register or modify any registrations. After this date all the registrations have to be confirmed by the ECU.

### 14. ECU FEE

In accordance with the ECU regulations, titled players GMs, IMs, FMs (as well as WGMs, WIMs, WFMs) are required to pay a fee of 65 €/person. Other players' fee is 130 €/person. ECU issues invoices only to the National Chess federations for the participants.

According to the ECU regulations (art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU Bank account, 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.

### European Chess Union

Bank: Credit Suisse

Postfach 357

CH-6301 Zug Account: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

### 15. ORGANISATION FEE

The organisation fee is 80 € for all participants. Organisation fee includes:

- Transport from and to Pristina Airport
- Free water, coffee and tea for players in the playing hall during the rounds
- Accreditation
- Internet

The participation fee is to be paid before the deadline for registration, which is March 11, 2016.

### 16. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided on full board basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner) per person as follows:

Hotel	Single	Double	Tripple
La Villa 4*(3.4km)	78	63	
Pashtrik 4* Superior	66	54	
Pashtrik 4* Standard	58	46	45
Carshia e Jupajve 4* (600m)	78	63	
Jakova 3* (1.9km)	54	40	33
Europa 3* (3km)	54	40	
Roma 3* (1.4km)	54	40	

(Distance to Playing Hall)

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

According to the agreement between ECU and Kosovo Chess Federation the first 10 players registered over 2700 rating (January 2016 FIDE list) will be provided with free full board accommodation in single rooms.

## **17. TRANSPORTATION**

Besides transportation from Prishtina Airport, which is included in Organisation Fee (OF), we will also cover transport from and to another two airports:

FYR of Macedonia/Skopje "Alexander the Great" Airport, 140km distance (OF+80€)  
and

Albania/Tirana International "Mother Theresa" Airport, 235km distance (OF+80€).

These transport service will be available on May 11 and 12 (arrival) and on May 23 and 24 (departure). If it is necessary, the organizer can accept special request from Federations for other dates.

Players and accompanying persons who make private transport arrangements should clearly indicate this at the time of registration. They will be fully responsible for any problems experienced during their arrival or departure and particularly for the possibility of a late start to the Championship.

## **18. PAYMENT**

ECU fees must be paid to the following account:

Till 25th March 2016 the organization fees, accommodation and transfer costs must be transferred to the following account:

### **Kosovo Chess Federation**

Bank: NLB Prishtina sh.a

SWIFT CODE: NLPR XK PR

IBAN : XK051701001600051589

## **19. VISAS**

The participants who have passport of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Moldova, Russia, Georgia\*\* and Ukraine\*\* are in a need of entry visa for Kosovo\* . ( \*\* - a visa-free regime may be introduced in both countries in mid-2016).

**Important:** The Schengen visa is valid for Kosovo\*.

The visa application fee is 40 Euro.

The amount has to be paid in the bank account of the Kosovo Chess Federation.

Application can be done online through the person authorized by the respective Federations before 25th March 2016.

Once receiving applications from each Federation, we apply on their behalf and get visas for all participants of each Federation. The visa Approval will be sent to the respective federation through DHL

Travel medical insurance valid throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo\* which covers the entire period of the person's intended stay or transit.

NO visa invitations will be made until the payment is done.

Please note that you **do not need a visa** to visit or transit Kosovo\*, if:

Citizens of the countries which are required to obtain a visa for Kosovo\* but hold a biometric valid residence permit issued by one of the Schengen member states or a valid multi-entry Schengen Visa are exempt from the requirement to obtain a Visa to enter, transit, or stay in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo\* for up to 15 days.

- Holders of diplomatic and service passports issued by Russian Federation States and Ukraine shall be allowed to enter, transit or stay up to 15 days in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo\*.
- Holders of Travel documents issued by EU Member States, Schengen zone States based on the 1951 Convention on Refugee Status or the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, as well as holders of valid travel documents for foreigners, may enter, pass through the territory and stay in the Republic of Kosovo\* up to 15 days without a visa.
- Holders of Laissez-Passer, regardless of their nationality, issued by United Nations Organizations, NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe and European Union, are also exempt from the visa requirement.
- Citizens of: EU and Schengen Zone Member States; Holy See; Principality of Andorra; Principality of Monaco; Republic of San Marino, Republic of Albania, Montenegro, and Republic of Serbia are allowed to enter, transit, and stay in Kosovo\* for up to 90 days for a six-months period with a valid biometric identification card.

## **20. MEDICAL CARE**

During the rounds there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

## **21. ELECTRICITY**

The standard voltage in Kosovo\* is 220 Volts.

## **22. CURRENCY**

The local currency is the Euro.

## **23. TOURNAMENT OFFICE**

The participants can get all necessary information on the official tournament website: [www.eicc2016.com](http://www.eicc2016.com) and e-mail: [fshekosoves@gmail.com](mailto:fshekosoves@gmail.com)

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