



## EUROPEAN – ACP WOMEN RAPID and BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

29 March – 2 April, Tbilisi (GEORGIA)

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. Organizers

The government of Georgia, the Tbilisi City Hall, the Georgian chess federation and the Association of Chess Professionals (ACP) under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

#### 2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championships will be held in Tbilisi (Georgia) from March 29 (day of arrival) until April 2 (day of departure) 2018. The tournament hall will be in "Chess Palace", Kostava 37a.

Rapid	Thursday	March 29		Arrival Day
Rapid	Friday	March 30	10:00 – 13:00	Registration
Rapid	Friday	March 30	14:00	Opening Ceremony
Rapid	Friday	March 30	14:30	Round 1
Rapid	Friday	March 30	15:30	Round 2
Rapid	Friday	March 30	16:30	Round 3
Rapid	Friday	March 30	17:30	Round 4
Rapid	Friday	March 30	18:30	Round 5
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	13:30	Round 6
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	14:30	Round 7
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	15:30	Round 8
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	16:30	Round 9
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	17:30	Round 10
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	18:30	Round 11
Rapid	Saturday	March 31	19:45	Closing Ceremony
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	10:00 – 13:00	Registration
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	13:30	Round 1
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	13:50	Round 2
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	14:10	Round 3

Blitz	Sunday	April 1	14:30	Round 4
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	14:50	Round 5
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	16:00	Round 6
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	16:20	Round 7
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	16:40	Round 8
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	17:00	Round 9
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	17:20	Round 10
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	17:40	Round 11
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	18:00	Round 12
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	18:20	Round 13
Blitz	Sunday	April 1	19:30	Closing Ceremony
Blitz	Monday	April 2		Departure

### 3. Participation

The European Women's rapid and blitz championships are open to all players representing the Chess Federations, **members of the European Chess Union** regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of participants per federation. However, applications should be sent by the national federations only.

### 4. System & Rate of Play

- The European Individual rapid championship will be played according to the Swiss system in 11 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- The European Individual blitz championship will be played according to the Swiss system in 13 rounds, with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

### 5. Tie-Break 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) to the extent required:

- (a) Result 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. Prizes

The number of prizes in each tournament does not exceed that indicated below in the tables. Special prizes are additional to General Standings prizes. In case of a tie of two or more participants, the prizes are divided according to the Hort system.

Total prize fund of Rapid - 14 500 Euro.

### General Standings

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	2000
2	1500
3	1300
4	800
5	500
6	400
7	350
8	250
9	250
10	250
11	250
12	200
13	150
14	150
15	150

### Special prizes

Best female Junior players under 18 years old, born till 2000 or later

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	300

Seniors born before 31.12.1968

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	400
2	300

### ACP Prizes – 5000 Euro

1. – 2000 Euro
2. – 1200 Euro
3. – 800 Euro
4. – 500 Euro

5. – 300 Euro

6. – 200 Euro

Players have to be ACP Premium members in order to be eligible.

**Total prize fund of Blitz – 6 000 Euro.**

### **General Standings**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Prizes in Euro</b>
1	1500
2	1000
3	750
4	500
5	400
6	300
7	250
8	200
9	200
10	200

### **Special prizes**

Seniors born before 31.12.1968

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Prizes in Euro</b>
1	400
2	300

### **7. Special Conditions**

ECU and Georgian chess federation provide free rooms with breakfast to the 8 highest Rapid EIO rating holders by 1 January 2018.

ACP and Georgian chess federation provide free rooms with breakfast to 8 players nominated by the ACP.

### **8. Registration fee**

The registration fee for the rapid for rated players – 30 € (10 € fee for ECU is included).

The registration fee for the rapid for unrated players – 40 € (10 € fee for ECU is included).

There is no fee for the next categories, in case they do not violate registration deadline:

- Medalists of European rapid 2017.
- Players having ELO in rapid and blitz 2400 and above by 1 January, 2018.

The registration fee for the Blitz for rated players – 25 € (10 € fee for ECU is included).

The registration fee for the Blitz for unrated players – 30 € (10 € fee for ECU is included).

The ECU fee (10 €) is paid once for players participate in both Rapid and Blitz championships

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- Medalists of European rapid 2017.
- Players having ELO in rapid and blitz 2400 and above by 1 January, 2018.

## 9. Lodging and Meal

All players and any kind of accompanying persons, including coaches are invited to stay in the official hotels of the European Women’s rapid and blitz chess championship.

4 \*\*\*\*\* "**Coste** "with Breakfast. Accommodation for per person per day costs:

Single	Double
80 Euro	90 Euro

Reservations and payments for the hotels must be made before February 1, 2018 (registration deadline).

## 10. Travel and visas

The Organizer will provide free transport services of all nominated participants from Tbilisi International Airport to the hotel – on 29 of March as well as the departure transfer - on 2 of April.

The EU, Russia, Turkey, Israel and almost all European countries citizens do not need Georgian visas. They will get free of charge stamp in Tbilisi airport.

Citizens of FYROM will get Georgian visas via evisa portal.

Anyway, if you are planning to participate, please, first check if you need the visa -

<https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/visaInformation?process=2>

If visa is necessary, please, take into account that you can get it online in 5 working days via visa portal. Please, do not postpone till the last moment.

<https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

Please, see video instructions as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLkzE98KpP>

## **11. Appeals Procedure**

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 €, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, 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. Additional regulations**

The ECU Dress code as in detail described in the ECU regulations, the Fide and ECU anti-cheating guidelines, Fide Code of Ethics and the ECU Fair Play Code are valid for all the European Championships.

## **13. Medical Service**

During the tournament, there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations. Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

## **14. Local Information**

- The standard voltage in Georgia is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is the Georgian Lari. 1EUR = 2,90 Lari 1USD = 2.5 Lari

## **15. Contact information**

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