



EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BATUMI (GEORGIA)

23 October – 3 November 2019

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Venue & Schedule

The championships will be held in 5 ***** hotel “Sheraton Batumi”

Wednesday	October 23		Arrival Day
Wednesday	October 23	20:00	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	October 23	22:00	Captain’s Meeting
Thursday	October 24	15:00	Round 1
Friday	October 25	15:00	Round 2
Saturday	October 26	15:00	Round 3
Sunday	October 27	15:00	Round 4
Monday	October 28	15:00	Round 5
Tuesday	October 29		Free Day
Wednesday	October 30	15:00	Round 6
Thursday	October 31	15:00	Round 7
Friday	November 1	15:00	Round 8
Saturday	November 2	15:00	Round 9
Saturday	November 2	21:30	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	November 3		Departure

Time of Ceremony is preliminary, changes are possible.

2. Participation & System and Rate of Play

- Each ECU member has the right to enter one team of four players and one reserve in the open competition and one team of four female players and one reserve in the women’s competition.
- The European Team Championship shall be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with one open section and one section for the women’s team, each considered as separate competitions. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with 30 seconds increment for every move played starting from the move on.

3. Registration & Fee

- **The deadline for the registration on Monday, 21 of August, 2019**
- The national federations are kindly requested to **fill the registration_accomodation_flight form** which can be found on the official website **www.euro2019.ge**
- Please, notice that registration form must be submitted by **the national federations** only.
- Team will not be registered until all their registration details have been **satisfactory submitted**.
- Not later than August 21, 2019, each participant federation shall confirm the exact team lists with all names.
- Late registrations: applications received after August 21, 2019 **may be refused** or be subjected to an additional entry fee (at least equal to the reimbursement of extra costs incurred by the organizers).
- For each participant/coach/accompanying person every national federation has to pay the registration fee of 100 Euro to the organizers. This fee is obligatory for all and includes registration and accreditation badges as also transportation from and to Batumi airport.
- The fee should be paid not later than August 21, 2019.

4. ECU Fee

- In accordance with ECU regulations, an entry feed of 260 Euro is required for each open national team and another 260 Euro for each women's national team.
- According to the ECU regulations, the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the competition.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the ECU:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH – 6301 Zug
Account number: 1835105-42
Holder: European Chess Union
National Bank Code: 4835
BIC: CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN Code: CH 3604 8351 054 2000

5. Visa Information

- About 90 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas, including the EU and almost all European countries, former Soviet Union countries including Russia, Israel, Turkey and many others. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi, Kutaisi or Tbilisi airport.
<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=25&lang=Eng>
- The rest of the countries needs Georgian visas.
<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=32&lang=Eng>
- The cost of visa is about 20 USD.
- Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 21 of August, 2019

6. Airport & Transportation

- The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **October 23rd** as well as the departure transfer on **November 3rd**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) is for each person 50 Euro.
- Travel price from Trabzon airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) is for each person 70 Euro.
- Travel price from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) is for each person 80 Euro.
- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.

7. Hotel and Meals

- Reservations will be done on the “thirst come first served” basis.
- According to the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU tournament regulations the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel for the championship. **Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.**
- Reservations and payments for the hotels must be made before August 21, 2019 (registration deadline).
- Accommodation with full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), for per person per day costs:

	Single	Double (each person)	Executive Double (each person)
Sheraton 5*	123	93	99
Inturist 5*	93	73	
Other Hotels 5*	88	67	

- Distance between Sheraton and Inturist is 400m.
- The Organizing Committee will not complete hotel booking until payments have been made to the organizers, not later than August 21, 2019.
- After this date, the advance payments are not refundable in case of cancellation.

8. Payments

- After the registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all necessary details for the bank payment.
- A sender must pay all bank commissions.

9. Prizes

- The First three teams in the open and women's sections will each receive cup and prize money 32 000 Euro in total. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal and diplomas. The members of the second and third-placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal and diplomas respectively.
- The best – performing players in the open and women's sections on each board (**totally 10 players**) will receive medals and prize money 4 000 Euro in total. Performance shall be calculated as per the ECU tournament rules. Second and third winners of both sections will receive silver and bronze medals.
- All players and team captains must take part in the opening and closing ceremonies. If a member of a prize – winning team (player or captain) is absent during the closing ceremony, the related money prize will be reduced by 20%, with a minimum of 100 Euro.
- The money prizes will be transferred to the bank accounts of the winning team's through ECU.

	Open Teams	Women Teams
I.	Euro 8000	Euro 8000
II.	Euro 5000	Euro 5000
III.	Euro 3000	Euro 3000

Board	Open Teams	Women Teams
I.	Euro 400	Euro 400
II.	Euro 400	Euro 400
III.	Euro 400	Euro 400
IV.	Euro 400	Euro 400
V.	Euro 400	Euro 400

10. Tie – Break System

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

- a. By the sum of Sonneborn – Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each points, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins; In case of two or more opponents with this same number of match point the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded.
- b. By the number of board points won, the highest number wins;
- c. By the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins;
- d. By the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

11. Special Competition Rules

- Players may only agree to draw after the 30 moves has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited.
- Any player who has not arrived at the board 15 minutes after the start of the session shall lose the game.
- All team captains shall be Fide licensed trainers.
- The appeal submission fee is set at two hundred euros (200 Euro).
- The chairman and 2 members of the Appeals Committee and Chief and deputy arbiters of the competition will be announced by ECU no later than 1 September 2019. Two more members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting by the team captains.

The ECU Dress Code as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sun glasses, hats-except for religious reasons etc. are not allowed).

The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the [FIDE Code of Ethics](#) and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations.

12. Contact Information

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