

15th European Senior Chess Championship

28 April - 8 May 2015 Eretria- Greece



1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the European Senior Individual Chess Championships for Men and Women. The championships will be held in Eretria, Greece on the island of Evia. The dates are 29 April 2015 (1st-round) to 7 May 2015 (last 9th-round and closing ceremony).

2. Playing Venue

The games will take place in the conference center of the 4-star "EretriaVillage" Hotel, near the ancient city of Eretria on the island of Evia, 95 km north of Athens airport. Eretria is an excellent recreation location, surrounded by pure natural beauty and nice beaches on the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean sea.

3. Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Program
April 28	Tuesday		Arrival
April 29	Wednesday	10:00	Technical Meeting
April 29	Wednesday	15:30	Opening Ceremony
April 29	Wednesday	16:00	Round 1
April 30	Thursday	16:00	Round 2
May 1	Friday	16:00	Round 3
May 2	Saturday	16:00	Round 4
May 3	Sunday	16:00	Round 5
May 4	Monday	16:00	Round 6
May 5	Tuesday	16:00	Round 7
May 6	Wednesday	16:00	Round 8
May 7	Thursday	14:00	Round 9
May 7	Thursday	21:00	Closing Ceremony
May 8	Friday		Departure

After consultations with ECU and the Organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

4. PARTICIPATION

2.1. The European Senior Chess Championship is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federations who have been born in the year 1965 or earlier, regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation. Applications have to be sent by the National federations or to be approved by the National federations.

2.2. In accordance with the ECU tournament rules, the Championship will be played in two categories: one for those who shall have reached the age of 50 (category SENIOR 50+), and one for those who shall have reached the age of 65 (category SENIOR 65+) by 31 December 2015.

2.3. Players who shall have reached the age of 65 by the 31st December 2015 are allowed to participate in the category SENIOR 50+ if they request it. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organized. There is also no limit of participants per federation.

5. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

5.1. The European Senior Chess Championship shall be played in 9 rounds following the Swiss System. Time control is 40 moves in 90 minutes and 30 minutes to the end of the game. The player will additionally receive 30 seconds for each move.

5.2. Women tournament will be played separately. If there are less than 10 participants 65+ then will be only one women tournament 50+ with separate prizes. If in total the women participants are less than 10 they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

5.3. In case of tiebreak ECU tournament regulations are valid

5.4. Default time at the start of all rounds will be 30 minutes.

6. CHIEF ARBITER - APPEALS

6.1. The Chief Arbiter will be announced in the end of January 2015. The Appeals Committee members will be announced or elected in the technical meeting

6.2. Protests against the 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 100 €, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. 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.

7. PRIZES

7.1. The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+50 receives the title "European Senior Chess Champion 2014 +50".

7.2. The winner of the World Senior Chess Championship+65 receives the title "European Senior Chess Champion 2014 +65".

7.3. The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+50 receives the title "European Senior Women Chess Champion 2014 +50".

7.4. The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+65 receives the title "European Senior Women Chess Champion 2014 +65".

7.5 Money Prizes

Rank	WSCC Open Senior 50+	WSCC Open Senior 65+	WSCC Women Senior 50+	WSCC Women Senior 65+
1.	1000€	1000€	600 €	600 €
2.	700€	700€	400€	400€
3.	500€	500€	300 €	300 €
4.	300€	300€		
5.	200€	200€		

Total Prize fund: 8.000 euros

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

7.6 The first 3 places will be awarded with cups and medals. Prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

8. QUALIFICATIONS TO WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2015 are qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging in single rooms) to the World Senior Championship 2016.

9. ENTRY FEES & REGISTRATION FEES

9.1. Registration fee: Each player, official and accompanying person shall pay **100 euros** as registration fee for the event. It includes registration, accreditation (entrance in playing hall) and transportation from and to Athens International Airport.

9.2. ECU fee: Each player has to pay **20 euros** as ECU entry fee.

10. ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

To be booked through the Organizing Committee and the co-operating Travel Agency. All the packages include:

- Accommodation for 10 nights per person,
- Breakfast & dinner,
- Free internet
- Free use of the hotel pools and sun umbrellas at the beach,
- Free access to the fitness center

3-STAR "HOLIDAYS IN EVIA" HOTEL

370 euros total per person in a double room HB for 10 nights with breakfast and dinner

490 euros total per person in a single room HB for 10 nights with breakfast and dinner

4-STAR "ERETRIA VILLAGE" HOTEL

470 euros total per person in a Double room HB for 10 nights with breakfast and dinner

630 euros total per person in a Single room HB for 10 nights with breakfast and dinner

Both hotels are in the same resort where the playing hall is located. Additional nights are possible upon request. The above offers and the upgrade offer for half board packages are guaranteed only for registrations and bookings up to 16th March. After the deadline of 16th March, rooms and full board upgrades may be offered at an increased cost and ONLY upon availability.

ALL INCLUSIVE OFFER

10 euros per day including the second meal and snacks, coffees and drinks in the restaurant and bars.

During meals in Main Restaurant soft drinks, draught beer & house wine.

At the Bars: an unlimited amount of soft drinks, draught beer & house wine, tea, filter coffee, ouzo & brandy.

11. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The organizer will provide transfers from Athens International airport. Every player and accompanied person must send in time all flight details for arrival and departure (number of flight, date and time for arrival and departure).

12. REGISTRATION/BOOKINGS

12.1. At the time of registration till **Monday 16th March 2015, the amount of 100 euros (registration fee) + 30% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank** for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of payments must be made upon arrival.

Bank: PIRAEUS BANK

Bank Swift Code (BIC): PIRBGRAAXXX

Account holder name: Helios Travel

Account number (IBAN): GR8101721560005156070881614

Bank address: 4 AMERIKIS STREET

12.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

13. VISA INFORMATION

Players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before March 16th 2015** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The O.C. has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

14. SIDE EVENTS

Excursions Program (on request) - Athens tour/Acropolis Museum

15. CONTACT INFORMATION

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