



EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

for school chess champions in categories

OPEN U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 / GIRLS U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

24 June - 03 July 2015, Konya - TURKEY

<http://esc2015.tsf.org.tr>

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The European Chess Union (E.C.U), and Turkish Chess Federation have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union and eligible players to the **European School Championships 2015** organised in Konya, Turkey from **24 June (arrivals)** to **03 July (departures)**.

2. PARTICIPATION – AGE LIMITS

2.1. Each National Federation or School Association or schools may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the **12 age groups**. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants, it will be merged with the same open age group category.

2.2. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age:

Of 7, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 2008 and after) – Tournament Under 7;
Of 9, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 2006 and after) – Tournament Under 9;
Of 11, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 2004 and after) – Tournament Under 11;
Of 13, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 2002 and after) – Tournament Under 13;
Of 15, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 2000 and after) – Tournament Under 15;
Of 17, by 1st January 2015 (date of birth – January 1st, 1998 and after) – Tournament Under 17;

Upon arrival, captains or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for verification of age eligibility.

2.3. Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the participants, federations, schools and their Sponsors. Delegations of players must be accompanied at least by one adult (chief, coach or parent), who is taking care about the travel details.

3. ENTRY - FEES

3.1. **A organization fee of 100 euros per participant** (players, officials, trainers, media, etc.) should be paid directly to the Organizing Committee.

3.2. **ECU entry fee:** In accordance with the ECU regulations, an ECU entry fee of 20 EUR is required for each player. National Federations should send this amount directly to the ECU Bank account.

ECU bank account:
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

3.3. Participants from the European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 1.10) are excluded from the organization fee, & their airport transfer will be free of charge.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry forms must be sent by the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **Friday 1 May 2015**. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation.

4.2 The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number **of the Chief of Delegation**.

4.3 Transfers will be provided from Konya Airport, Bus Station or Railway Station free of charge.
International Airport of Konya there are daily 16 flights from Istanbul and also 2 flights from European Cities.

4.4 At the time of registration by **Friday 1 May 2015**, the amount of **100 euros (organization fee) + 30% of the total accommodation** cost must be transferred to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of the payments must be made upon arrival.

Bank: Turkiye Is Bankasi
Branch Name: Ankara
Bank Swift Code (BIC): ISBKTRISXXX
Account holder name: Turkiye Satranc Federasyonu
Account number (IBAN): TR500006400000242003881023
Bank address: Ulus - Ankara

5. VENUE - ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation and board will be provided **at Rixos Konya Hotel (5 star) Playing Hall in the Rixos Hotel. Rixos Hotel has 228 rooms.**

5.2 **Every player is obliged to lodge at the official hotel.** Every accompanying person that requests a visa from the Organizing Committee is obliged to lodge at the official hotels. Bookings are made **only through the Organizing Committee** (through registrations and bookings forms).

5.3 Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost per person for 9 - 10 nights** (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner in buffet): For 11 nights or more nights add the charge of one or more nights.

A. Rixos Hotel

Room Prices F/B (3 meals) - (All Inclusive without alcohol)	Rixos Hotel *****		
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 9 nights	COST PER PERSON for 10 nights	Extra Nights PER PERSON Per day (3 meals)
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	792 €	880 €	88 €
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	540 €	600 €	60 €
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	495 €	550 €	55 €

Kids 0-3 years old- free of charge
Mini bar in the room at an extra charge

Special Discount for Small Nations: %20 reduced price.

The rates include: A. Full board (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner in buffet)
B. Wireless Internet,
C. Fitness Center, Sauna, Turkish Bath

Additional free coffee break will be provided to all players on the tournament venue.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 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 1.

6.2 Communication between players (the offer of draw) is forbidden until the 40th move has been played.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Rules are valid and the tournament will be FIDE rated

Wednesday	June 24 th	Arrival of Participants
		21:00 Technical Meeting
Thursday	June 25 th	16:00 Round 1
Friday	June 26 th	10:00 Round 2
		17:00 Round 3
Saturday	June 27 th	16:00 Round 4
Sunday	June 28 th	16:00 Round 5
Monday	June 29 th	Free Day
Tuesday	June 30 th	10:00 Round 6
		17:00 Round 7
Wednesday	July 01 st	16:00 Round 8
Thursday	July 02 nd	10:00 Round 9
		16:30 Closing ceremony
Friday	July 03 th	Departures

8. PRIZES – TITLES

8.1 The first European winner in each open age category is the European School Champion for 2015 and the first European girl in each girl age category is the European Girl School Champion for 2015. They will be awarded with trophies and special diplomas.

8.2 Qualifications:

The 6 first winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 6 Girl winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) according to FIDE regulations will **play as invited players** in the 2016 World School Chess Championships in Tunisia

8.3. GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES

6 open Champions (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2016 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
6 Girl Champions (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2016 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
Position 2-3 in each Category	Chess Gifts (chess books, chess sets)	Trophies
Position 4-6 in each category	Chess Gifts (chess books, chess sets)	Medals

8.4. SPECIAL PRIZES (total 10)

1 st player born 2006 (U9) 1 st girl born 2006 (GU9)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2004 (U11) 1 st girl born 2004 (GU11)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2002 (U13) 1 st girl born 2002 (GU13)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2000 (U15) 1 st player born 2000 (GU15)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 1998 (U17) 1 st player born 1998 (GU17)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS

8.5. TEAM PRIZES (total 3)

Three special trophies for country or school delegations of 5 participants, which will play at least in 3 age groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

8.6. Special Diplomas of participation for all players

9. SIDE EVENTS

- **Blitz tournament for coaches and accompanying persons;**
- **Seminar for FIDE Arbiters**
- **Seminar for FIDE Trainers**

10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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11. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before Friday 1 May 2015** and apply on time to Turkish 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.