



31st European Chess Club Cup
20th European Chess Club Cup for Women
Skopje, 17-25 October 2015

REGULATIONS



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1 Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 31st European Club Cup and the 20th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Skopje, FYR of Macedonia. The dates are 17th October (arrival and opening) to 25th October 2015 (departure).

2 Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup are the "ECU Tournament Rules" For the European Women's Club Cup 2015 ECU Board waives a number of restrictions.

Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- SOCAR, Azerbaijan, the current cup holder in the open competition.
- Batumi Chess Club "Nona", Georgia, the current women club cup holder.
- Two (2) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or one (1) club per federation in which no national team championship is organized.
- The third club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organized provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE rating over 2600 have participated in this national team championship.
- One additional club (only in open competition) for the European federations which are ranked in the first five places of the Federation ranking list. These federations are Azerbaijan, Italy, Russia, Czech Republic and Belarus.
- Any additional request for participation should be examined by the ECU Board.
- **In the Women competition all the clubs members of ECU Federations are allowed to participate. Clubs shall be registered only through the National chess Federations.**

3 ECU Fees

- In accordance with ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 Euros per participating club of the open competition and 200 Euros per participating club of the women competition in the ECU Bank account.
- According to the ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1), the entry fee to ECU shall be paid by the federations before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.
- The ECU account is as follows:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

4 Application, Registration

- Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee before **July 01, 2015** of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to the Tournament Director Mr. **Petr Pisk** , e-mail: petr.pisk@centrum.cz
- Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office email marjan.mitkov@gambit.com.mk no later than **August 01, 2015**, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation, also by official email. **August 01 2015** is the registration deadline. In entry form the basic team composition must be written.
- The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club. The Organizing Committee will contact each of the Teams to confirm the registration and booking.
- Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to Tournament Director.
- All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.
- A registration fee of 100 Euros for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes accreditation, badges and transfer from Skopje airport to the official hotels & venue and administrative costs of accommodation booking. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.
- Any other person (not player or captain) who wants to be transferred from the airport to hotels, and wants help getting accommodation, wants to get an accreditation badge, will also have to pay 100 Euros.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE OPEN COMPETITION

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes that are not in accordance with the ECU Club Cup Tournament Rules, each federation has to send a copy of the club list(s) as entered for the respective national team competition to the Tournament Director.

5 Travel details

Transfer from Skopje airport to the official hotels & venue will be provided by the Organizing Committee. These transport services will be available on 16-17 October (arrival) and on 25-26 October (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

6 Lodging and meals

Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organizer. Kindly see point 16 Official Hotels.

7 Payments

By the registration deadline (no later than 01 August 2015), the registration fee of 100 Euros per person plus a non-refundable deposit of 30% for all costs of each club should be transferred to the following bank account to confirm registrations and bookings. Before 20th September 2015 the 100% of all costs must be paid:

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Chess Club „Gambit Asseco SEE“

Address: „Nikola Parapunov“ 1-3m, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Bank Swift code (BIC): KOBSMK2X

Bank name: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje

IBAN: MK07300701002470848

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.

8 Trophies and Prize Fund

- The first 3 teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning club (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.
- For the best placed clubs in the open competition, prizes to the value of 31.000 Euros will be provided. For the best placed clubs in the women competition, prizes to the value of 14.000 Euros will be provided. For the best board individual results in open and woman sections medals and prizes in material will be provided.
- The total prizes value of 45.000 Euros will be distributed as follows:

	OPEN (30.000 EUR)	WOMEN (14.000 EUR)
1st place	12.000 EUR	7.000 EUR
2nd place	9.000 EUR	4.000 EUR
3rd place	6.000 EUR	2.000 EUR
4th place	3.000 EUR	1.000 EUR

In addition, an individual prize of 1.000,- will be given to the player with the best performance from a “small nations” club.

9 Tournament Hall

The event will be held in the 5* hotel Aleksandar Palace.

10 Schedule

The schedule for the event is presented in the table as follows:

Date	Hours	Activity
Saturday 17 October		Arrivals
Saturday 17 October	19:30	Opening ceremony *
Sunday 18 October	15:00	1 st round
Monday 19 October	15:00	2 nd round
Tuesday 20 October	15:00	3 rd round
Wednesday 21 October	15:00	4 th round
Thursday 22 October	15:00	5 th round
Friday 23 October	15:00	6 th round
Saturday 24 October	15:00	7 th round
Saturday 24 October	22:00	Closing ceremony
Sunday 25 October		Departures

*The Captain’s Meeting will take place 15 minutes after the Opening Ceremony.

Teams which are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired according to the decision of the ECU Board.

11 Basic competition rules

- The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.
- According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control 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.
- Players may only agree to a draw after the 40th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 40th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12 Additional competition rules

- The default time is 15 minutes.
- Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.
- During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.
- Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the playing session.
- 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 closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.
- As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F1.2 will be followed strictly.
 - The teams shall be composed of six (6) players and two (2) reserves all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those who are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized.
 - **If a participating club wants to include a player who does not fulfill the requirements of article F1.2 the club has to pay an amount of 2.500,00 Euro to the ECU.** These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of the teams and the extra fee has to be paid to the ECU Bank account before the start of the competition. In the open competition no more than two players, may be replaced.

- Players, who are considered as foreigners according to F1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.
- **For the women competition the teams shall be composed of four (4) players and (1) reserve. The ECU Board waived any restriction for the teams' composition for the year 2015. The National federations shall register the clubs and have the right to deny any registration. The extra players' fee of 1000 euros for the women's club cup 2015 is waived.**
- Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.
- No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition
- The ECU Rule related to dress code - Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition
- We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.
- The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

13 Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2015 is Mr. Petr Pisk (CZE). The Chairman of Appeals Committee and the Chief Arbitrator of the competition will be announced no later than 1st September 2015. Four members of the Appeals Committee will be elected during the captains meeting by the team captains.

14 Entry visa

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 1st August 2015 and apply on time to the respective FYR of Macedonia embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

15 Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2015 is
<http://www.europeanchessclubcup2015.com>

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16 Official Hotels

Rates per person · Full Board (in Euro)		Single Room	Double Room
Aleksandar Palace	5 stars	93	75
TCC Granda Plaza	5 stars	89	69
Karpos	4 stars	79	59
Continental	4 stars	79	59
Royal	4 stars	79	59
Vergina	3 stars	59	42

Details for the hotels can be found on the website as follows:

<http://www.europeanchessclubcup2015.com/information-accomodation.php>