

EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

for school chess champions in categories

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

16 - 26 June 2016, Kassandra @ Halkidiki GREECE



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The European Chess Union (E.C.U) and the International School Chess Union (I.S.C.U.) have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union and eligible players in the **European School Championships 2016** organised in Halkidiki, Greece from **16 June (arrivals)** to **26 June (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 is less than 10 participants then 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 07, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 2009 and after) – Tournament Under 07;

Of 09, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 2007 and after) – Tournament Under 09;

Of 11, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 2005 and after) – Tournament Under 11;

Of 13, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 2003 and after) – Tournament Under 13;

Of 15, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 2001 and after) – Tournament Under 15;

Of 17, by 1st January 2016 (date of birth: 1 January 1999 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 from 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 FEE

3.1. ECU entry fee: In accordance with the ECU regulations, an ECU entry fee of 20 euros is required for each player. It shall be paid directly to the European Chess Union (Bank: Credit Suisse, IBAN: CH3604835183510542000, SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZXXX, Holder name: European Chess Union) before the start of the 2nd round.

3.2. The registration fee is 30 euros per person and is included in the accommodation packages.

3.3. Participants from the European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 1.10) have a 50% discount in registration and transportation fees.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entries must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Tournament Director not later than **Monday, 18 April 2016**. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation for information and approval.

4.2 The complete registration of each delegation must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure 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 The cost of **bus transportation from Thessaloniki international airport** (80 km) to the tournament hotels including return on the departure day is 60 euros per person.

4.4 All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after **a deposit payment of 150 euros per person**, within a week after the deadline of 18 April 2016, to the official Travel Agency "AT Holidays" through the instructions on the event website <http://www.euroschools2016.org> The receipt of the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organising Committee. The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

4.5. Bank charges must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the start of the 2nd round.

5. VENUE – ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation and board will be provided at the **4-star Athos Palace hotel**, the **4-star Pallini Beach hotel** and the **3-star hotel Macedonian Sun**. All official hotels are in walking distance next to each other on the beach, within the G-Hotels Resort where the games will take place.

5.2 **Every participant is obliged to lodge at the official hotels**. 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 Organising Committee (through the registration and booking form).

5.3 Hotel payments must be paid in euros (EUR). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations are not possible after Monday, 18 April 2016.

5.4 Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons to be registered and booked only through the Organising Committee (includes accommodation for 10 nights per person, daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, free use of the hotel pools and the registration fee of 30 euros):

PALLINI BEACH – ATHOS PALACE 4-star

- **550 euros total per person in a triple or 4 beds room (family suite) for 10 nights**
- **600 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights**
- **820 euros total per person in a single room for 10 nights**

MACEDONIAN SUN 3-star

- **500 euros total per person in a triple or 4 beds room (family suite) for 10 nights**
- **540 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights**

- Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.
- Children 0-3 years old are free of charge in their parent's room.
- Deluxe Suites are available upon request in the nearby 5-star hotel Theophano Imperial Palace.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The tournament will be played under the ECU Tournament Regulations and FIDE Rules and will be FIDE rated. 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. Default time is 15 minutes for each rounds.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Thursday	16 June	Arrival of Delegations
Thursday	16 June	Technical Meeting 21:00
Friday	17 June	Round 1 at 16:00
Saturday	18 June	Round 2 at 16:00
Sunday	19 June	Round 3 at 16:00
Monday	20 June	Round 4 at 16:00
Tuesday	21 June	Round 5 at 16:00
Wednesday	22 June	Round 6 at 16:00
Thursday	23 June	Round 7 at 16:00
Friday	24 June	Round 8 at 16:00
Saturday	25 June	Round 9 at 10:00
Saturday	25 June	Closing ceremony 16:30
Sunday	26 June	Departures

8. PRIZES – TITLES

8.1 The first European winner in each open age category is the European School Champion for 2016 and the first European girl in each girl age category is the European Girl School Champion for 2016. 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 World School Chess Championships 2017 in Iasi, Romania.

8.3. GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES

6 open Champions (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2017 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
6 Girl Champions (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2017 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
Position 2-3 in each Category	Chess Gifts	Trophies
Position 4-6 in each category	Chess Gifts	Medals

8.4. **SPECIAL PRIZES (total 10)**

1 st player born 2008 (U9) 1 st girl player born 2008 (GU9)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2006 (U11) 1 st girl player born 2006 (GU11)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2004 (U13) 1 st girl player born 2004 (GU13)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2002 (U15) 1 st girl player born 2002 (GU15)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2000 (U17) 1 st girl player born 2000 (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 ages groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

8.6. Special Diplomas of participation for all players

9. SIDE EVENTS

- **Excursions Program**
- **Solving Competition**
- **Seminars**

10. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before **Monday 18 April 2016** 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 on late or not complete applications.

11. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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