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Dear Mr. President,
Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Austrian Chess Federation submits the following proposal to the upcoming ECU Congress in Baku (AZE).

Change of the System of the European Individual Championships

Preamble

The experience of the last years shows that it is difficult for players to achieve norms in the European Individual Championships. In the competitions for rapid and blitz the high number of participants (often 600 and more) lead to a big number of tied players in the first ranks. The medals are won by the players who are luckier in the ties. Often winners of medals do not even play against each other.


We believe that a system is needed that allows the top players to have more encounters against each other and helps other players to achieve norms by avoiding playing against players without rating or with low rating. The combination with the European Amateur Championships shall help the organizers to get the number of players they hope to get.

Proposal

The Austrian Chess Federation proposes the following system for the European Individual Championships in classical chess, rapid and blitz.

- 1) In a European Individual Championship all national champions have the right to play and all players with an actual rating of 2300 at least.
- 2) Jointly with the European Championship shall be organized European Amateur Championships of the categories under 2300, under 2000 and under 1700.
- 3) In a European Individual Women Championship all national champions have the right to play and all players with an actual rating of 2100 at least.
- 4) Jointly with the European Championship can be held European Amateur Women Championships in the categories under 2100, under 1900 and under 1700.

With best regards,


Kurt Jungwirth
President

