

### Inspection of Sochi, Russia for the European Club Cup 2019 (Open, Women).

<b>Date for championship:</b>	5. – 13. 10. 2019	<b>Federation:</b>	Russia
<b>Inspector:</b>	Petr Pisk	<b>Inspection Date:</b>	28. - 30. 6. 2017
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**Sochi is** is one of the southernmost places of Russia and the second-largest city of Krasnodar Krai, located along the Black Sea coast. It is one of the very few places in Russia with a subtropical climate, with warm to hot summers and mild winters. Sochi is often called the unofficial 'Summer Capital' of Russia, or the Black Sea Pearl. This is the country's biggest and busiest summer sea resort, attracting many millions visitors annually with its amazing mountainous coastline, endless shingle beaches, warm sunny days, and bustling nightlife. Sochi became world-known by organizing XXII Winter Olympics 2014, which were followed two weeks later by the Winter Paralympic Games.

Basis of the inspection was the official bid of the Russian Chess Federation from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

#### Tournament halls:

##### Exhibition Center, located in Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina \*\*\*\*

The size of the playing hall is 1530 m<sup>2</sup>, there are 8 toilets for men and 7 for women, light condition is sufficient. There are foyer, lobby and ten other rooms near the main playing hall (all together another 1600 m<sup>2</sup>), which can be used for the event. There were already played events on the same basis as competition in the bid, which is highly supported by the hotel management.

#### Quality of hotels

**Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina \*\*\*\*** is a huge hotel (70 000 m<sup>2</sup> of hotel area), which was renovated before Winter Olympics 2014. The sea is next to the hotel, which has private beach with the capacity of 2000 pax and own security. There is outdoor 50m swimming pool with permanent heated sea water + 27° C. Sauna, fitness, massage rooms, tennis courts, own medical floor etc. is prepared for the guests. The hotel has their own Internet system which is working well in the whole complex. Parking - for hotel guests is free of charge. There is over 900 hotel rooms with private balconies & offer their guests air-conditioning, fridge & safe deposit : 790x Standard rooms (17 m<sup>2</sup>, 110 EUR single room - 80 EUR person in a double room per night), plus higher types of rooms: Suites (36 m<sup>2</sup>), Junior suites (36 m<sup>2</sup>), Suites see view (36 m<sup>2</sup>), Business suites see view (54 m<sup>2</sup>), Apartmen (120m<sup>2</sup>). In each floor there is a relax zone. Buffet menu will be served in large restaurants with breakfast, lunch and dinner, special meals for vegetarian or people with special needs.

Organizer are ready to provide 2\*/3\* hotels in case of need of the teams (max. 5 minutes by walk from the Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina \*\*\*\*).

**Airport connections:**

Sochi - **Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina \*\*\*\*** can be reached by airport Sochi (25km) or railway station (3km).

**Conclusion:**

The bid of the Russian Chess Federation corresponds to the standard of a top class chess event.

The hotel has high standard, playing hall is excellent. Taking into account that playing hall is a part of the hotel, the temperature in time of the event should be around +25° C, it is obvious that Sochi will be a very good venue for this championship.

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