

Inspection of Bergen for the European Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2020

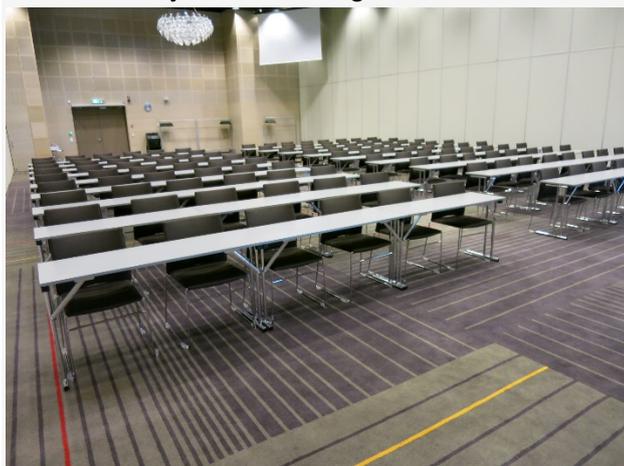
Date for championship:	19.6. – 21.6.2020	Federation:	Norway
Inspector:	Kurt Gretener	Inspection Date:	03.07.2018
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Bergen is a city and municipality in Hordaland on the west coast of Norway. At the end of the first quarter of 2017, the municipality's population was 280,221 and the Bergen metropolitan region has about 420,000 inhabitants. Bergen is the second-largest city in Norway. The municipality covers 465 square kilometres (180 sq mi) and is on the peninsula of Bergenshalvøyen

Basis of the inspection was the official bid of the Norwegian Youth Chess Federation from 30. April 2018

Tournament hall:

Hotel "Quality Edvard Grieg".



The size of the playing hall is 938 sqm. The light condition is sufficient. Next to the playing hall there are 6+6 toilets for men and 12 for women. Two tables will be added together 90*140cm. There are rooms available that could be used for analysis, journalist and tournament office. The playing hall and the hotel are located in the same building.

Airport connections:

Bergen Airport Flesland can be reached by car in 7 min (3.9 km).

Quality of hotels:

Hotel "Quality Edvard Grieg". 4****

The Quality Hotel Edvard Grieg is located just 5 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes from central Bergen.

Buffet menu will be served in both hotels with breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.



Additional information/remarks:

The organizer discussed the matter of high prizes with the hotel sales manager. They are able to reduce the room and the food prices somewhat. But this is dependent on two conditions.

- 1)** No Bergen travel card offer (which you obviously won't award anyway - and it is a lot of money).
- 2)** Prices will be reduced from from 203.000 NOK to 120.000 NOK (12.7000 euro). Still there would be a lot of prizes left. Of course both money and goods.

If this is okay, the hotel offers:

Full board (buffet):

- Per person in a single room per day NOK 1360,-
- Per person in a double room per day NOK 1025,- (108 euro)
- Per person in a triple room per day NOK 930,-

Bed and breakfast:

- Per person in a single room NOK 820,-
- Per person in a double room NOK 535,-
- Per person in a triple room NOK 440,-

And last, but not least:

Single meal: 220 NOK (instead of 350). It's a fixed price independent to inflation.

1.0 EUR = **9.437416** NOK (05.07.2018)

Important:

Norwegian Youth Chess Federation will organize this Rapid and Blitz tournament only, if they get the School Chess Championship 2020 too.

Conclusion:

The bid of the Norwegian Youth Chess Federation corresponds to the standard of a top class chess event. Bergen will be a good venue for this tournament.

05. July 2018

Kurt Grotenor