



18th European Senior Chess Championship

3-13 August 2018 Drammen – Norway

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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 European Senior Individual Chess Championships for Men and Women (Fide zones 1.1 to 1.10)

2. Venue

The European Senior Chess Championship will be held in Drammen, Norway from August 3 (day of arrival) until August 13 (day of departure) 2018. The tournament will be held in Scandic Ambassadeur, a traditional hotel along the Drammen river, next to the Drammen Fjord, and within short distance of Oslo. This hotel is only 50 meters from the train station with great connection possibilities to Oslo and Oslo Airport.



3. Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Program
August 3	Friday		Arrival
August 4	Saturday	10.00	Technical Meeting
		14.30	Opening Ceremony
		15.00	Round 1
August 5	Sunday	15.00	Round 2
August 6	Monday	15.00	Round 3
August 7	Tuesday	15.00	Round 4
August 8	Wednesday	15.00	Round 5
August 9	Thursday	15.00	Round 6
August 10	Friday	15.00	Round 7
August 11	Saturday	15.00	Round 8
August 12	Sunday	15.00	Round 9
		20.00	Closing Ceremony
August 13	Monday		Departure

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

4. Participation

- 4.1 The European Senior Chess Championship is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federations which comprise European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10) who have been born in the year 1968 or earlier, regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation. Applications have to be sent by the National federations or to be approved by the National federations.
- 4.2 In accordance with the ECU tournament rule the Championship will be played in two categories: one for those who shall have reached the age of 50 (category SENIOR 50+), and one for those who shall have reached the age of 65 (category SENIOR 65+).
- 4.3 Players who have reached the age of 65 by the 31st December 2018 are allowed to participate in the category SENIOR 50+ if they request it. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organized. There is also no limit of participants per federation.

5. System and rate of play

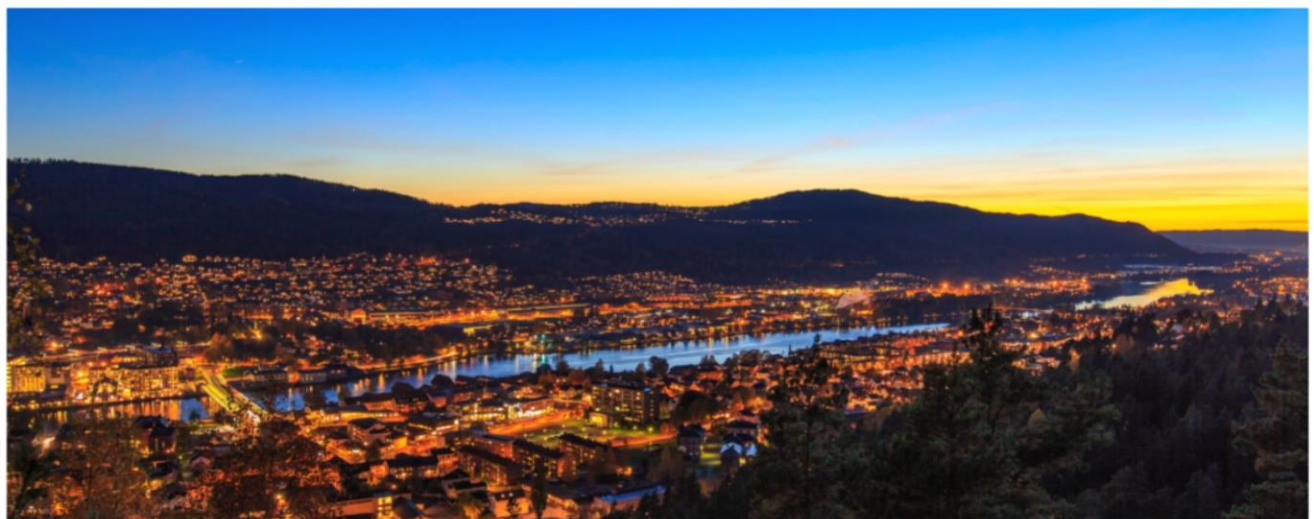
- 5.1 The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.
- 5.2 Women tournament will be played separately. If in total the women participants are less than nine they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.
- 5.3 In case of tiebreak ECU tournament regulations are valid
- 5.4 Default time at the start of all rounds will be 15 minutes.

6. Ranking & Tie-Break System

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players
(applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The greater number of wins.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Competition Rules shall be applied.



7. Chief Arbiter – Appeals

7.1 The Chief Arbiter will be announced before 1 May 2018.

7.2 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

8. Prizes

8.1 The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2018 +50”.

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8.3 The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2018 +50”.

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8.5 Money prizes:

Rank	ESCC – Open Senior 50+	ESCC – Open Senior 65+	ESCC Women Senior 50+	ESCC Women Senior 65+
1	1000 €	1000 €	650 €	650 €
2	750 €	750 €	450 €	450 €
3	600 €	600 €	300 €	300 €
4	450 €	450 €		
5	350 €	350 €		
6	250 €	250 €		
7	200 €	200 €		

Total Prize fund: 10.000 EUR

A player can get one prize only. According to the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then: his/her money prize will be reduced by 20 % with a minimum of 100 €. Any other prize (medal, trophy ...) will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100€ has not been paid. The money will be forfeited to ECU.

8.6 The first 3 places will be awarded with cups and medals.

9. Qualifications to World Senior Championships

According to FIDE Handbook D.03.7, the top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2018 are qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging) to the World Senior Championship 2019.

The Organizer (Norwegian Chess Federation) does not guarantee this, and if the regulations are changed at a later time, does not bear any financial or other responsibilities for this.

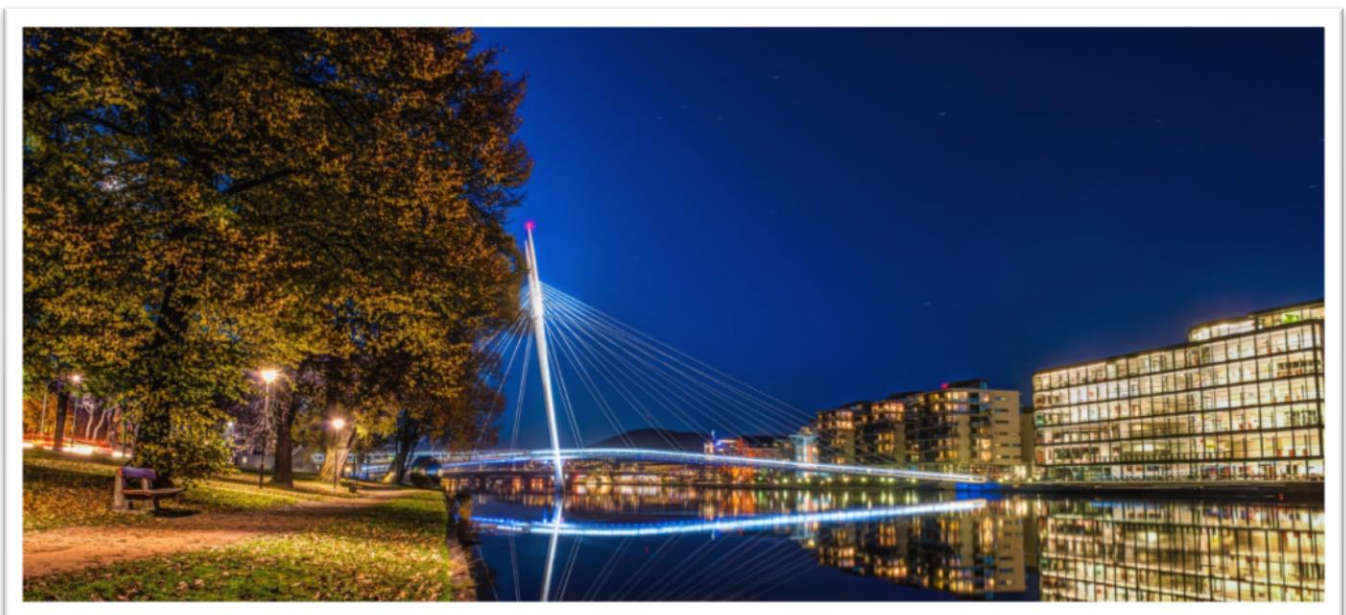
10. Entry fee and Organization fee

10.1 The organization fee for European Senior Chess Championship is € 100 for all the participants.

Organization fee includes:

- Free water, coffee and tea for players in the playing hall during the rounds
- Free wifi in the official hotel
- Accreditation.
- Transport to/from Oslo Airport (Gardermoen) to the hotel and playing venue

10.2 In accordance with ECU regulations, a € 20 ECU entry fee is required for each player for European Senior Chess Championship. The payment of this fee shall be done at the same time as the organization fee.



11. Accommodation

To be booked through the Organizing Committee. 4 Star “Scandic Ambassadeur Drammmen”

ROOM	PRICE PER NIGHT PER PERSON
Single + full pension	125 €
Double + full pension	105 €

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank account of the Norwegian Chess Federation. Accommodation fees must be transferred not later than 25th of June 2018.

The organizer offers only **Scandic Ambassadeur Drammen** as an official playing hotel. However, if players wish to use other accommodation arrangements, such as cabins or camping sites, the following sites can be useful:

- www.ramton.no (about 25 KM for the playing venue)
- www.hokksund-camping.no/hytter/ (about 20 KM from the playing venue)
- www.drammencamping.no/priser (about 10 KM from the playing venue)

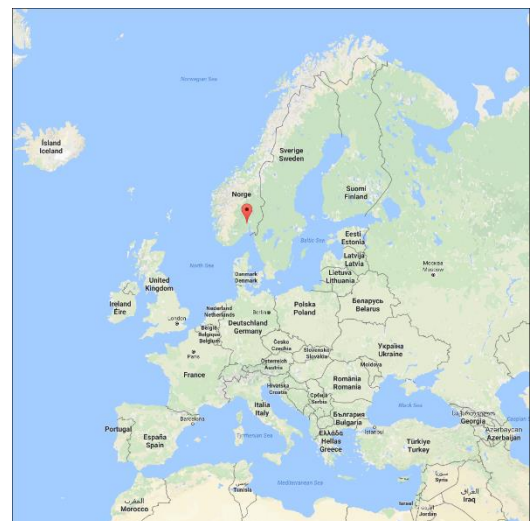
12. Travel

The closest airport is Oslo Lufthavn Gardermoen (OSL) with hundreds of international flights every day. Transfer from this airport (OSL) to the playing venue is covered by the organization fee.

13. Payment

The ECU fee (20€), organization fee (100€) and accommodation must be paid to the following account:

BENEFICIARY'S BANK:	DNB Bank ASA
BENEFICIARY CUSTOMER NAME:	Norges Sjakkforbund Sandakerveien 24D 0473 OSLO, NORWAY
BANK ACCOUNT:	7877.05.64610
IBAN:	NO54 7877 0564 610
SWIFT:	DNBANOKKXXX



The ECU fee and organization fee (€120 in total) must be paid at the time of registering. Accommodation fees must be transferred no later than 25th of June 2018.

Alle relevant bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the deficit will be charged and must be paid in full before the end of the second round.

14. Visas

The citizens of the following countries are exempt from requirement to obtain a visa to enter Norway (see information about [visiting Norway without a Visa](#)):

Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Vatican City.

This also includes the following countries, as long as the visitor holds a biometric passport:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia (The passport cannot be issued by MUP R Srbije, Koordinaciona Uprava)

Holders of all other national passports and travel documents, including UN Laissez-Passer, are required to obtain an entry visa. This includes:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Monaco, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine.

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visa are requested to contact the organizer by 30th May 2018. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are done.

15. Registration

Registration is done online on the website:
<http://www.eschess2018.com/registration/>

16. Contact information

Organizer: The Norwegian Chess Federation
e-mail: nsf@sjakk.no
tel: (+47) 22 15 12 41

17. Local Currency

Local currency is Norwegian Krone.
1 EUR is approximately 9,5 Norwegian Krone.



Welcome to Norway,
Home of the World Champion!

3. to 13. August 2018

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