16th EUROPEAN UNION
YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP U8 - U14

under the patronage of the European Chess Union

Kouty nad Desnou, August 6th – 15th, 2018

General regulations

1. Invitation
The Czech Chess Federation has the honor of inviting your Chess Federation to participate in the European Union Youth Chess Championship 2018 in Kouty nad Desnou.

2. Participation
Only players based in the EU member countries are allowed to participate. Each Federation can register to the tournament one player, a boy or a girl, in each of the categories - under 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. The player has to be registered as a player by the respective Federation on January 1st, 2018. Boys and girls will play in the same tournament, but with two separate scores. So we will have two European Union Youth Champions, one for the girls and one for the boys. Additional (extra) players can also be registered. All participants including parents, coaches, observers and relatives are obliged to stay in official hotels. Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.

3. Registration - Conditions of participation
Registration forms must be sent back no later than June 30th, 2018 by email. Registration has to include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE or National rating of each player. We also need the telephone, email/fax number of the delegation head and of the person in charge of the federation. Please use the registration form enclosed. All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federation. Each player (invited or extra) and the invited coach has to pay the amount of EUR 75 to the Organizing Committee in advance.

4. Accommodation and meals
All participants will be accommodated in a *** Hotel Dlouhe Strane in Kouty nad Desnou. Accommodation is provided for all participants from Monday 6th August (dinner) to Wednesday 15th August (lunch). The organizer shall ensure nominated players and coach accommodation in double and triple rooms for free. Accommodation costs for additional (extra) players and accompanying persons for full board per day: in double and triple room: EUR 48 per person, in a single room: EUR 56 per person. Served lunch and dinner – chose from 3 variant Payments for all other players and accompanying persons must be paid in advance based on a proforma invoice.

5. Transfer from airport/railway station
The international airport Ostrava - Mosnov is located 150 km from the hotel. The railway station Sumperk is located 20 km from the hotel. The railway station Olomouc is located 80 km from the hotel. For the participants, the organizer will ensure bus-transfer from Ostrava – Mosnov airport and/or Sumperk railway station and/or eventually another place. The organizer will provide information about the exact time and place of the bus departure in advance. The participants will be informed also about the price of the transport in an e-mail sent by the organizer. The organizer will help to arrange the transport of the participants to the European Youth Chess Championship in Prague.

6. Payments
Organization fees and accommodation payments must reach organizer’s account no later than on the 30th June. Bank: Ceska sporitelna, a.s., Komenskeho 240, CZ – 582 91 Svetla nad Sazavou Account number: 1940809293/0800
7. Tournament hall and meeting point on arrival
Cultural Hall Hotel Dlouhe Strane Kouty nad Desnou.
Kouty nad Desnou is located 150 km from Ostrava.
Hotel Dlouhe Strane is located in calm nature of the Jeseniky Mountains - 600 m above sea level. The hotel provides large sport and cultural background. Among others there are bowling, swimming pool, whirlpool bath and sauna.

8. Schedule
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9. Rules and regulations
The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. The rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 90 min for the whole game + 30 sec increase for each move played.
Tiebreaks: Results of direct encounters between the tied players, Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, the greater number of games played with black, the greater number of wins.
Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

10. Chief arbiter
Ing. Petr Zárub, IA

11. Organizing Committee
Chairman: Viktor Novotny, chairman of the Czech Chess Federation
Tournament director: Zdenek Fiala, chairman of the Youth Commission of the Czech Chess Federation

12. Prizes
The first three players from each category will receive championship trophies, medals and diplomas. Every player of each category will receive commemorative championship medal and a diploma. Furthermore, players will receive prizes. The winners of each tournament receive a laptop, other medalists will receive a digital clock. Prizes will receive at least the first six players of each category. The total value of the prize fund will be at least 6,000 Euro. Girls in each category will be evaluated separately.

13. Miscellaneous
The first 30 boards of each tournament will be broadcasted online. On-line transmissions include at least 120 games. Webcast will be screened in the hall of the hotel. Viewers will be able to watch webcast online in organizer’s website. In the hotel, internet wi-fi access is provided free of charge. Results will be updated continuously during rounds. Day snacks will be available all day in the hotel restaurant. The organizer will ensure the rich chess and non-chess entertainment, from which all participants can choose (simultaneous, chess competitions, social evenings, trips, excursions, etc.).