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A. Preface

The first version of the Tournament Rules was accepted by the 2001 General Assembly of the European Chess Union in Leon (Spain). Changes were approved by General Assemblies thereafter. The current version was accepted by the General Assembly 2019 in Batumi (Georgia) and is valid from 1st January 2020.

All interested organisers (federations, clubs,...) should first start reading the general rules and then the specific rules for one of the ECU competitions. Thereafter bids can be put forward according to the procedure described in the relevant chapter.

Organisers should bear in mind that the rules of a given tournament are composed of the General Tournament Regulations and the Specific Tournament Rules and therefore both should be distributed to participants!

In these Rules the words "he", "him" and "his" include "she" and "her".

B. General Tournament Regulations

B.1. Participation

B.1.1 A European Chess Union (abbreviated hereinafter to "ECU") chess federation is a federation that belongs to one of the FIDE Zones 1.1 to 1.10 which have principal authority over chess activities in their own countries and which have been admitted to ECU as member-federations.

B.1.2 All ECU Chess Federations shall have the right to participate in the European Individual and Team Competitions, irrespective of gender or age.

B.1.2.1 Women or girls competitions are exclusively for female players. Female players are allowed to participate in any competition.

B.1.3 All players participating in the European Individual and Team Championships must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalisation to represent their Federation.

The rules of eligibility for participation in ECU events follow the FIDE Handbook Chapter C.05.

B.1.3.1 Players in the European Club Cups shall have the right to participate for a club which belongs to another ECU federation than their own on the condition that they fulfil the rules regarding foreigners of this ECU competition.

B.1.4 Players not belonging to an ECU chess federation shall have the right to participate in the European Club Cups on the condition that they fulfil the rules regarding foreigners of this ECU competition.

B.1.5 Teams or players of ECU Federations may be excluded by the ECU Board from ECU competitions if they are not in order with their payments to ECU or FIDE for a period exceeding six months.

B.2. Frequency of the championships

B.2.1 Each ECU competition is organised annually.

B.2.2 The European Team Championships are organised biennially, namely in the year in which no FIDE Chess Olympiad is held.

B.3. Laws of chess

B.3.1 The general FIDE Laws of Chess shall be applied with their supplements and interpretations as accepted by the FIDE General Assembly.

B.3.2 In ECU teams' competitions players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess. Senior Teams championships are excluded from this regulation.

B.3.3 For all Championships the default time at the start of all rounds shall be 15 minutes.

B.3.4 The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for all the European Championships. (Ref. FIDE Handbook A. Administrative subjects).

B.4. Tournament systems

B.4.1 Individual competitions shall be played according to one of the Swiss Pairing Systems accepted by the FIDE General Assembly.

B.4.2 Team competitions shall be played according to the "Swiss System for Team Competitions" (chapter M).

B.4.3 Pairings shall be done by a computer programme that has been accepted by the FIDE General Assembly and the ECU Board. ECU defines the pairing computer programs for all the European Championships.

B.5. Rate of play

B.5.1 All ECU championships shall be played with electronic clocks approved by the FIDE General Assembly.

B.5.2 The rate of play shall be the same as in the respective World Championship. Exceptions can be made by the ECU Board.

B.5.3 No games will be adjourned.

B.6. Scoring and tie-breaking system

B.6.1 The score in each game is 1 for a win, $\frac{1}{2}$ for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

B.6.2 Tie-breaking in individual competitions.

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 (If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equalled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on.),

(b) Buchholz Cut 1,

(c) Buchholz,

(d) The greater number of games played with black,

(e) The Greater number of wins.

B.6.3 Scoring and tie-breaking in team competitions.

B.6.3.1 The sum of scores of each game in a match is referred to as the board points. The team which scores more board points in a match than its opponents receives two match points, the opponents receives no match points. In the case a match ends in such a way that the sum of the board points is equal to that of its opponents, each team receives one match point. However, if both teams score 0 board points, both teams will receive zero match points.

The ranking will be made according to match points, the team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition. In case of equality, B.6.3.2 shall be applied.

B.6.3.2 The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:

(a) by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of match point the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded;

(b) by the number of board points won, the highest number wins;

(c) by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins;

- (d) by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

B.7. Individual prizes in team competitions

- B.7.1 The players who achieved the best performance rating on their respective boards shall receive gold medals. Silver and bronze medals shall be awarded to the second and third place winners.
 - B.7.1.1 For this purpose the players performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 70% of the rounds (for basic players) or 50% of the rounds (for reserve players). The number of necessary games shall be calculated using rounding down to the next whole lower number in case of result up to .5, and shall be calculated using rounding up to the next whole higher number in case of result .5 and more. The highest performance rating wins. In case of a tie it shall be broken by:
 - (a) mutual results (if all played each other);
 - (b) number of games, the highest number wins;
 - (c) percentage score, the highest number wins;
 - (d) final ranking of a team, the player in the highest ranked team wins.For calculating of performance rating the maximum rating difference of two players shall be 400 points. In the case of unplayed games for all calculations the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

B.8. Organisation

- B.8.1 Each of the ECU competitions, except the European Corporate Championship, the ECU Grand-Prix and the Internet Championships, is organised by one of the ECU Chess Federations. Every ECU Chess Federation is entitled to organise an ECU competition itself or attribute the organisation to another body, e.g. a club or a private organisation. In the following, however, reference will always be made to the organising ECU Chess Federation, hereafter abbreviated "organiser".
- B.8.2 The organisation of an ECU competition is granted by the ECU General Assembly or the ECU Board in accordance with the bid procedure.
- B.8.3 Standards for ECU Tournaments.
 - B.8.3.1 The organisers shall provide the Standards for ECU Tournaments as stated in annexes 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of these rules.
 - B.8.3.2 For the major ECU Competitions, ECU board appoints the ECU Technical Delegate responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adhere strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations which are specific to the Competition and to complete a final Report. The Technical Delegate is entitled to visit the venue before the event, actively co-operates and provides support to the organizers in preparing the championship in all aspects.
 - B.8.3.3 The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the board and lodging of the Technical Delegate, the travel expenses. The Technical Delegate can be additionally be a member of the Appeals Committee.
- B.8.4 Duties of an organiser.
 - B.8.4.1 If an offer to organise an ECU competition has been granted by the General Assembly or by the Board the organiser concerned has to transfer the deposit fee according to annex 3 of ECU Financial Regulations within two months after receiving the information.
 - B.8.4.2 Within six month after the appointment the appointed organiser of a major ECU competition, namely the Individual European Chess Championship (Open and Women), the European Team Championship, the European Youth Chess

Championship and the European Club Cup, has to sign a contract containing all relevant agreements concerning the event, such as dates of the competition, official hotel, accommodation, food and drinks for participants and officials, medical treatment, playing hall, chess material to be used, internet transmission, merchandising rights, and others. In any case that a contract is not signed, the official invitation of the competition and all the conditions referring there, approved and published by ECU, is considered as a contract between the ECU and the organizer.

- B.8.4.3 In case of any violation of the signed contract or/and the official invitation the ECU Board has the right to keep a part of the deposit fee or the whole amount.
- B.8.4.4 After a decision according to 8.4.3 the respective organiser has the right to forward a written protest to the next ECU General Assembly. Such a protest must be accompanied with a sum equal to 30 % of the amount the ECU Board has kept. If the protest is rejected this sum is forfeited to ECU; if the protest is accepted both amounts will be paid back.
- B.8.4.5 The decision of ECU General Assembly is final.
- B.8.5 At least five months before the beginning of an ECU competition the organising federation will send a draft of the letter of invitation to the ECU President, the ECU Secretary General and the ECU Tournament Director.
 - B.8.5.1 The letter of invitation shall be approved by the ECU President.
 - B.8.5.2 The ECU President can authorise the ECU Tournament Director or the ECU Secretary General to approve the letter of invitation.
- B.8.6 At least four months before the beginning of an ECU competition the organising federation will send the invitation to all ECU chess federations. (valid till the end of 2019)
- B.8.6 At least six months before the beginning of an ECU competition the organizing federation will send the invitation to the ECU Secretariat and at least five months before the beginning of an ECU competition the invitation shall be published and sent to the ECU Chess Federations (to be valid from 1 January 2020).
 - B.8.6.1 A copy of the invitation shall be sent to the ECU President and the ECU Secretary General.
- B.8.7 At least two months before the beginning of an ECU competition each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry to the organising federation, giving the following details:
 - the full name, birth date, FIDE ID number and the last-published FIDE rating of each player
 - the full name of the chief of delegation or accompanying person(s)
 - for team championships: the full name of the captain(s)
 - any information required in connection with visas.
- B.8.7.1 A copy of the entry should be sent to the ECU Secretary General.

B.9. Financial matters

- B.9.1 Each ECU Chess Federation has the final responsibility for all financial matters with the ECU for each ECU competition organised within its Federation.
- B.9.2 The travelling expenses of the participants (individual players, national teams or clubs) and accompanying persons shall be paid by their national federations, their clubs or by the players themselves.
- B.9.3 The board and lodging expenses of the participants (individual players, national teams or clubs) and accompanying persons shall be paid by their national federations, their clubs or by the players themselves.
- B.9.4 In European Youth Championship the board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by

the organising federation for (a) the player(s) or team designated by its federation, (b) the player(s) with a personal right, and (c) the chief of the delegation (captain), who must be a licensed FIDE Trainer. For each of these persons the organising federation may require a maximum financial contribution of 150 € per player. The amount may be increased in exceptional cases after approval of the ECU Board. The organising federation shall state in the letter of invitation the daily cost of board and lodging for the participants and accompanying persons not covered by the above.

- B.9.5 In each competition an entry fee has to be paid for the player or the team.
- B.9.5.1 Unless stated otherwise in the letter of invitation, the entry fees stipulated in the ECU Financial Regulations shall be paid by the federations to ECU Bank account before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not reached the ECU Bank account until end of round 2 these participants or teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.
- B.9.5.2 For exceptions see F.6.1 (European Club Cups) and I.5.1 (European Rapid and Blitz Championships).
- B.9.6 The minimum prize fund stipulated should be net of any local or national taxes.

B.10. Arbiters and other officials

- B.10.1.1 Each organiser of an ECU competition may propose persons for the position of Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Pairings Officer. This proposal should be sent to the ECU Arbiters' Council at least three months before the start of the competition and all proposed persons should be FIDE licensed arbiters.
- B.10.1.2 The ECU Arbiters' Council can make their own proposal and will present it to the ECU President together with the proposal of the organiser. The ECU Arbiters' Council may also put some remarks on the proposals of the organiser based on previous performances of the proposed arbiters.
- B.10.1.3 In case of lack of proposal from the organiser in the term mentioned above, Arbiters' Council will make their own proposal to ECU President.
- B.10.2.1 The Chief Arbiter, one or two Deputy Chief Arbiters and the Pairings Officer (Annex 6) shall be appointed by the ECU President. If deemed necessary the ECU President may consult the organising chess federation, the ECU Board, ECU Arbiters' Council and/or the ECU Tournament Director(s).
- B.10.2.2 The 20% of the arbiters other than principals mentioned in B.10.2.1 shall be appointed directly by the ECU Arbiters' Council. The 20% appointed by the ECU Arbiter Council shall be foreigners arbiters not belonging to the hosting federation. This doesn't prevent the organiser to appoint extra foreign arbiters out of the above-mentioned quota. In case of any objection to the arbiters proposed by the ECU Arbiters' Council the Organizer should inform the Council immediately.
- B.10.2.3 Every year the ECU Arbiters' Council will announce the call of interests for European arbiters. After receiving applications from arbiters, the ECU Arbiters' Council will publish the list of interested arbiters. The arbiter's federation has a right to send to the ECU Arbiters' Council a motivated request to delete arbiter from the list of interested arbiters in two weeks after publishing it.
- B.10.3 The organising chess federation is responsible for the expenses of appointed arbiters and pairings officer mentioned above (traveling costs – either air travel or first class rail travel with sleeping car – living expenses and pocket money) and shall also foresee a stipend.
- B.10.4 The organising chess federation will appoint other necessary FIDE licensed arbiters and other officials. The minimum of male or female arbiters in each European Championship is 25%. The total number of arbiters to be appointed for

each Championship is Annex 6. The final list of Arbiters, including the proposal from the organiser, which shall be sent at least two months before the start of the tournament, shall be approved by the ECU Arbiters' Council

- B.10.5 If the organising federation wants to appoint a Tournament Director for an ECU competition she will ask the approval of the ECU President.
- B.10.6 If the organising federation wants to appoint an official as defined sub 10.5 from another Federation than the organising federation, she will be responsible for the expenses (travelling costs – either air travel or first class rail travel with sleeping car – living expenses and pocket money) and shall also foresee a stipend.
- B.10.7 The Chief Arbiter is responsible that the competition will be played according to the FIDE Rules and the ECU Tournament Rules. He shall have the task of overseeing and co-ordinating the work of all the arbiters and technical staff.
- B.10.8 The Tournament Director shall be competent for all matters of organisation outside the tournament hall.
- B.10.9 The Pairings Officer is responsible to the Chief Arbiter.
- B.10.10 Assistant arbiters shall be placed at the disposal of the Chief Arbiter. They shall be instructed in their duties and supervised by the Chief Arbiter and – if present – the Deputy Chief Arbiter(s).
- B.10.11 The general responsibility of all arbiters is the trouble-free conduct of the playing sessions in the tournament. The arbiters shall ensure overall compliance with the Laws of Chess and the supplementary regulations.
- B.10.12 After the tournament is over the Chief Arbiter shall provide the ECU Board and ECU Arbiters' Council with the Tournament Report about how the event was held and with the attached ECU Arbiter' Report (Annex 7). It can be a copy of this same report prepared for the FIDE.

B.11. Appeals committee

- B.11.1 The chairman of the appeals committee will be nominated by the ECU President.
- B.11.2 In the case of the Individual European Chess Championship (Open and Women), the European Team Championship, the European Youth Chess Championship and the European Club Cup the ECU President will nominate two appeal committee members.
- B.11.3 In the case of the other ECU competitions four appeals committee members shall be selected before the beginning of the tournament (e.g. at the occasion of the Captain's Meeting). These members shall be elected by the players. In the case of team competitions, the members may be elected by the team captains. The first two elected will be effective members, the last two elected will be reserve members. If the federation of the chairman or a member of the Appeals Committee is concerned in an appeal, the chairman shall replace this person by one of the reserve members.
- B.11.4 In all cases the nominated or elected Appeals Committee members shall belong to different ECU federations. None of these members shall belong either to the organising federation or to the chief arbiter's federation.
- B.11.4.1 In the case of a fully nominated Appeals Committee, this Committee will take a decision irrespective of the federation(s) involved in the appeal.
- B.11.5 Procedure of appeals.
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.

- B.11.5.1 In individual competitions the appeal has to be lodged by the player.
- B.11.5.2 In team competitions the appeal has to be lodged by the team captain or – if present and known before the start of the competition – by the chief of delegation.
- B.11.6 The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

B.12. Team captains

- B.12.1 In team competitions each team must have a team captain.
 - B.12.1.1 The team captain may be one of the players or any of the reserves of the team, in which case he is referred to as a “playing captain”. If he is no player of the team he is referred to as a “non-playing captain” and must be FIDE licensed trainer.
 - B.12.1.2 Each team is entitled to have only one team captain. The team captain may appoint a deputy to exercise his function but must inform the Chief Arbiter of this in writing. However, during the course of playing only one team captain will be allowed into the playing area.
 - B.12.2.1 The chief of delegation is not allowed to enter the playing area.
- B.12.3 Team composition
 - B.12.3.1 The team captain must list the players of his team in a fixed board order, upon the time appointed by the Chief Arbiter before the start of the first round; this list is called the final players list. The board order cannot be altered during the tournament; hence reserves may play on the bottom boards only.
 - B.12.3.2 Before the start of a round, upon the time appointed by the Chief Arbiter, the team captain must deliver to the Chief Arbiter a list of the team members who are to take part in the round in question.
 - B.12.3.3 If this list is not delivered by the appointed time, the team may not use its reserve players. Every deviation from a board order 1, ..., N (with N the number of boards in the competition) will result in the loss of the game(s) in question.
 - B.12.3.4 If the board order in which a team plays differs from the board order of its final players list, this will result in the loss of the game(s) in question.
 - B.12.3.5 The use of any player who does not figure in the final players list will cause the round to be forfeited N:0, in which N is the number of boards in the competition.
- B.12.4 The basic duties and rights of a team captain are defined in the FIDE Competition Rules.
 - B.12.4.1 In the exercise of his function the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players, but it is his duty to ensure that the members of his team who are not involved in the current match or have finished their games do not enter or remain in this area.
 - B.12.4.2 During the games the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players on the offering or accepting of draws or resigning of games, provided that he makes no comment on the actual position on the chess board, and confines himself to giving brief information which can in no way be regarded as an opinion about the progress of the game. The exchange of information should be done in the presence of the Arbiter.
 - B.12.4.3 At the end of the playing session the captain is responsible for signing the match protocol and confirming the result.

B.13. Dress Code for the participants and the officials

B.13.1 All participants as well as the officials (arbiters, captains and others being in the playing area) must comply with the Dress Code of the ECU. Participants and officials will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.

B.13.2 Dress rules for the players during the games (“excluding but recommended in Youth Championships”)

In general, players are required to follow the code of casual dressing which means:

- for men dress trousers or jeans, a long-sleeve or shirt-sleeve dress shirt, alternatively T-shirt or polo, loafers or dressy slip-ons, socks, shoes or sneakers (no beach-wear slippers, etc.) and, if appropriate, a sport coat or blazer. The trousers, the jeans as well as the shirts and polo's worn should be crisp and show no excessive wear, no holes and shall be free of body odor.
- for women blouses, turtleneck, T-shirts or polo's, trousers, jeans or slacks, skirts, dresses, and appropriate footwear (boots, flats, mid-heel or high-heel shoes, sneakers with sock) or any other appropriate clothing modification.
- a jacket, vest or sweater, a scarf, as well as jewelry (earrings, necklace, etc.) coordinated to the outfit may be worn.
- the pieces of the clothing should be clean and crisp, show no excessive wear or holes.
- glasses, neck ties can be worn during the games, but no caps or hats, except for religious reasons.
- in general, this category of appearance demands a pulled-together, harmonious, complete look with colors, fabrics, shoes, and accessories, for both men and women.
- national costumes which fit into the generally accepted dress code and are not offensive or indecent to others can be worn

Addition

It is strongly recommended that all teams' players must be dressed in their corporate/club/team style costumes and all members of the team should be uniformly dressed.

B.13.3 Dress rules for the winning players or the winning teams during prize-giving ceremonies (“excluding but recommended in Youth Championships”)

- the rules set for these events are valid for a player or any member of a team, including the captain and the delegation chief who is rewarded by a prize in the chess event and thus he/she appears and receives the award in front of the other players and the audience
- such a person shall follow the dress code of business casual (or by another name elegant casual) which means long trousers, shirt, jacket, with or without tie (no t-shirts, no polo, no jeans, no sports shoes or sneakers or slippers, no hats or caps -except for religious reasons-) and the equivalent style of dress for the women players.
- national costumes which are not offensive or indecent to others may be worn.
- it is recommended that teams should be uniformly dressed even if a team uniform is not available.

- a special set of rules is established for the European Individual Championship award ceremonies where the dress code is informal which means a suit with tie, appropriate shoes and the equivalent style of dress for the women player. National costume may be worn in the event.

B.13.4 Dress code for the arbiters and officials of ECU events

- whenever the arbiters and officials of an ECU chess event appear on the scene in their official capacity, they are tied to follow the dress code of business casual
- if they visit the official venue, especially the game halls of the event, they are allowed to follow the casual dress code.
- if any person of the above-mentioned pool is committed to participate in the award-giving ceremony in his/her official capacity, he/she shall follow the informal dress code.

Addition

Starting with the European Team Chess Championship 2019 ECU arbiters (men/women) must be dressed in ECU branded jackets and ties/scarfs. A guide for the ECU Arbiters dress code will be published and be valid from 1st January 2020.

B.13.5 The Tournament Director or the Chief Arbiter have the obligation to give official warning to any player not properly attired. This warning will be confirmed to the player in writing the same day. When a player is a member of a team, his/her captain will receive a copy of this warning the same day.

B.13.5.1 If in one of the next rounds the player received the written warning is still in the breach of the Dress Code then the following fines apply automatically for the following events.

Competition	Fines (euro)
European Individual Open/Women Chess Championship	100
European Chess Club Cup	500
European Team Chess Championship	600

This fine will be confirmed to the player in writing the same day. When a player is a member of a team, his/her captain will receive a copy of the fine the same day.

The fine is paid during the competition or will be charged to the players/teams through their respective National federations.

B.13.5.2 If a player for a third round is then still in breach of the Dress Code, he/she can be sent back to dress appropriately. If he/she does not cooperate, he/she will be denied access to the playing area.

B.13.6 A player not dressed according to the Code can be refused to attend the opening or closing ceremony.
The Tournament Director can likewise act towards arbiters, captains or others being present in the playing area.
Spectators not properly attired will have to leave the playing area.

B.14. Other matters

B.14.1 All players, team captains and organisers are to take part in the opening and closing ceremony.

B.14.1.1 If one of the prize winners (player, member or captain of a team) is absent during the closing ceremony, then:

his (their) 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 € per player (or captain) has not been paid.

The money will be forfeited to ECU.

B.14.2 The fact of beginning the game in the first round of a championship implies acceptance of the General Tournament Rules and the Specific Rules for this championship.

B.14.3 The logo of the European Chess Union has to be visible in the tournament hall.

B.14.4 The logo of the European Chess Union has to be put on all printed material related to the tournament, i.e. letter of invitation, tournament bulletins, announcements during the tournament, and so on.

B.14.5 Official Hotels

B.14.5.1 In order to hold the ECU competitions in a proper manner and to be in permanent close contact with all participants, official hotels will be appointed. The room prices may not exceed the normal rates.

Each participant is advised to stay in one of the official hotels. For European Teams Championship, European Club Cup, youth & school tournaments the players are obliged to stay in one of the official hotels. Exceptions can be made for local players.

Players who choose another hotel than the official ones will take the risk of their transportation to the playing venue, security, and all official tournament information.

B.14.5.2 Organizers of ECU competitions may charge a maximum of 100 € as registration fee, for every person officially registered by his federation, in addition to the accreditation ECU fee, against the provision of certain services such as transfers, etc.

B.14.5.3 Organizers of ECU competitions are not allowed to charge financial penalties or any other sort of compensation to participants who choose not to stay in one of the official hotels, other than the registration fee, as described under 14.5.2

B.14.6 Players in individual competitions or teams in team competitions who are not represented at the technical meeting - one day before the start of the competition – will not be paired for the first round. Exceptions of this rule can be accepted by the chief arbiter of the tournament.

- B.14.7 If a player in an individual competition or a team in a team competition of ECU wants to withdraw from the tournament before the last round the approval of the Chief Arbiter is necessary.
- B.14.7.1 The Chief Arbiter may accept the withdrawal if it is based on an acceptable written certificate of a doctor or in case of an acceptable "force majeure".
- B.14.8 In all official competitions ECU shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture, pairings, standings, statistics or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by ECU alone or with third parties.
- B.14.8.1 For this purpose, ECU alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies, for which they may make use of any legal entities authorized under Swiss law.
- B.14.8.2 A detailed way of the exploitation of rights, the organisation of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like will be specified by the ECU Board.
- B.14.8.3 The way the income earned from marketing is shared, as well as the income earned from transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, will be specified by the ECU Board.
- B.14.8.4 The details from B.14.8.2 and B.14.8.3 for these Rules will become an integral part of every contract signed with the technical organizers of the official ECU competitions, starting from those awarded after January 1, 2012.
- B.14.9 ECU Board may decide to organise a Grand Prix in Open, Women or Youth categories in swiss or round robin system. In such case a contract defining all terms may be signed by ECU with the potential organisers, but:
- B.14.9.1 ECU has the right to charge ECU entry fees or/and a Licence fee
- B.14.9.2 Chief and Deputies arbiters and Appeals Committee are appointed by ECU
- B.14.9.3 The ECU tie-breaks and technical regulations are valid
- B.14.9.4 The broadcasting rights (games and live streaming) belong to ECU
- B.14.9.5 The broadcasting of the chess games will be supervised by one of the Deputy Chief Arbiters, who will be in charge of supervising the technicians
- B.14.9.6 If during live broadcasting of the chess games, for whatever reason, an error appears, for example one of the game has been stopped, the above mentioned Deputy Chief Arbiter and/or the technician who ascertains the breakdown, immediately has to inform the Chief Arbiter

C. Bid Procedure

C.1. Bid application

- C.1.1 The organisation of all ECU competitions is granted by the ECU General Assembly or the ECU Board at least one year in advance. The ECU Team Championships, however, are granted by the ECU General Assembly at least two years in advance.
- C.1.2 Each bid for organising an ECU competition has to be made by the national Chess Federation in which the championship will be held. The official bid form (see annex) shall be used. For the same ECU Competition each National Chess Federation can send only one bid.
- C.1.3 To be valid, each application must contain detailed information of playing venue, schedule, entry fees, prizes, cost of accommodation, transportation and the cost of it, and all other details relevant to the tournament. In particular all information required in connection with visas should be given.
- C.1.4 Bids for organising an ECU competition have to be sent by the organising chess federation to the ECU Secretariat before the deadline either indicated in the Specific Rules or fixed by the ECU Board for this ECU competition.
- C.1.5 A bid will only be taken into account if the federation concerned has paid a bid fee according to the financial regulations to the account of the European Chess Union within one week after the deadline.
- C.1.6 The European Women's Individual Championship is combined with the subsequent year organization of the European Youth Championship. The combined bids are enforced from European Youth Championship 2018 and the European Women's Individual Championship 2017.

C.2. Bid awarding

- C.2.1 Bids are opened by the ECU Secretary General or his representative at the ECU office after the deadline has elapsed. The date will be announced by the ECU Secretary General to interested parties. Interested parties may be present and receive copies of the bids. The ECU Board members and the federations involved get information on the payment of the bid fee and copies of the bids. The bids shall be published on ECU website within one week after their opening.
- C.2.2 Until decision on the award the bids may not be changed.
- C.2.3 After the opening of the bids the ECU Board shall decide on the inspector of the bids (or two inspectors if there are more than three bids). The inspector should be an experienced organiser or arbiter. He shall visit the venue, check the details of the bid according to the ECU Standards for Chess Tournaments and be able to advise the organisers of necessary requirements and additional improvements. The cost for travelling to the venue inspection and a daily fee will be covered by ECU; the cost for accommodation has to be covered by the bidders. Later, however, the inspector(s) - unless he is the Tournament Director - shall neither be involved whatsoever in the organisation of the respective tournament nor be a part of its team of arbiters/officials. Only in exceptional cases the ECU Board may decide to make no inspections.
- C.2.4 In the meeting of the ECU Board the inspector(s) shall give his (their) report and the evaluation for categories 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of annex 1. The ECU Board decides on the evaluation for the categories 3 and 7 after discussion. Neither the inspector nor a member of one of the bidding federations shall take part in this discussion. The evaluation reports shall be published on the ECU website within one week after the meeting.

- C.2.5 The bidder with the highest evaluation is awarded the event in case the difference between this bid and the second highest bid is more than 15%. In all other cases where all bids are within a 15% range from the highest bid, all bids involved will be sent to the ECU General Assembly which shall take a vote between these bids. In the first ballot all bids will be involved. If one bid receives more than 50% of the votes, the competition is granted to this bid. If no bid receives more than 50%, a second ballot is organised between the two bids which received the highest number of votes in the first ballot.
- C.2.6 After the decision the bidder is allowed to improve the bid. In such a case the new conditions of the bid will be valid after being published on the ECU website. The award of the event is only valid if the bidder transfers the deposit fee within two months after notification of the decision. If the bidder does not transfer the deposit fee within this time the ECU President shall award the event to the next bidder.
- C.2.7 Failing a bid for one of the ECU competitions or if all the bids are considered to be not qualified, then the ECU President has to extend the deadline for one month. In case there is no valid bid after the extended deadline the ECU President or any other person authorised by the ECU Board has the right to negotiate directly with organisers, but only if that is allowed by the national laws of the involved country. The ECU President will inform the respective national federation about negotiations.

D. European Individual Chess Championships

The ECU organises four individual chess championships: the European Individual Chess Championship, the European Individual Women's Chess Championship, the European Individual Senior Chess Championship and the European Individual Senior Women Chess Championship.

D.1. Participation

D.1.1 Nominations of players can only be submitted by the National chess federations.

D.1.2 There are two Senior categories: one for those who shall have reached the age of 50 by December 31st of the year in which the tournament will commence, and one for those who shall have reached the age of 65 by December 31st of the year in which the tournament will commence. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organised.

D.2. Organisation

D.2.1 The European Individual Chess Championship and the European Individual Women's Chess Championship shall be organised in April, May or June. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.

D.2.2 The playing conditions shall conform to the FIDE recommendations for the organisation of top-level tournaments.

D.3. Tournament Regulations

D.3.1 Each Championship shall be played in one group according to the Swiss system.

D.3.1.1 The European Individual Chess Championship shall be played in 11 rounds, with one free day.

D.3.1.2 The European Individual Women's Chess Championship shall be played in 11 rounds, with one free day.

D.3.1.3 The European Individual Senior Chess Championship shall be played in 9 rounds.

D.3.1.4 The European Individual Senior Women Chess Championship shall be played in 9 rounds. Only in case there are less than nine participants they may be included in the men's section of the championship

D.3.2 There are no tie-break matches to establish the champion, the medal winners or the qualifiers to a World Cup or World Championship.

D.4. Titles and Prizes

D.4.1 Titles

D.4.1.1 The winner of the European Individual Chess Championship receives the title "European Chess Champion 20..".

D.4.1.2 The winner of the European Individual Women's Chess Championship receives the title "European Women Chess Champion 20..".

D.4.1.3 The winner of the European Individual Senior Chess Championship receives the title "European Senior Chess Champion 20..".

D.4.1.4 The winner of the European Individual Senior Women Chess Championship receives the title "European Senior Women Chess Champion 20..".

D.4.2 The number of players qualifying for the World Championship will be decided by the ECU Board and published in the letter of invitation.

D.4.3 The organiser has to provide a prize fund of minimum 100.000 € for European Individual Chess Championship, and 60.000 € European Women Chess Champion.

- D.4.4 An additional payment, equivalent to 25% of the announced prize fund, shall be made to ECU.
- D.4.5 The money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

E. European Team Championship

The ECU organises the European Team Championship and the European Senior Team Championship, both with an open competition and a women's competition.

E.1. Participation

E.1.1 Each federation shall have the right to be represented by one team of four players and one reserve in the open competition and by one of four female players and one reserve in the women's competition.

E.1.2 In the European Senior Team Championship senior teams from each federation shall have the right to participate. Each team consists of four players and one reserve.

E.1.2.1 In the European Senior Team Championship There shall be two categories; age 50+ and age 65+ with separate events for women. The player must have reached or reach the required age during the year of competition. There shall be separate Women's Championships if there are at least 8 teams in one category. Otherwise the women's championship is merged with the open respective category.

E.2. Organisation

E.2.1 European Team Championship shall be organised in the odd numbered years between October 15 and November 30. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.

E.2.2.1 The European Team Championship shall be held on the Swiss system in 9 rounds, with one open section and one women's section, considered as separate competitions.

E.2.2.2 The European Senior Team Championship shall be held in the Swiss system in 9 rounds, with one round per day.

E.2.3 The organising federation shall hold in reserve a second men's team and a second women's team ("B" Teams), which shall take part in the respective competition if, and only if, it is required to make even the number of teams in the first round.

E.2.3.1 Once a "B" team has played the first round it shall remain in the competition even if the number of participating teams is uneven.

E.2.4 One month before the scheduled start of the Team Championships, each participating federation shall send to the organising federation and to the ECU Tournament Director the basic team lists. It can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a fee of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding confirmed in written form health problems or force majeure.

E.2.5 The ECU President is to be invited to attend the championships at the organiser's expense for travel, hotel and meals.

E.3. Tournament Regulations

E.3.1 Each match in the European Team Championship and in the European Senior Team Championship shall be played over four boards.

E.3.2 The playing conditions shall conform to the FIDE recommendations for the organisation of top-level tournaments.

E.4. Titles and prizes

- E.4.1 In the European Team Championship the title of “European (or European Women’s) Team Champion 20.. (current year)” is bestowed on the winning team. In the European Senior Team Championship the title “European Senior Team Champion 20.. (current year) is bestowed on the winning team.
- E.4.1.1 Each winning team shall receive a trophy from the organising federation.
- E.4.1.2 In addition,
- (a) the winning team in the open competition of the European Team Championship two years before the World Team Championship will represent Europe in that competition,
 - (b) the winning team in the women’s competition of the European Team Championship two years before the World Women’s Team Championship will represent Europe in that competition.
- If, however, one of these teams will qualify through the next year’s Olympiad, the highest ranked not qualified in any other way, may represent Europe in the World Team Championship.
- E.4.2 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

F. European Club Cup and European Club Cup for Women

F.1. Participation

F.1.1 Participation in the European Club Cup is open to:

F.1.1.1 Three teams per ECU Chess Federation in which a national team championship is organised.

F.1.1.2 Two team per ECU Chess Federation in which no national team championship is organised.

F.1.1.3 The previous European Club Cup winner.

F.1.1.4 The organising federation shall registered at least one team in the open and women competition. The organising federation shall be entitled to enter an additional team. If there is an odd number of participating teams the organising federation has the right to enter a second additional team. If this second additional team is paired and plays round 1 it shall remain in the tournament to the conclusion even when a team or teams dropping out or a new team or teams arriving subsequently would result in an odd number of teams still in competition.

F.1.1.5 Each club is allowed only one team in each competition.

F.1.1.6 The clubs which play in a federation in which no national team championship is organised, may only enter a team in which at least 6 players have a FIDE-rating. All players have to be listed in the most current FIDE-rating list of this federation

F.1.1.7 The clubs which play in a federation in which no national team championship is organised, and which have not the required number of FIDE-rated players as defined in F.1.1.6, may ask the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union for dispensation. The request shall be accompanied by all relevant information and must be supported by the federation of the club(s) involved.

F.1.1.8 The federations in which a national team championship with at least ten teams in the highest division is organised, are entitled to enter a fourth club provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE-rating over 2600 have participated in this championship one year prior to the current European Club Cup.

F.1.1.9 Each federation that is ranked in the first five places of the federation ranking list is entitled to enter one additional team. The federation ranking list is made by the ECU Tournament Director according to F.7.

F.1.1.10 The European Club Cup for Women, is open for all clubs registered by an ECU Chess Federation.

F.1.2 The teams shall be composed of six players all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation, which was organised within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organised, must have played at least two games in this championship.

Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organised.

F.1.2.1 If a participating club wants to include a national or foreigner player in the open competition who does not fulfil the requirements of article F.1.2 the club has to pay an amount to ECU according the player's FIDE classical rating (each year, 1st July rating list):

Rating 2600 and more	2500 EURO
Rating 2500 – 2599	1500 EURO
Rating 2400 – 2499	1000 EURO
Rating 2300 – 2399	500 EURO
Rating 2200 – 2299	250 EURO
Rating 2199 and below	free

These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of teams and the extra fee has to be paid to ECU before start of the competition.

For the European Club Cup for Women this fee is waived for all the ECU Chess Federations where a National Team women Championship is organised. For clubs which play in an ECU Chess Federation in which no national team championship is organised for foreigner players the club has to pay an amount to ECU of 500 euros per women player over 2300 FIDE rating (each year, 1st June rating list).

- F.1.2.2 Players, who are considered as foreigners according to F.1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.
- F.1.2.3 Each team is entitled to have two reserve players who must fulfil the conditions stipulated in F.1.2.
- F.1.2.4 The players and the reserve players can represent only one club at the same time. If a player has been playing national team competitions in more than one federation he has to decide before the time of subscription by writing for which team he will play.
- F.1.2.5 For the European Club Cup for Women, the teams shall be composed of four players. Each team is entitled to have one reserve player. All players have to fulfil the conditions stipulated in F.1.2.
- F.1.3 The basic players' list of a participating club (cf. F.2.5) must be sent at the latest one month prior to the start of the competition to the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union. After verification the team lists will be published on the web site of the European Chess Union. The Tournament Director will immediately send a copy of the team lists by fax or email to the organisers.

F.2. Organisation

- F.2.1 The tournament shall take place between September 15th and October 15th of each year. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.
- F.2.2 Bids
 - F.2.2.1 Each bid has to specify whether the organising federation will organise either either competitions or either only the European Club Cup, respectively the European Club Cup for Women.
- F.2.3 The dates and the venue of the tournament(s) have to be fixed and sent out to all federations not later than March 1st of the year in which the competition is taking place.
- F.2.4 Notice of participation

At least three months before the competition is taking place, every federation that intends to participate with one or more teams in either both competitions or either only the European Club Cup, respectively the European Club Cup for Women, must inform the organising federation of its acceptance of the invitation specifying the number of teams in each competition. Copies of the letter of acceptance should at the same time be sent to the Secretary General and to the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union.

The letter of acceptance shall include the full name, address, telephone and fax number, and the email address of the participating club(s) and its contact person.

F.2.5 The basic players' list of a participating club must notify the following details to the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union:

- (a) name of each team member (surname, one first in full, initial of additional first names);
- (b) FIDE rating and title of each team member (according to the most recent FIDE rating list);
- (c) FIDE ID number of each team member;
- (d) nationality of each team member;
- (e) date of birth of each team member.

F.2.5.1 The basic players' list shall include the board order of each club.

F.2.5.2 The basic players' list shall be accompanied by the declaration of the national federation that the players fulfil the requirements under F.1.2.

F.2.5.3 The basic players' list shall be accompanied by the declaration of those player(s) who has (have) been playing national team competitions in more than one federation.

F.2.5.4 The basic players' list can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a fee of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding confirmed in written form health problems or force majeure.

F.3. Tournament Regulations

F.3.1 Number of rounds.

The competition will be played in a 7 rounds tournament. No free day is foreseen.

F.3.2 System of play.

F.3.2.1 The competition shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament.

F.3.2.2 If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

F.3.2.3 If there are 9-12 teams in a competition, the competition will be played by a combined system.

F.3.2.3.1 Two groups are formed depended on the total number of the teams: 4-6 teams in a group and 5(4) rounds to be played. The teams in the groups will be formed according to their starting rankings, that is: I group-1, 4, 5, 8, 9, (12) and II group-2, 3, 6, 7, (10), (11).

F.3.2.3.1 The teams of the groups will form 3 subgroups among 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 place winners and play according knock-out system, where the 1st (3rd, 5th) placed team of the primary group meet the 2nd (4th, 6th) of the other group in the first round.

F.3.2.4 ECU will approve relevant system of play after the final number of the participating teams is approved.

F.3.3 Schedule.

The matches shall be conducted according to a playing schedule which must be distributed to the participants before the start of the tournament. Only in exceptional cases may the Chief Arbiter, in consultation with the Tournament

Director, make alterations to the times of play. If this is done, all those concerned are to be informed directly.

However, the cases foreseen in Article 8.1 of the Laws of Chess will not be accepted as an exceptional case as defined above.

The following time schedule must be adapted:

Day 1:	Saturday	Arrival of participants
	Captain's meeting	
Day 2:	Sunday	Opening Ceremony
	Round 1	
Day 3-7	Monday-Friday	Rounds 2-6
Day 8	Saturday	Round 7
	Closing Ceremony	
Day 9	Sunday	Departure of participants

F.4. Titles and prizes

F.4.1 Prize fund.

F.4.1.1 The organiser has to provide a prize fund of minimum 20.000 € which will be given to the clubs on place 1 to 6 of the final ranking (40% to place 1, 20% to place 2, 15% to place 3, 10% to place 4, 10% to place 5 and 5% to place 6). In the case that teams end with the same number of match points, money prizes shall be shared.

F.4.1.2 For the European Club Cup for Women the organiser has to provide a prize fund of minimum 10.000 € which will be given to the clubs on place 1 to 4 of the final ranking (50% to place 1, 25% to place 2, 15% to place 3 and 10% to place 4). In the case that teams end with the same number of match points, money prizes shall be shared.

F.4.2 Titles.

F.4.2.1 The winner receives the title "European Club Champion 20.."

F.4.2.2 For the European Club Cup for Women the winner receives the title "Women's European Club Champion 20.."

F.4.3 Trophies.

F.4.3.1 The winning club shall receive a Challenge Cup provided by the European Chess Union. This Challenge Cup is won if a club has won it three times in perpetuity.

F.4.3.2 For the European Club Cup for Women another Challenge Cup shall be provided by the European Chess Union. This Challenge Cup is won if a club has won it three times in perpetuity.

F.4.4 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

F.5. Appeals Committee

F.5.1 The Appeals Committee members have to belong to different clubs and different federations.

F.6. Financial matters

F.6.1 The entry fees will be collected with the registration of participants if not transferred before to the ECU account. If the entry fee is not paid until end of round 2 these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

F.6.2 The organiser will offer suitable board and lodging for the visiting clubs at the lowest possible price and the visiting clubs pay for it.

F.6.3 The organiser shall also provide suitable accommodation for the ECU President or his nominee and the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union. The organiser will also pay their travel expenses.

F.7. Federation ranking list

F.7.1 After the European Club Cup each club is attributed a number of points corresponding to its place in the final ranking:

1 st place: 100 points	11 th place: 58 points
2 nd place: 90 points	12 th place: 56 points
3 rd place: 85 points	13 th place: 54 points
4 th place: 80 points	14 th place: 52 points
5 th place: 75 points	15 th place: 50 points
6 th place: 72 points	16 th place: 48 points
7 th place: 69 points	17 th place: 47 points
8 th place: 66 points	18 th place: 46 points
9 th place: 63 points	19 th place: 45 points
10 th place: 60 points	Following places: 1 point less

F.7.2 The sum of the points attributed according to 7.1 is made for each federation and divided by the number of participating clubs for that federation.

F.7.3 The scores obtained according to 7.2 for the last three European Club Cups are added for each federation.

F.7.4 The federation ranking list is obtained by ranking the scores obtained according to 7.3

G. European Youth Championships

The European Youth Championships shall include the following separate competitions: the European Open -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships and the European Girls -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships.

G.1. Participation

G.1.1 Entitled to participate are chess players from the ECU Chess Federations who shall not have reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament will commence.

G.1.2 The players placed 1-3 in the previous European Youth Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfil the conditions of Art. G.1.1. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

G.1.3 In addition to the players mentioned in G.1.2, each ECU Chess Federation will have the right to send one representative to each Championship. The organising federation shall have a second place in the tournaments, and holds a player in reserve to make an even number of participants, if necessary.

G.1.4 Subject to the agreement with the organisers, and without prejudice to previous regulations on the number of participants in this competition, each federation shall be entitled to register any number of participants it deems necessary provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) payment to ECU of the approved fee (see Annex 2) per player in advance;
- (b) payment of the full board and lodge of the additional player(s) to the organising chess federation;

G.1.4.1 The additional participants shall not be entitled to any other privileges such as payment of pocket money, etc. (if any), already reserved to the original nominee(s) of each federation.

G.2. Organisation

G.2.1 The competition shall be organised between July 1 and September 30. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.

G.3. Tournament Regulations

G.3.1 Each championship shall be played in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system.

G.3.1.1 If in any age group there are 11 to 15 participants only 7 rounds will be played.

G.3.1.2 If in any age group there are 10 or fewer participants a round robin tournament will be played.

G.3.1.3 The tournament may have a free day.

G.4. Titles and Prizes

G.4.1 The organising federation shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each Championship.

G.4.2 The organiser should award special prizes to as many participants as possible and publish the list of prizes and the rules for their award before the start of the first round.

G.4.3 The winner of each European Youth Championship shall have the personal right to participate in the World Championship of the corresponding or of a higher age category if the relevant stipulation of the FIDE Tournament Regulation is met. This privilege may be exercised exclusively in the same or subsequent year

following the qualification. The winner of the European –18 Championship has the right to participate in the World Championship –18 as well as –20.

H. European Youth Team Championship

The European Youth Team Championship will include four separate competitions, an open competition and a girls competition, both in the category U-12 and U-18.

H.1. Participation

H.1.1 Each ECU federation shall be entitled to participate with teams in the open section and in the girls section. These teams may represent the national federation, a region, a city, a club or a school.

H.1.1.1 The teams in the open section shall consist of four players, the teams in the girls section shall consist of two female players.

H.1.1.2 Each team is entitled to have one reserve player.

H.1.1.3 The playing members of the team shall not have reached the age of 12 or 18, depends on category, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament is held.

H.1.1.4 All players of a team have to belong to the nominating federation.

H.1.2 The organising chess federation may decide to enter more than one team or to invite more than one team from the same federation, but finally the number of participating teams shall be an even number.

H.2. Organisation

H.2.1 The competition shall take place between July 1 and September 15. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.

H.2.2 One month before the scheduled start of the Youth Team Championships, each participating federation shall send to the organising federation and to the ECU Tournament Director the basic team lists. It can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting.

H.2.3 The organiser shall provide suitable accommodation for the ECU President or his nominee, and the Tournament Director of the European Chess Union. The organiser will also pay their travel expenses.

H.3. Tournament Regulations

H.3.1 The Championship shall be held on the Swiss system in 7 rounds, with one open section and one section for the girls teams, considered as separate competitions.

H.3.2 If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

H.3.3 ECU will approve relevant system of play after the final number of the participating teams is approved.

H.3.4 The tournament may have a free day.

H.4. Titles and Prizes

H.4.1 Titles.

H.4.1.1 The winner of the open competition receives the title "European Youth Team Champion 20.." in respective category.

H.4.1.2 The winner of the girls competition receives the title "European Youth Team Champion for Girls 20.." in respective category.

H.4.1.3 The winner of the combined category of the competition (sum of the match points from both tournaments, then, if equal, sum of the game points) receives the title "Absolute European Youth Team Champion 20.." in respective category.

H.4.2 Trophies.

For each competition the Organiser shall provide Cup for the winners.

H.4.3 Every member of the winning team (players and captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, members of the team finishing second and of the team finishing third shall receive silver and bronze medals, respectively. Additional prizes may be offered by the Organiser or by the sponsors. Conditions of their award shall be announced to the participants before the start of the competition.

I. European Rapid and Blitz Championship and European Rapid and Blitz Championship for Women

I.1. Participation

- I.1.1 The number of players is unlimited. The entry fees, however, are based on the quality of the participants:
 - I.1.1.1 The current medallists of the European Rapid and Blitz Championships shall pay no entry fee in the respective championships.
 - I.1.1.2 Players with a FIDE-rating above 2600 shall pay no entry fee in the rapid and blitz championships.
 - I.1.1.3 Women players with a FIDE-rating above 2400 shall pay no entry fee in the rapid and blitz championships for women.
 - I.1.1.4 All other players shall pay an entry fee which has to be decided upon by the organizer and the ECU Board:
- I.1.2 Each player is free to participate in one or both championships.
- I.1.3 At least one month before the start of the championship each participant shall announce his participation to the organisers. The organisers shall have the right to reject registrations received after this date.
- I.1.4 Each player has to register at least one day before the start of the championship according to specifications given in the letter of invitation. At the same occasion the entry fee has to be paid.

I.2. Organisation

- I.2.1 The championships shall preferably be organised directly after or before the European Team Championships, the European Club Cup or the European Club Cup for Women.

I.3. Tournament Regulations

- I.3.1 The European Rapid and Blitz Championships shall be played according to the specific rules for this rate of play as laid down by the FIDE Rules Committee.
- I.3.2 The European Rapid Championships shall be played in two days. The European Blitz Championships shall be played in one or two days.
- I.3.3 Number of rounds.
 - I.3.3.1 The Rapid Championships shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament of at least 11 rounds. Each round consists of one game.
 - I.3.3.2 The Blitz Championships shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament of at least 11 rounds but not more than 20 rounds. Each round consists of two games such that each player will play one game with White and one with Black against the same opponent.

The number of rounds can be modified by the Chief Arbiter if the number of participants is not sufficient but at least 20 games must be played. Such a modification has to be notified before the start of the competition.
 - I.3.3.3 No postponement of games is allowed.
- I.3.4 Schedule.
 - I.3.4.1 The opening ceremony will be organised on the first day of the championship.

- I.3.4.2 The number of rounds shall be equally distributed over the two days, taking into account that the number of rounds on the second day shall not be higher than the number of rounds on the first day.
- I.3.4.3 The closing ceremony will be organised on the second day of the championship.
- I.3.5 Rate of play.
- I.3.5.1 In the Rapid Championships: 15 minutes + 10 seconds before each move per player per game.
- I.3.5.2 In the Blitz Championships: 3 minutes + 2 seconds before each move per player per game.

I.4. Titles and Prizes

- I.4.1 The winner in the respective championships will receive the following title:
 - European Rapid Champion
 - European Women's Rapid Champion
 - European Blitz Champion
 - European Women's Blitz Champion
- I.4.2 The organiser shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each Championship. In case of a tie the medals shall be awarded according to tie-breaking procedure.
- I.4.3 The minimum prize fund in each championship shall be:
 - European Rapid Championship: 15000 EURO
 - European Rapid Championship for Women: 7500 EURO
 - European Blitz Championship: 10000 EURO
 - European Blitz Championship for Women: 5000 EURO
- I.4.4 The first prize in each championship should be at least 20% of the prize fund.
- I.4.5 In each championship there should be at least 20 prizes.
- I.4.5.1 For the players with the same number of points prizes are distributed according to Hort system, among such number of players corresponding to number of advertised prizes.

I.5. Financial matters

- I.5.1 The entry fees will be collected with the registration of participants if not transferred before to the ECU account. If the entry fee is not paid participants will not be registered for and admitted to the event.

J. European Amateur Chess Championship

J.1. Participation

- J.1.1 There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700. In each rating section, a separate championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open).
- J.1.2 The Championships are open tournaments for players registered by their federation. ECU member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.
- J.1.3 A player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline of the event.
 - J.1.3.1 For the Under-2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.
 - J.1.3.2 For the Under-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.
 - J.1.3.3 In case a player exceeds the rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play the upper rating category.
- J.1.4 All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the sections Under-1700 and Under-2000. All players must not hold any title above FM (or WFM for women) in the section Under-2300.

J.2. Tournament Regulations

- J.2.1 The championship shall be played in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system.
- J.2.2 For the final ranking chapter B.6 of the ECU Tournament Rules is valid.
- J.2.3 Tie-break matches may be organised only to establish the "European Amateur Champion". This has to be announced to the participants before start of the first round.

J.3. Titles and Prizes

- J.3.1 The winners of the annual championship receive the relevant title "European Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300."
- J.3.2 The winners of the annual championship for women receives the relevant title "European Women Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300."
- J.3.3 The organising federation shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each championship provided by ECU.
- J.3.4 The organiser should award special prizes to as many participants as possible and publish the list of prizes and the rules for their award before the start of the first round.
- J.3.5 An additional payment, equivalent to 25% of the announced prize fund, shall be made to ECU.
- J.3.6 The money prizes of players who have to play tiebreak matches will be attributed according to the final ranking achieved after these tie-break matches.
- J.3.7 The other money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.
- J.3.8 The winner from each European Amateur Championship rating section are qualified with personal rights (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) to next edition of World Amateur Championship, and their places cannot be substituted.

K. European School Championship

K.1. Participation

- K.1.1 There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-07, Under-09 Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.
- K.1.2 Entitled to participate are chess players from the ECU Chess Federations who shall not have reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 or 17 years, respectively, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament will commence.
- K.1.3 The Champions (1st place) in the previous European School Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfil the conditions of Art. G.1.1. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the organising federation.
- K.1.4 The 8 winners of the previous European Internet School Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age category or a higher age-category. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the organising federation (from 2019 edition).
- K.1.5 Each federation shall be entitled to register any number of participants it deems necessary provided the following conditions are met:
- (a) payment to ECU of the approved fee (see Annex 2) per player in advance;
 - (b) payment of the full board and lodge of the additional player(s) to the organising chess federation;

K.2. Organisation

- K.2.1 The competition shall be organised between June 1 and June 30. In exceptional cases the Board may accept other dates.
- K.3. Tournament Regulations
- K.3.1 Each championship shall be played in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system.
- K.3.1.1 If in any age group there are 11 to 15 participants only 7 rounds will be played.
- K.3.1.2 If in any age group there are 10 or fewer participants a round robin tournament will be played.
- K.3.1.3 The tournament may have a free day.

K.4. Titles and Prizes

- K.4.1 The organising federation shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each Championship.
- K.4.2 The organiser should award special prizes to as many participants as possible and publish the list of prizes and the rules for their award before the start of the first round.
- K.4.3 The winner of each European School Championship shall have the personal right to participate in the World Championship of the corresponding or of a higher age category if the relevant stipulation of the FIDE Tournament Regulation is met. This privilege may be exercised exclusively in the same or subsequent year following the qualification.

L. European Internet Rules

L.1. Participation

- L.1.1 Participation in is open to all players representing one of the ECU federations. See B.1.3-5.
- L.1.2 Each participant may use any nickname for the tournament. On request of the organiser or the Tournament Director the participant has to change the proposed nickname.
- L.1.3 Each participant has to give his complete real name, an e-mail address and the federation he is representing to the organiser.
- L.1.4 Participants who are not ready to follow 1.2 and 1.3 are not registered or will be excluded from the tournament.

L.2. Organisation

- L.2.1 The organiser of the European Individual Internet championship has to provide the server, the necessary software for the participants to be downloaded from the organisers homepage and the Tournament Director of the championship.
- L.2.2 The European Individual Internet championship will be played with
 - qualification tournaments
 - the candidate tournament
 - the final tournament.

L.2.3 The Qualification Tournaments

- L.2.3.1 All players fulfilling the requirements of 1.1 may forward their registration to the Tournament Director of the European Individual Internet Championship within the time period specified in the announcement of the tournament.
A pre-registration is not possible.
- L.2.3.1.1 A player may participate in more than one qualification tournament.
- L.2.3.2 The playing time is five minutes per player; nine rounds swiss system will be played.
- L.2.3.3 The first twelve players in the final ranking will qualify for the candidate tournament.
- L.2.3.3.1 If a large number of players register for a qualification tournament the Tournament Director may increase the number of qualifiers to the candidate tournament before start of the first round.
- L.2.3.3.2 If less than 24 players participate in a qualification tournament the Tournament Director shall reduce the number of qualifiers before start of the first round to 50% of the participants.
- L.2.3.4 The final ranking will be established according to
 - game points
 - Buchholz points
 - number of wins
 - if still a tie all tied players will qualify to the next stage.

L.2.4 The Candidate Tournament

- L.2.4.1 Participation in the candidate tournament is open to
 - (a) all players who have been qualified by one of the qualification;
 - (b) all players having the FIDE title of GM or WGM;
 - (c) all actual World- or European Champions, male or female, of any age group;

(d) up to two players per ECU federation; their registration has to be sent by the federation to the e-mail address of the organiser.

L.2.4.2 The playing time should be five minutes per player or five minutes per player plus one second per move.

L.2.4.3 The system is a Swiss system with

- 15 rounds up to 80 players
- 17 rounds if there are 81 – 120 players
- 19 rounds if there are 121 players or more.

L.2.4.4 The first 16 players are qualified for the final tournament.

L.2.4.5 In case of a tie the Tournament Director has to organise tie-breaks.

L.2.5 **The Final Tournament**

The final tournament shall be organised in the period October to November.

L.2.5.1 The final tournament consists of 32 players, 16 qualified by the candidate tournament and 16 nominated by ECU or the organiser.

L.2.5.2 The playing time is five minutes per player plus one second per move.

The system is a knock-out system.

L.2.5.3 In round 1, 2 and 3 four games are played, in the semi-final and the final six games are played.

A player achieving 2.5 points in round 1 - 3 or 3.5 points in the semi-final or final has won the match.

L.2.5.3.1 If the result is a draw one sudden death game will be played with five minutes for White and four minutes for Black, without any incremental time. The colours for the players are equal to the colors of the first game in the match. To win the match White needs a win, for Black a draw is sufficient.

L.2.6 The final tournament shall be observed by the ECU Tournament Director.

L.3. **Tournament Regulations**

L.3.1 Laws of chess

The general FIDE laws shall be applied with their supplements and interpretations as laid down by the FIDE Rules Commission.

L.3.2 Technical Requirements

L.3.2.1 The players are responsible for their individual internet connection to the server of the organiser.

L.3.2.2 The players are responsible to enter the virtual tournament hall at the time fixed by the organiser for registration, when the Tournament Director makes the pairings and when he starts the round.

L.3.2.3 The players are responsible to have installed an actual version of the necessary software on their computer.

The organiser will offer that software to be downloaded from his homepage.

L.3.2.4 If a player does not follow these technical requirements he has no right to claim or to restart a game due to any technical problems.

L.3.3 The Players.

L.3.3.1 The players have to follow the directions of the Tournament Director, especially to close their virtual board or to start a game. Any instruction of the Tournament Director concerning the tournament has to be followed immediately by a player.

L.3.3.2 At the time for registration the player has to enter the tournament hall and announce his presence to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will confirm the registration.

The players are responsible to check, if they are registered.

L.3.3.3 As soon as a round is started no further player can be included. Any late entry is possible only for a following round.

- L.3.3.4 During the whole tournament, when a game is in progress or in the time between the games, it has to be possible for the Tournament Director to contact a player by chat.
- L.3.3.5 The players have to follow the internet rules of conduct.
- L.3.3.6 It is strictly forbidden to use any computer program for help or for analysing during a game.
If the Tournament Director is convinced that a player is violating this rule he shall expel him from the tournament. ECU has the right to inform on its homepage and in a circular letter to the federations about such a cheating.
- L.3.3.7 If a player has to withdraw from a tournament he has to inform the Tournament Director and ask for his permission.
- L.3.4 The Tournament Director
- L.3.4.1 The Tournament Director has to carry out the tournament as quick as possible and to observe that all tournament regulations are followed.
- L.3.4.2 In case of any dispute he has to decide as soon as possible. No appeal against a decision of the Tournament Director is allowed.
- L.3.4.3 In case of interrupted connection the Tournament Director has to decide the result of the game or if it may be restarted.
- L.3.4.4 In case of any violation of the regulation or any poor sportsmanship the Tournament Director can rule:
- loss of a game
 - expel the offender from the tournament.
- L.3.5 Pairings
- L.3.5.1 For purposes of pairings the players shall be ranked according to:
- their actual FIDE rating
 - their FIDE title
 - in alphabetical order.
- L.3.5.2 Pairings shall follow the principle that the highest ranked player shall play the lowest ranked player. The second ranked player shall play the second before the last ranked player and so on, assuming that the tournament starts with 16, 32 or 64 players.
- L.3.5.2.1 If there is any other number of players a preliminary match of two games has to be played between the last ranked players to eliminate as many players as necessary to have 8, 16, 32 or 64 players remaining. The pairings shall follow 3.5.2, in case of a draw 2.5.3.1 is valid.
- L.3.5.3 For the second and subsequent rounds pairings shall follow the same procedure as in 3.5.2 with the clarification that if the lower ranked player wins in any match, he shall automatically assume the position of the higher ranked player.
- L.3.5.4 Allocation of colours.
- L.3.5.4.1 It shall be decided randomly if the top seeded player starts with white or black pieces in round 1. The second ranked player shall start with the opposite colour to number 1, the third ranked player shall start with the same colour as number 1, and so alternating through the list.
- L.3.5.4.2 For subsequent games of the same round the colours shall alternate automatically.
- L.3.5.4.3 In round 2 the winner of match 1 shall have in his first game the colour opposite to the colour that the top seeded player had in game 1 of round 1, and so alternating through the list.
- L.3.5.4.4 If in any match the lower ranked player wins 3.5.3 is applicable.
- L.3.5.5 The organiser may announce changes to the pairing system if they are not violating the FIDE pairing rules.

L.4. Titles and Prizes

L.4.1 Prize fund.

The organiser has to provide a prize fund.

L.4.2 The winner receives the title “European Individual Internet Champion 20..”

L.4.3 The winner shall receive a trophy provided by the European Chess Union.

M. Swiss Pairing Rules for European Team Competitions

M.1. The basic pairing system for ECU Team Competitions is the FIDE Olympiad Pairings Rules <https://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=95&view=article> with the following change in point C.10:

For pairing of all rounds the teams are ranked in the following order:

- a. Match points
- b. Olympiad Sonnenborn-Berger
- c. Ranking number according to article 9.

N. European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship

The European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships shall include the following separate competitions:

- the European Youth Rapid Open -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships
- the European Youth Rapid Girls -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships
- the European Youth Blitz Open -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships
- the European Youth Blitz Girls -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18 Championships

N.1. Participation

- N.1.1 Entitled to participate are chess players from the ECU Chess Federations who shall not have reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament will commence.
- N.1.2 Each federation shall be entitled to register any number of participants it deems necessary provided the following conditions are met:
- (a) payment to ECU of the approved fee (see Annex 2) per player in advance;
 - (b) payment of the full board and lodge of the additional player(s) to the organising chess federation;

N.2. Tournament Regulations

- N.2.1 The Championship shall be played according to the specific rules for this rate of play as laid down by the FIDE Rules Committee.
- N.2.2 The European Youth Rapid Championships shall be played in two days. The European Youth Blitz Championships shall be played in one or two days.
- N.2.3 Number of rounds:
- N.2.3.1 The European Youth Rapid Championships shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament of at least 9 rounds. Each round consists of one game.
- N.2.3.2 The European Youth Blitz Championships shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament of at least 9 rounds. Each round consists of two games such that each player will play one game with White and one with Black against the same opponent.
- N.2.3.3 No postponement of games is allowed.
- N.2.4 Schedule:
- The rounds shall be conducted according to a playing schedule which must be distributed to the players before the start of the championship. Only in exceptional cases may the Chief Arbiter, in consultation with the Tournament Director, make alterations to the playing schedule.
- N.2.4.1 The opening ceremony will be organised on the first day of the championship.
- N.2.4.2 The number of rounds shall be equally distributed over the two days, taking into account that the number of rounds on the second day shall not be higher than the number of rounds on the first day.
- N.2.4.3 Closing ceremony will be organized in the same day with the last round of each Championship
- N.2.5 Rate of play:
- N.2.5.1 In the Rapid Championships: 15 minutes + 10 seconds before each move per player per game.
- N.2.5.2 In the Blitz Championships: 3 minutes + 2 seconds before each move per player per game.

N.3. Titles and Prizes

N.3.1 The winner in the respective championships will receive the following title:

- European Youth Rapid Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Girls Rapid Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Blitz Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Girls Blitz Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18

N.3.2 The organiser shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each Championship. In case of a tie the medals shall be awarded according to tie-breaking procedure.

O. European School Internet Championship

O.1. PARTICIPATION

- O.1.1. Each ECU National Chess Federation may enter one school team in each of the 2 age groups (total not more than 2 Teams from each National Chess Federation)
- O.1.2. School team composition is 4 players, 2 boys and 2 girl; all players must be students of the same school.
- O.1.3. Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the age:
 - Group A** (1st Group Players U11- Primary Schools - Grades 1-6)
 - Group B** (2nd Group Players U17 - High Schools - Grades 7-12)
- O.1.4. Application form must be signed by the Teacher (Coach), the Principal of the School and Responsible Person from the National Chess Federation.

O.2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- O.2.1. Each tournament will be played in one day according to the Swiss System in 7 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 10 minutes for the game, with an increment of 3 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- O.2.2. All players of the school team must be located in the school computer classroom under the supervision of school coach/teacher and official person (licensed arbiter of National Chess Federation).
- O.2.3. Team composition is, two boys in Boards No1 and No2 and two girls in boards No3 and No4. The team order cannot be changed.
- O.2.4. All the teams-players shall be use PCs with a web camera
- O.2.5. Qualifying stages may be organized by each National federation or the ECU

O.3 TITLES AND DIPLOMAS

- O.3.1. The first ECU team-winner in each age category is the ECU School Team Internet Champion and each player of team-winner in age category is the ECU School Internet Champion. Team-winners and their players will be awarded with ECU special diplomas and cups.
- O.3.2. The winning teams' players (8 players in total) are invited by ECU to take part at the European School Chess Championship in the following year, as players with personal rights

P. European Corporate Championship

P.1. PARTICIPATION

P.1.1 Any corporate entity is allowed to register up to two teams. Chess Clubs, Chess Associations, and Chess Federations are not allowed to participate in the championship.

P.1.2 A team is composed of 4 players main players and 1 optional substitute player. The team can't have more than one player over 2400 ELO but should have at least one player below 2000 ELO.

P.1.3 For each round at least one player of the team shall have a commercial relation with the company with which he is playing for. Players shall be in rating order in teams composition (November ratings) in order to play amateurs against amateurs as possible.

P.2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

P.2.1. The tournament will be a Swiss Open of 9 rounds.

P.2.2. The tempo of each game will be 15 minutes per game plus an additional of 3 seconds per move starting from move 1.

P.3. PRIZES

P.3.1. To received the awards and prize money, the team shall attend the closing ceremony.

P.4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

P.4.1. The ECU entry fee is up to 250 euros and is defined in agreement with the organiser.

P.4.2. The minimum Prize fund is 5,000 euros.

P.5. OTHER

P.5.1. Each member of the team shall wear a t-shirt where the logo and/or the name of the company will be printed.

Q. European Anti-cheating rules

Q.1. All competition should be played according to FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines or Rules.

Q.2. In case of:

D. Individual European Chess Championship

E. European Team Championship

F. European Club Cup and European Club Cup for Women

G. European Youth Championship

H. European Youth Team Championship

apart of FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations, following should be implemented:

Q.2.1. At least one arbiter must be designated for Anti-cheating matters

Q.2.2. At least one member of Appeal Committee must be designated for Anti-cheating matters

Q.2.3. Random checking of the players during the game by asking them randomly to pass walk-through gate. In case of medical objection requested by the player, a hand-held detector shall be used. It must be announced in the tournament regulations.

Q.2.4. Delay of 15 minutes of internet transmission

Q.2.5. The players are not allowed to have own pens and own watches in the playing venue. It must be announced during the technical meeting.

R. European Fair-Play

R.1. Fundamental values of fair play:

R.1.1. Fair competition

To enjoy the fruits of success, it is not enough to win. Triumph must be measured by absolute fair means, honesty and just play.

R.1.2. Respect

For every sportsman, playing by the written rules is mandatory, and respecting the unwritten ones is a must. Fair play requires unconditional respect for opponents, fellow players, referees and fans.

R.1.3. Friendship

Rivalry on the field does not exclude friendship. On the contrary, friendship could grow from noble rivalries.

R.1.4. Team spirit

Individuals can be strong on their own, but they are much stronger in a team. Sharing the moment of victory with your team is the ultimate pleasure.

R.1.5. Equality

Competing on equal terms is essential in sport. Otherwise, performance cannot be measured properly.

R.1.6. Sport without doping

Fair play means not cheating by taking drugs or doping. Anyone who does this ruins the game for everyone else.

R.1.7. Integrity

Being honest and having strong moral principles are essential to fair play. Practicing sport within a sound ethical framework is vitally important if you aim to be a true champion.

R.1.8. Solidarity

It is important to support each other and share feelings, aims and dreams. Mutual support brings mutual success on and off the field.

R.1.9. Tolerance

The willingness to accept behaviour or decisions you may not agree with develops your self-control. Ultimately, that could be the deciding factor when it comes to winning or losing.

R.1.10. Care

True champions care about each other as they are well aware that they could not be where they are without having been cared for by others.

R.1.11. Excellence

Sport engages us in a collective effort to pursue human excellence.

R.1.12. **Joy**

Pierre de Coubertin, the father of the modern Olympic Games said: "The important thing in life is not the triumph, but the fight. The essential thing is not to have won, but to have fought well." Competition can be intense, but you should always first look for joy when practicing any sports. You should never forget about the play even in the heat of the fight.

R.2.1. During the ECU events, any discriminations or favoritisms is not allowed.

R.2.2. During the ECU events, any political or religious messages, posters or symbols are not allowed.

R.2.3. ECU Board, after a complaint, may impose penalties to federations, officials, arbiters, organisers, players that are violating the fair play rules, as follows:

R.2.3.1. Warning

R.2.3.2. Expulsion from a championship

R.2.3.3. Ban to compete, arbitrate or organise ECU Championships from 6 months to 3 years

R.2.3.4. Ban to enter any playing hall of an ECU Championship from 6 months to 3 years

R.2.4 The procedure to form a complaint and to be forwarded to the ECU Board for examination will be defined with guidelines, which will be approved published and distributed by the ECU Board.

R.2.5 ECU pays high attention in observing the Fair Play norms and is entitled to act in this matter according to the Statutes and Regulations

Annex 1: Catalogue of criteria for the bid procedure

Category 1: Organisation

1.1 Tournament hall	
Excellent	20
Very good	15
Good	10
Satisfactory	0
Not sufficient	-50

1.2 Distance tournament hall to hotels	
Walking distance (not more than 15 minutes) granted for 50-100% from total beds	8 – 12
Less than 15 minutes by bus, free transportation	6
More than 15 minutes, but free bus transportation	4
More than 15 minutes, but paid bus transportation	0
More than 15 minutes and no transportation	-5

1.3 Experience and credibility of the organising team	
Experienced international level (FIDE, ECU)	10
Experienced national level (Open or GM/IM tournaments)	5

1.4 Organisation fee	0 – 2
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Category 2: Hotels

2.1 Quality of hotels	
Excellent	20
Very good	15
Good	10
Satisfactory	0
Not sufficient	-50

2.1 Free internet access in the hotels	
Room	5
Lobby	3
Paid	0
None	-10

Category 3: **Room rates**

3.1 Room rates	
Excellent (<i>i.e.</i> low rates)	10
Very good	6
Good	2
Satisfactory	0
High	-10
Higher than for normal clients	-20

3.2 Additional cheap hotels	4
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Category 4: **Travel connection and airport-hotel transportation rates**

4.1 International airport* in a distance of not more than:	
approx. one hour by bus/train in normal traffic conditions	6
approx. two hour by bus/train in normal traffic conditions	4
Local airport in a distance of not more than approx. one hour by bus/train in normal traffic conditions	2
No airport	-4

* An airport considers as international if there are daily direct regular flights from at least ten different foreign countries in Europe

4.2 Transfer from airport to hotels	
Free by bus	3
Bus from the organiser with a low fare	2
Bus from the organiser with a high fare	0

Category 5: **Press**

5.1 Invitation with free accommodation for international journalists	2
5.2 Live games in internet, depending on the number of boards	0 – 8
5.3 Other special arrangements for publicity	0 – 4

Category 6: **Support**

6.1 Support from local authorities, National Olympic Committee, government	1 – 2
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Category 7: **Anything else**

7.1 High prize fund in comparison with other bids (minimum prize fund = 0), (proportionally calculated)	0 – 10
7.2 Material prizes – Electronics (tablets, telephones, etc.), diplomas, cups, medals, t-shirts, ... in youth competitions	0 – 5
7.3 Repeated offer (the bidder has already given and not withdrawn a bid for the same event in one of the two previous years before the event bid for, but was not awarded the event)	5
7.4 Other special offers connected with chess or the event (discount for small nations, FIDE Seminars, ...)	0 – 5
7.5 Negative expost-evaluation of events organized by federation in the past	-10 to -20
7.6 Federation has already organised during the last three years a European Youth Championship, a European Club Cup, or a European Team Championship	each -5
7.7 Bidder has already organised the same competition during the last three years	-10

Offer / Bid to hold an ECU competition
(To be filled in by a national federation)

Event:

Federations:

Organizer (name, address, phone, fax, email)

(Probable) City:

Proposed time schedule:

Arrival:

Departure:

Financial guarantee:

Declaration and / or Government Guarantee if applicable

Declaration generally assuring visas to representatives of all federations:

Exceptions, if any, and reasons:

Name of Tournament hall

and its distance from accommodation:

Accommodation and meals of participants and for accompanying persons:
(give classification of different hotels and meals including room rates and number of persons per room.)

Travel connections (next airport or railway station)

Transfer from airport/railway station (distance, vehicle, costs)

Is there an organising fee to be paid:

Are there:

Press facilities:

Free photo gallery:

Internet-coverage:

Number of boards broadcast:

Official website:

Facebook page:

Secretarial Staff (Indicate languages):

Declaration that all relevant FIDE/ECU standards are met:

Exceptions:

Additional arrangements:

Deposit: We enclose with our offer / bid the **bid fee** of € _____ to ECU.

We have recognized the specific ECU stipulations for the above-mentioned event and will observe them.

Place

Date

Signature / Federation seal

All conditions offered are subject to the approval of the ECU President or his representative.

Annex 2: Entry Fees and their Distribution

No.	Championship	Entry fee	ECU	Org. Fed.
		Euro	Euro	Euro
1	Individual Championships (Entry fee per player)			
1.1	European Championship GM / IM / FM	65	65	0
	Other players	130	90	40
1.2	European Championship for Women WGM / WIM / WFM	65	65	0
	Other players	130	90	40
1.3	European Youth Championship			
	nominated players	65	65	0
	additional players	130	90	40
1.4	European Senior Championships	20	20	0
1.5	European School Championship	20	20	0
1.6	European Rapid and Blitz Championships Open & Women	10	10	0
1.7	European Amateur Championship	15	15	0
1.8	European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championship	10	10	0
2	Team Championships (Entry Fee per team)			
2.1	European Team Championship	260	260	0
2.2	European Team Championship for Women	260	260	0
2.3	European Team Championship for Youth	100	100	0
2.4	European Club Cup	300	300	0
2.5	European Club Cup for Women	200	200	0
2.6	European Senior Team Championships	100	100	0
2.7	European Internet School Championship	100	100	0

Annex 3: Bid Fees and Deposit Fees

No.	Championship	Bid fee	Deposit
		Euro	Euro
1	<i>Individual Championships</i>		
1.1	European Championship	1.000	*7.500
1.2	European Championship for Women	1.000	*7.500
1.3	European Youth Championship	1.000	20.000
1.4	European Senior Championship	500	2.000
1.5	European Rapid Championship	500	2.000
1.6	European Rapid Championship for Women	500	2.000
1.7	European Blitz Championship	500	2.000
1.8	European Blitz Championship for Women	500	2.000
1.9	European School Championship	500	2000
1.10	European Amateur Championship	500	0
1.11	European Youth Rapid and Blitz	500	2000
2	<i>Team Championships</i>		
2.1	European Team Championship	1.000	7.500
2.2	European Team Championship for Women	1.000	7.500
2.3	European Team Championship for Youth	500	2.000
2.4	European Team Championship for Seniors	500	2.000
2.5	European Club Cup	1.000	5.000
2.6	European Club Cup for Women	500	2.000

* = additional bank guarantee for prize funds; 50 % one year before the event, 75 % six months before the event

Annex 4: Standards for ECU Tournaments

In the following items the basic conditions for an official ECU Tournament are defined.

1. Accommodation

The minimum quality of the official hotels should be appropriate to the tournament. The organisers are free to offer additional hotel accommodation of any other quality. In any case each hotel room should have its own en-suite facilities. Meals should be offered in the hotels. If there is no restaurant in the hotel another one nearby can be accepted.

The full board accommodation includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. The organisers are free to offer half board accommodation, which shall have a brunch and dinner. Breakfast should be available until 10.00 a.m., dinner should be available until 30 minutes after the end of the last game. These 30 minutes have to be extended with the necessary travelling time from the tournament hall to the hotel.

For lunch and dinner at least three courses shall be offered. Furthermore, natural filtered water has to be included free of charge. The meals should take into consideration the different eating habits of the European cultures, vegetarians should also be catered for. Information with respect to diets for medical reasons shall be sent by the national federations together with the entry form and the organiser should take care for.

Wireless internet connection should be provided at least in the lobby of the official hotels.

2. Travel connection and shuttle services

An airport with international flight connections shall be in a travelling distance of less than two hours by car or bus. The price for the airport shuttle service has to be negotiated with ECU.

If the distance between tournament hall and an official hotel is more than 1.000 meter a shuttle service shall be foreseen free of charge.

The maximum distance between the tournament hall and the official hotels shall be 10 km.

3. Tournament hall and chess material

The minimum size of a tournament hall shall foresee 3 m² per board and additionally 40 % space for player's and spectator's corridors, 25% for youth tournaments. The distance between the chess boards and the spectators should be not less than one meter.

The Tournament venue shall have the infrastructure to ensure the minimum conditions for the accompanying persons especially for the youth competitions.

The organisers have to provide the best playing conditions, thus avoiding any disturbance by lights or noises, in particular:

- no blinding or shadows by sun or spots,
- air condition without any sound or annoying cold air streams,
- doors have to be opened and closed without any noise,
- no disturbance by moving of chairs on the floor or by walking of players and spectators,
- to provide minimum and highlighted equal illumination in the playing area required by the FIDE rules,

The FIDE Standards for chess tables and chairs, chess boards, pieces and clocks have to be followed. The final decision if these standards are met is up to the Chief Arbiter.

For adult tournaments the live internet transmission of minimum 50 games shall be foreseen, for youth tournaments a minimum of 25 games shall be transmitted.

For team competitions a clear indication of the team composition and the results must be available.

The scoresheets should have a minimum size of A5, the number of moves to be written on one page should be 40 or 60.

The walking distance to the toilets should be maximum two minutes for one way. All entrances to the tournament hall, the player's area, the analysing room and other rooms or areas allowed for players shall be adequately controlled by the organizers.

During the rounds the players and officials shall be provided with coffee, tea and water. However, these beverages should be positioned in the player's area in such a way, that it will never cause any disturbing noise.

For the Chief Arbiter there has to be an easy internet access during the rounds in the tournament hall or in his office.

An analysing room outside of the player's area has to be provided by the organisers. The minimum number of chess sets has to be 10 % of the number of participating players, 5% for youth championships.

For the individual competitions, the Chief of each delegation is allowed in the playing hall, only in a special restricted area, to observe the playing hall and assist the Arbiters when is necessary.

4. Live Coverage

4.1. For adult tournaments the live internet transmission of minimum 50 games shall be foreseen, for youth tournaments a minimum of 25 games shall be transmitted.

4.2. For the European Club Cup and the European Open Individual Championship and the European Youth Championship a minimum of 100 games shall be transmitted live.

4.3. For the European Team Chess Championship all the matches and games shall be transmitted live.

4.4. For a. the European Team Chess Championship b. the European Club Cup Open & Women c. the European Individual Open Chess Championship d. The European Individual Women Chess Championship e. The European Youth Chess Championship the organiser shall provide a live studio coverage with live commentary by experts at least in English language.

4.4.1. The guidelines for the live studio coverage are approved, published and updated by the ECU Board which has the right to negotiate directly with providers for this task for all ECU Competitions setting the minimum standards and costs for the organisers.

Annex 5: Guidelines concerning fees for the arbiters and members of the Appeals Committee in European Championships

Position	Fee Euro
Chief Arbiter	1500
Deputy Chief Arbiter	1000
Arbiter	50 per day (10-15 boards)
Chairman of Pairings Committee in the European Youth Championships	1000
Chairman of Appeals Committee	1500
Member of Appeals Committee	1000

- These fees apply to the European Team Championship, the European Individual Championship (Open and Women), the European Club Cup (Open and Women) and the European Youth Championship (U10-U18). For all other competitions the fees can be fixed on a lower level.
- The fees mentioned in the table above are net fees: the organizers are responsible for the payment of potential local or national taxes.
- Unless agreed otherwise in writing and signed by both the arbiter and the organiser, the above fees shall be paid before the start of the last round.
- The organizer is in charge of reasonable travel costs (e.g. flight ticket in economy class, train ticket in 2nd class, ...) and accommodation.
- For arbiters mentioned in B.10.2.2 (the foreign arbiters appointed by ECU Arbiters' Council) the Organiser is responsible for the travel expenses up to the limit of 250 Euro.
- If anyone acts only a part of the duration of the championship, his fee will be paid on a *pro rata* basis.
- Any ECU Board member, who have a monthly stipend according the ECU Statutes art 41, cannot receive any fee mentioned in the above table when he is acting as chairman or member of the appeals committee

Annex 6: List of Arbiters to be appointed

Event	Chief Arbitrer	Deputy CA (at least)	Pairings Officer (at least)	Other European federation** (at least)	Male or female***
Individual	1	2	1	20%	25%
Individual Women	1	2	1	20%	25%
Youth U8-U18	1	2	1	20%	25%
Team	1	2	1	20%	25%
Club Cup	1	2	1	20%	25%
School	1	2	1	20%	25%
Senior	1	1	1	20%	25%
Senior Team	1	1	1	20%	25%
European Amateur	1	1	1	20%	25%
U12 and U18 Team	1	1	1	20%	25%
Rapid and Blitz Youth	1	1	1	20%	25%
Rapid and Blitz	1	1	1	20%	25%
Rapid/Blitz Women	1	1	1	20%	25%
Corporate	1	1	1	20%	25%

* - Minimum number of arbiters is 1 arbiter for 25 players.

** - Minimum match arbiters from other federation than organisers' federation is 20%
The Chief, Deputy and Pairings officer could be from any European federation.

*** - Minimum of male or female arbiters is 25%.

Annex 7: ECU Arbiters' Report

The Chief Arbiter of ECU event should send following reports to the ECU Arbiters Council:

- GDPR form for each arbiter, if not filled in by particular arbiter earlier
- Evaluation form for each arbiter
- Arbiters Report as published below

The ECU reporting procedure for arbiters is described in details on the ECU Arbiters' Council website <https://arbiters.europechess.org/reporting-procedure/>

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Appendix 7

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NO	DATE	VENUE	TOURNAMENT NAME		ORGANIZER	
NO	FIDE ID#	LICENSE	FEDERATION	SURNAME, Name	TITLE, (Category)	POSITION
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Annex 8: ECU Guidelines for Food and Beverages

Minimum requirements for the European Chess Championships

A8.1 Meals

A8.1.1 All the meals shall be provided at the hosting hotels. Any other arrangement shall have the written approval of the ECU representatives.

A8.1.2 Quality meals (three (3) meals per day: breakfast, lunch and dinner) in sufficient quantities must be prepared and guaranteed for the tournament participants (players, captains, trainers, ECU representatives, staff, arbiters and rest accompanied persons), based on the schedules of the championships.

A8.1.3 Menus should be designed to be nutritious as well as tasty and should be standardized and served in "buffet style". **Variety** is also very important, and the buffet allows the possibility to give players more food. Emphasis should be placed on providing food which also takes into account special diets menus and all the meals shall be labeled.

A8.1.4 Examples of menus and a meal-time schedule should be sent no later than two (2) weeks before the start of the Championship to the ECU representative for information and approval.

A8.2 Contents shall include:

A8.2.1 Breakfast: Cereals (at least two (2) types), bread, croissants or muffins, yoghurt (natural and fruit flavours), honey, fresh fruit (at least three (3) different types of fruit, fruit juices (always orange juice plus one (1) other), marmalade, butter, jam, eggs, milk, coffee and tea. Bottled drinking water must be provided to the delegations.

A8.2.2 Lunch and Dinner: Pasta (plain) and rice must be served during every lunch and dinner and the types must vary each day. Sauces must be served separately. Different types of meat including chicken plus fish (without bones) should be available, normally meat (at least two (2) types) at lunch time and meat plus fish at dinner. Both meat and fish must be served without sauces. There must be a salad buffet, with lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, cheese, and vegetables. Also, meat and fish can be combined with potatoes (fried, mashed or boiled), eggs (fried and boiled). Desserts must include fresh fruits, yoghurt and cakes. Fruit juices and bread should also be available during lunch and dinner. Bottled drinking water must be provided to Delegations.

A8.3 The timing of meals must be flexible according the games schedule and should be coordinated with the ECU representative to ensure that the players eat at the correct time. It should be noted that some evening meals may be required late at night after the last game and the hotel catering must be aware of this and able to provide fresh food as these times.

A8.4 Drinks

A8.4.1 A sufficient supply of bottled drinking water shall be made available for the players and accompanying persons at meals.

A8.4.2 A sufficient supply of bottled drinking water shall be made available for the players during the games. A sufficient supply of bottled drinking water, and coffee and/or tea per person should be made available for the technical officials, staff, arbiters during the games.

A8.4.3 All expenses related to food and beverages as outlined above shall be borne by the organiser.

Annex 9: ECU Guidelines for Accommodation & Transportation

Minimum requirements for the European Chess Championships

A9.1 Accommodation

A9.1.1 The hotel(s) has to be of top international standard category (five or four or three-star hotel).

A9.1.2 The travel time from the delegations' hotel to the Playing venue shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes (by bus) and shall be made in **one-time transfer for all participants** not earlier than 1h before the start of the round.

A9.1.3 The hotel(s) should be finalised during the site visit with ECU Representative approval. Any changes subsequent to the site visit **must be done only with ECU approval.**

A9.1.4 Working cooling and heating equipment is mandatory in all official hotels, not only in the public areas, but in all guest rooms to provide a room temperature from 20 °C to 24 °C

A9.1.5 The hotel **must have free internet access in each room (at least 5MB download and 2MB upload).** In case the speed of the connection is not adequate the organizer is obliged to provide two designated team delegation members with 4G/3G or LTE data cards or the Organizing Committee must install additional mobile routers at its expense.

A9.1.6 It is highly recommended that the organiser and/or the hotel should provide the use of a fitness room in the hotel (if available) or in close proximity free of charge.

A9.1.7 The organiser should check with the hotel before the beginning of the competition about all problematic situations that might arise such as:

A9.1.7.1 Sufficient quantity and quality of hot and cold buffet food for players arriving late.

A9.1.7.2 Hygiene standards in the buffet & dining area.

A9.1.7.3 Early check-in and late check-out.

A9.1.8 The ECU representatives, Appeals Committee, Chief and Deputy Arbiters shall each be allocated in single rooms. An Executive Suite shall be provided for the ECU President. The hotel (4 or 5 stars at International standards.) should be situated in an appropriate area to facilitate convenient access to the competition venues.

A9.2 Information Desk

The desk should be located in the hotel lobby in order to assist with co-ordination for the organisation. At least one (1) person, who is capable of solving problems or answering any questions, shall be at the desk at arrival and departure times and the days of the first two rounds. Next to the desk shall be an information board which is always up to date with the following information:

A9.2.1 Competition schedule

A9.2.2 Transportation schedule - shuttle bus service timetable

A9.2.3 Technical Meeting program

A9.2.4 Daily Pairings & Standings

A9.2.5 Any relevant information related to the event

A9.2.6 Organiser telephone contact numbers

A9.2.7 Medical information

A9.3 Health Services

A9.3.1 Each National Chess federation or participants are obliged to have a valid travel health insurance during the competitions.

A9.3.2 The organisation shall assign a twenty-four-hour (24hr) medical staff to provide medical advice.

A9.3.3 There shall be a first aid team at the playing hall, using a first-aid room in the venue.

A9.3.4 Health officials shall be located in an area that is clearly visible and easily accessible from all over the venue since they will also assist the spectators if necessary.

A9.3.5 Each delegation must receive information in written form regarding all the fully-equipped hospitals in the area.