



## EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS U12 & U18

9 - 17 July 2020

Thessaloniki, GREECE

### INVITATION & REGULATIONS

#### 1. Invitation

The European Chess Union (ECU) invites all National Chess Federations of ECU to participate in the European Youth Team Chess Championships 2020 organised from 9 July (arrivals) to 17 July (departures). The event will be held in the Conference Hall of the 5-star Lazart Hotel in Thessaloniki, Greece.

#### 2. Participation

2.1 The European Youth Team Chess Championships (EYTCC) will include four (4) separate competitions, an open competition and a girls competition in both categories U12 and U18. The playing members of the teams shall not have reached the age of 12 or 18, depending on category, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020:

- Players U12 should have a birth date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and after.
- Players U18 should have a birth date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2002 and after.

2.2 Each national federation member of the European Chess Union (ECU) has the right to enter unlimited number of teams of four (4) players and one (1) reserve in the open competitions and unlimited number of teams of two (2) female players and one (1) reserve in the girls competitions. These teams may represent the national federation, a region, a city, a club or a school.

#### 3. ECU entry fee

3.1 In accordance with ECU regulations, an entry fee of 100 euros is required for each team.

3.2 Participating federations have to pay the entry fee to the bank account of ECU, before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU bank account by the end of the round 2, these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid to the bank account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: Credit Suisse

Bank address: Postfach 357, Zug 6301, Switzerland

BIC/SWIFT Code: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Account number: CH3604835183510542000

Account Holder: European Chess Union

#### **4. Registration deadline and travel details**

4.1 Entry forms must be filled and sent to the Tournament office no later than **9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**. If the registration form is not completed by the federation itself, a copy must be sent to the national federation.

4.2 A complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number or identity card number of each player, captain and each accompanying person. It also must include the name and telephone, e-mail of the chief of delegation who must be an adult.

4.3 Participants should book their flights to Thessaloniki International Airport (SKG) which is located 25 km from the venue. The bus transportation from and to Thessaloniki International Airport is included in the organisation package for all participants on the arrival day (9 July) and the departure day (17 July). Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

#### **5. Registration - Accommodation package (8 nights)**

5.1 The official hotel of the event is the 5-star LAZART HOTEL (\*\*\*\*\*).

##### **Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):**

- Accommodation for 8 nights.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, including potable water (full board) daily.
- Transportation from and to Thessaloniki airport on 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Registration fees.
- All taxes (including VAT and Municipality Tax).

<b><u>Price in quadruple (family) room</u></b>	<b><u>Price in triple room</u></b>	<b><u>Price in double room</u></b>	<b><u>Price in single room</u></b>
<b>520 euros</b> per person	<b>540 euros</b> per person	<b>570 euros</b> per person	<b>780 euros</b> per person

5.2 By the registration deadline of **9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**, a deposit payment of 200 euros per person must be sent, to confirm participation, to the following bank account of the organizer for each player and accompanying person (bank charges covered by the sender):

Bank: Bank of Cyprus

Account Holder: AT HOLIDAYS SMPC

Account Holder's Address: Apollonos 4, Athens 10557 - Greece

Bank Address: Esperidon 12, Nicosia 1087 - Cyprus

Account Number IBAN: CY74002001950000357022795355

BIC/SWIFT Code: BCYPCY2N

5.3 Once the bank transfer is validated, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the rooms.

5.4 Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost.

5.5 According to ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1), for youth tournaments the participants are accommodated by the Organizer in the official hotel. In case of larger participation than expected, the Organizer may provide extra official hotel(s) of similar quality. Access to playing areas and venues will be allowed only to persons accredited by the Organizer.

## **6. Playing hall**

The playing hall is the Conference Center of the 5-star Lazart Hotel Thessaloniki.

## **7. Tournament schedule**

Thursday, 9 July	13:00 - 18:00	Arrivals
Thursday, 9 July	18:00 - 22:00	Registration
Friday, 10 July	10:00	Captains meeting
Friday, 10 July	15:30	Opening ceremony
Friday, 10 July	16:00	Round 1
Saturday, 11 July	16:00	Round 2
Sunday, 12 July	16:00	Round 3
Monday, 13 July	16:00	Round 4
Tuesday, 14 July	16:00	Round 5
Wednesday, 15 July	16:00	Round 6
Thursday, 16 July	15:00	Round 7
Thursday, 16 July	20:30	Closing ceremony
Friday, 17 July	08:00 - 12:00	Departures

## **8. System and rate of game**

- 8.1 The European Youth Team Championship shall be held according to Swiss system in 7 rounds, with two open sections and two sections for the girls teams, considered as separate competitions. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from move 1. 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.
- 8.2 Players may only agree to a draw after black's 30th move. 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 penalized for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- 8.3 Default time for all rounds is 15 minutes.

## **9. Anti-Cheating guidelines**

The European Anti Cheating Rules (ECU Tournament Rules, Part Q) and the FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A.10) are valid. Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present passports for verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, with a hand-held metal detector, can be performed by the arbiter(s) to players, before or during the games.

## **10. Tie-break system**

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 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 to 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 points 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.

### **11. Appeals procedure**

Appeals Procedure Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The appeal has to be lodged by the player or the captain of the team. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

### **12. Titles & Prizes**

- 12.1 The winning team of the open competition receives the title "European Youth Champion Team 2020" in its respective category.
- 12.2 The winning team of the girls competition receives the title "European Youth Champion Team for Girls 2020" in its respective category.
- 12.3 The winning team of the combined category of the competition (sum of the match points from both tournaments open & girls, then, if equal, sum of the game points) receives the title "Absolute European Youth Champion Team 2020" in its respective category.
- 12.4 The first three (3) teams in each competition will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserve and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively. All medalists will also receive in-kind prizes.
- 12.5 The Winners (1<sup>st</sup> place) of the combined categories U18 & U12 will receive trophies and players' medals.
- 12.6 ECU Certificates for all participants will be awarded.

### **13. Visa information**

- 13.1 Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Greece, are requested to contact the Organizer before the registration deadline of **9<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.
- 13.2 The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in articles 5.1 and 5.2 above. Schengen visas are valid in Greece.

#### **14. Tournament office / Contact Information**

Tournament Director: FIDE IO Nikos Kalesis, Tel.: (+30) 6938326161

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