



**OFFICIAL REGULATIONS- TERMS & CONDITIONS**  
**ORGANISERS: EUROPEAN CHESS UNION (ECU)**

**MONTE CARLO CHESS CLUB**

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## **1. PARTICIPATION**

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- 1.1 Open to all European Chess Clubs. 100 Teams will be accepted by priority.  
In case of more applications ECU has the right to accept additional teams.
- 1.2. Each Team consist of 4 basic players, and up to two (2) reserve player.  
The average FIDE Standard Rating of 4 basic players shall be at least 2000.
- 1.3. The composition of teams is open without any restriction for players belonging to any FIDE federation member.
- 1.5. Each Team will appoint one captain/representative for the technical meeting and communication during the event.
- 1.6. Team entry fee is 250 euros.
- 1.7. By signing in the tournament, all teams and participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations the terms and conditions of this championship.
- 1.8. All the teams and players are recommended to play with a club branded attire and background visible for the event's livestream coverage.
- 1.9. Playing Server is Tornelo.com
- 1.10. European Online Women's Club Cup Winner, Monte Carlo Chess Club is invited to the Final top 10 Teams stage of the event

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## 2. REGISTRATION

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- 2.1. Registrations are made by the Clubs through the online entry form.  
<https://forms.gle/nFuAm7MtBSptCdWR7>  
Registrations are accepted till **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** 2021 till 15:00 CET  
Composition of Qualification groups will be announced before the technical meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.
- 2.2. The players are registered and ranked by their **FIDE standard rating** (March 1<sup>st</sup> list) for the average Team rating.
- 2.3. Entry fees will be paid by the Clubs to the ECU Bank account

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

Or online with Credit/Debit Card here:

<https://www.europechess.org/ecu-payments-donations/>

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## 3. SYSTEM OF PLAY

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- 3.1 **Qualification groups (27 & 28.03) of 8-10 teams:** Round Robin 7 to 9 rounds.  
2 or more teams from each group, depending the number of groups will qualify to Play-offs.  
**Play-offs (29.03)** – 1 day – 9 teams qualify to the final Group  
**Final Group (30-31.03)** 10 teams, Round Robin 9 rounds,  
Time control: 15min + 5 sec per player.
- 3.2 Groups will be divided according the average rating of the four (4) basic players.  
FIDE March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 list will be taking in account. Teams with the highest average rating will be the leaders of the Groups and the rest teams will be distributed accordingly.
- 3.3 For the purpose of standings, the match points are valid, Match points (2 for wins, 1 for Draws, 0 for Losses)

In case of tie between teams in a qualification or final group:

- A. The results of the teams in the same point group according to Matchpoints
- B. Total Game points
- C. The sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: the sum of game points against opponent multiplied by sum of the match point of the opponent. The highest number wins

For the Play-offs day technical details will be announced in Technical Meeting but the Play-offs matches will be defined according the final position on qualification groups. The winners of the qualification groups will not meet each other.

- 3.4. For the **final group only**, the players who achieved the best performance rating on their respective boards shall receive gold e- medals. Silver and bronze e-medals shall be awarded to the second and third place winners. 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).
- 3.5. In ECU teams' competitions players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black;

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## 4. SCHEDULE

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Monday	22 March	Captains Meeting	18:00 CET
Saturday	27 March	Opening Ceremony	14:00
Saturday	27 March	Rounds 1-4	14:30 - 18:00 CET
Sunday	28 March	Rounds 5-9	14:30 - 18:30 CET
Monday	29 March	Play offs	14:30 - 18:30 CET
Tuesday	30 March	Rounds 1-4	14:30 - 18:00 CET
Wednesday.	31 March.	Rounds 5-9	14:30 - 18:30 CET
Thursday	1 April	Closing Ceremony	19:00 CET

## 5. FAIR PLAY RULES – ADDITIONAL RULES

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- 5.1 For the purposes of this event, the playing area is defined as a room where a player has only the device that he uses for online play.  
Players may use a PC or Laptop during the games with a web camera. It is not allowed a 2<sup>nd</sup> device or any software/application to be open during the games. For the final group a player has to provide a second viewpoint of their venues (side camera).
- 5.2 Players will play under Arbiters observation in Zoom Platform  
Players have to download and install ZOOM Client for Meetings from the link below: <https://zoom.us/download>.
- 5.3 European Chess Union has the right to update these regulations, modify the schedule or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.
- 5.4 Organising Committee have no any responsibility to technical problems arising to players during the games but will be able to pair any player for the next round.
- 5.5 A player can be forfeited for violation of the Fair Play Rule by decision of the Chief Arbiter or Fair Play Panel. Screening of all games will take place.
- 5.6 Appeals will be examined by the end of each day according the article [B11. of the ECU regulations](#). Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.
- 5.7 Disconnections/ Server failure/downtime:
- A. In the event of a server failure or malfunction during the course ECU will take appropriate action accordingly. In case of an interruption during rounds, the round will restart depending on the length of time of the interruption. All completed games are valid. The whole round may be rescheduled.
  - B. If a player's disconnects during play, that player is allowed to reconnect until their remaining time has elapsed, in which case they lose on time. In exceptional cases arbiters have the right to judge any particular case and decide in a different way.
  - C. Stability of the connection is a responsibility of every player. A disconnection for any reason, other than in 5.7A is treated in the same way.
- 5.8. The platform Tornelo has a "call the arbiter" button available for the players. The button stops the clock and its only purpose is to call the arbiter in some urgent cases. Misuse of the button after the first warning could result in the forfeit of the game.

- 5.9. The default time is 15 minutes.
- 5.10. Three-fold repetition, 50 moves rules are declared a draw automatically.
- 5.11. It is obligatory for every player to share their screen and have their camera on at all times during every round. No other app or computer program should be running, other than Zoom and the browser for Tornelo. Every player who does not follow these rules will receive an official warning via Zoom chat and their captain will be also informed. The player will then have time up until the start of the next round to follow the instructions of the arbiter, or he/she won't be allowed to start the next game.
- 5.12. In any case not described above, the ECU and FIDE online regulations are valid
- 5.13. Arbiters decisions can be appealed, except disqualifications for Fair Play. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final. Appeal in a written form (by email) can be submitted up to 15 minutes after the end of each round. The tournament will continue during the decision-making process.
- 5.14. ECU will appoint the Arbiters and the Appeals Committee of the event.

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## 6. TITLES – PRIZES – TOTAL MONEY PRIZES 14,000 €

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- 6.1. **The first Team is the European Online Club Cup Champion 2021 and will receive the " Coupe de Monte Carlo"**  
The second and third team wins the silver and bronze e-medals – **Final Group.**
- 6.2. **Money Prizes for Team Winners** (11,500 euros) of the **Final Group**:

1 <sup>st</sup> Winner Team	4000 euros
2 <sup>nd</sup> Winner Team	3000 euros
3 <sup>rd</sup> Winner Team	2000 euros
4 <sup>th</sup> Winner Team	1500 euros
5 <sup>th</sup> Winner Team	1000 euros

- 6.3. **Individual e-Medals** are won by 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place of each board of final Group
- 6.4. **The first winner of each Board of the final group will receive 400 euros (5 x 400).**  
**Reserve players are calculated on the 5<sup>th</sup> Board.**
- 6.5. **The best game of the tournament will be awarded with 500 euros.**
- 6.6. **ECU Certificates** will be available for all Teams
- 6.7. **All the prizes awarded by tiebreaks** and are not shared.