



36th European Chess Club Cup
25th European Chess Club Cup for Women
Struga, Ohrid Lake 17-25 September 2021

REGULATIONS

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1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 36th European Club Cup and the 25th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Struga, Ohrid Lake, North Macedonia. The dates are 17th September (arrival and opening) to 25th September 2021 (departure)

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup are the “ECU Tournament Rules” For the European Women’s Club Cup 2021 ECU Board waives a number of restrictions.

Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- Obiettivo Risarcimento Padova, Italy, the current cup holder in the open competition.
- Five (5) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or four (4) clubs per federation in which no national team championship is organized.
There is no restriction how the clubs will be selected by the National federations
- Any additional request for participation should be examined by the ECU Board
- In the Women competition all the club members of ECU Federations are allowed to participate.
- Clubs shall be registered through the National chess Federations or direct if there is no objection from the National Chess Federation.

3 ECU Fees

- In accordance with ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 Euros per participating club of the open competition and 200 Euros per participating club of the women competition in the ECU Bank account.
- According to the ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1), the entry fee to ECU shall be paid by the federations or clubs before or at the start of the competition.
- All players fees and compositions restrictions are waived only for the year 2021 by decision of the ECU Board.
- These fees must be paid to the ECU bank account before the start of the event.
The ECU account is as follows:

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

4 Application, Registration

- Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee before **August 01, 2021** of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to the Tournament Director Mr. **Petr Pisk** , e-mail: petr.pisk@centrum.cz
Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office email sk_kapablanka@outlook.com;
[with copy mail to: chessmkd@t.mk](mailto:chessmkd@t.mk) no later than **August 01, 2021**.
The date of **August 15, 2021**, is the registration deadline. The basic team composition shall be submitted with the entry form.
- The complete registration form must include SURNAME/s, FIRSTNAME/s, FIDE_ID number, FIDE_RATING and FIDE_TITLE, and PASSPORT_NUMBER of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club. The Organizing Committee will contact each of the Teams to confirm the registration and booking.
- Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to Tournament Director Petr Pisk, e-mail: petr.pisk@centrum.cz. Basic players' list can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a penalty of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding confirmed in written form health problems or force majeure.
- All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.
- A registration fee of 100 Euros for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes accreditation, badges and transfer from Skopje or Ohrid airport to the official hotels & venue and administrative costs of accommodation booking. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.

5 Travel details

Transfer from Skopje or Ohrid airport to the official hotels & venue will be available by the Organizing Committee. These transport services will be available on 16-17 September (arrival) and on 24-25-26 September (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.

6 Lodging and meals

- According the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU tournament regulations the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel for the championship.
Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee
- Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organizer. Please, see point 15 Official Hotels.

7 Payments

By the deadline of registration (no later than 15th August 2021), the registration fee of 100 Euros per person plus a non-refundable deposit of 30% for all costs of each club should be transferred to the following bank account to confirm registrations and bookings.

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Chess Club KAPABLANKA Skopje

Address: Kosta Novakovic 7/01-2, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

Bank Swift code (BIC): TUTNMK22

Bank name: NLB Banka Skopje

IBAN: MK07210722000108319

With Payment Instructions = **OUR**

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. Please, follow above instruction, If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

8 Trophies and Prize Fund

- The first 3 teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning clubs open & women (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.
- For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the Open competition, prizes to the value of 28.000 Euros will be provided. For the best-placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, prizes to the value of 15.000 Euros will be provided.
- The total prizes value of **44.000 Euros** will be distributed as follows:

	OPEN (28.000 EUR)	WOMEN (15.000 EUR)
1st place	10.000 EUR	6.000 EUR
2nd place	6.000 EUR	4.000 EUR
3rd place	4.000 EUR	2.000 EUR
4th place	3.000 EUR	1.000 EUR
5th place	2.000 EUR	
Individually the best performance per board =500 EUR	In Total: 3.000 EUR	In Total: 2.000 EUR

In addition, two (2) individual prize of **500 EUR**, will be given to the players with the best performance from a “European Small Nations” club. (FIDE Zone 1.10).

- Money prizes are distributed equally among teams with the same points.
- For the individual prizes 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 reserve players are competing in the 6th Board in Open and in the 4th Board in Women Club Cup.

9 Tournament Hall

- The OPEN event will be held in the 5* hotel Izgrev, Struga, Ohrid lake
- The Women event will be held in 4* hotel Drim, Struga, Ohrid Lake, beside river Drim

10 Schedule

The schedule for the event is presented in the table as follows:

Date	Hours	Activity
Friday 17 September		Arrivals
Friday 17 September	20:00	Opening ceremony *
Saturday 18 September	15:00	1 st round
Sunday 19 September	15:00	2 nd round
Monday 20 September	15:00	3 rd round
Tuesday 21 September	15:00	4 th round
Wednesday 22 September	15:00	5 th round
Thursday 23 September	15:00	6 th round
Friday 24 September	15:00	7 th round
Friday 24 September	22:00	Closing ceremony
Saturday 25 September		Departures

*The Captain’s Meeting will take place 15 minutes after the Opening Ceremony.

Teams who are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired according to the decision of the ECU Board

11 Basic competition rules

- The open teams shall be composed of six (6) players and two (2) reserves
- For the women competition the teams shall be composed of four (4) players and one (1) reserve.

- The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.
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.
If there are 9-12 teams in a competition, the competition will be played by a combined system according to the ECU Regulations.
- 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;
- According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.
- 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.

12 Additional competition rules

- The default time is 15 minutes.
- Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.
- During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.
- Flash photography may be used only in the first ten (10) minutes of the playing session.
- Only the players, captains and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play

there themselves.

- As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- **Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.**
- No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition
- The ECU Rule for dress code is valid for all European Championships
- The European Anti-Cheating rules are valid for all European Championships. (Article Q of the ECU Tournament Rules).
- It is assumed that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and accept to conform to them.
 - The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version

13 Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2021 is Mr. Petr Pisk (CZE) The Chairman of Appeals Committee and the Chief Arbiter of the competition will be announced no later than 1st September 2021. Two (2) reserve members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting by the team captains.

14 Entry visa to Republic of North Macedonia

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 15th of August 2021 and apply on time to the respective North Macedonian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

15 Official Hotels

Rates per person · Full Board (Buffet with special COVID19 measures)	Single Room (EUR)	Double Room (EUR)
Izgrev 5 stars	97	79
Drim 4 stars	79	59
Makpetrol 4 stars	79	59
Biser 3 stars	65	52

Details for the hotels you can find on web site as follows:

<http://www.europeanchessclubcup2021.com/accomodation/>

16 Covid-19 pandemic provisions

- ECU and the organizers consider of a high priority the safety of the participants & technical staff, even there could not be a 100% sanitary guarantee.
- The sanitary measures will be set up in accordance with the North Macedonian legislation and ECU norms.
- Upon the arrival in the venue all the players, accompanying persons and staff members shall present a negative Covid-19 test completed with no more than 48 hrs. before their arrival, or COVID Passport for vaccination according to EU regulative The players may be subject of an additional rapid or self-test during the competition.
- Further provisions regarding pandemic safety conditions and Covid-19 tests will be issued by the 1st of August and detailed regulations regarding safety measures during the Championship will be issues before the start of the championship.

17 Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2021 is

<http://www.europeanchessclubcup2021.com>.mk

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