



20th EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

U - 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

Novi Sad, Serbia, December 26th – 31st 2021.

REGULATIONS

1. Official Invitation:

The Chess Federation of Serbia, under the auspices of the European Chess Union (ECU), is honored to invite young chess players from all European chess federations, members of the ECU, to participate in the 20th EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID AND BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP for young players under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 years.

The championship will be held in Novi Sad (Serbia), from December 26th to 31st.

2. Participation Rights:

The right to participate is given to all chess players who belong to chess federations, members of the ECU, who have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 by January 1st of the year in which the tournament is held.

Each federation has the right to register any number of participants as necessary, provided that the following criteria are met:

- (a) payment of ECU registration fees in advance for each registered player;
- (b) payment of the registration fee and full board accommodation for all registered players to the organizer;

3. Playing Hall:

Championship will be played in the playing hall of Hotel Park in Novi Sad.

4. Competitions:

(1) 20th EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9 rounds according to the Swiss system (one game per round), rate of play: 15 min. + 10 sec. per player
- Categories (12 in total): open and girls up to 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 years.
- Registration fee: 20 EUR per participant
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(2) 20th EUROPEAN YOUTH BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9 rounds according to the Swiss system (two games per round), rate of play: 3 min. + 2 sec. per player
- Categories (12): open and girls up to 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 years.

- Registration fee: 5 EUR per participant
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(3) 20th EUROPEAN TEAM YOUTH RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

- Categories (3): open up to 10, 14 and 18 years.
- Teams should be composed of 4 players without reserves from the same federation
- The tournament will be held in 7 rounds, according to the Swiss system, rate of play: 10 min. + 5 sec. per player
- Registration fee is 20 EUR per team.
- Prizes: members of the 3 (three) best placed teams in each will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(4) 19th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOLVING CHESS PROBLEMS

- Categories: open and girls up to 10, 14 and 18 years.
- Registration fee is 5 EUR per participant.
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players, in each category, will receive trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

All National Chess federations shall pay the ECU entry fee to the European Chess Union (ECU) in the amount of 10 EUR per participant, regardless of how many competitions they participate in.

5. Titles:

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

ECU Tiebreak criteria will apply if two or more players are tied for the same rank, as well as in all other cases where necessary.

All participants will receive a gift from the organizers. The total value of the prize fund in the goods for the winners is 6.000 EUR.

6. Accommodation:

Accommodation for participants and accompanying persons is provided on a base of full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) in hotels „Park” and „Novi Sad” in a period of December 26th – 31st with prices as follows:

Hotel	Room Type	Price per person / day
Park (5*) (number of rooms is limited) https://www.hotelparkns.com/	Double room	64 EUR
	Single room	84 EUR
Novi Sad (4*) https://hotelnovisad.co.rs/	Double room	49 EUR
	Single room	59 EUR
	Triple room	46 EUR

Participants are obliged to book accommodation with organizers.

The walking distance of the hotel "Novi Sad" to the hotel "Park" is 15 minutes. Regular bus transfer will be provided.

7. Transfer Service:

The transfer for players and accompanying persons will be organized from the Belgrade airport "Nikola Tesla" to the chosen hotel in Novi Sad. The transfer will be available for participants arriving on December 25th or 26th, and departing on December 30th or 31st.

If participants arrive on another date, they should contact organizer, who will do their best to meet participants request and provide the transfer.

The price of a return ticket is 40 EUR per person, while in one direction ticket cost is 25 EUR.

Participants who are interested in transfer service from the airport in Budapest to Novi Sad, should contact organizer, who will prepare an adequate offer.

Participants are not obliged to accept the transfer offer from the organizers, and in that case they are responsible for any problems that may arise.

8. Championship Schedule:

December 26th		Participants Arrival
December 27th	11:00	Opening Ceremony
	11:30 – 13:45	Individual Rapid (Rounds 1-2)
	15:30 – 19:00	Individual Rapid (Rounds 3-5)
December 28th	10:00 – 12:00	Problems Solving Championship
	15:30 – 20:15	Individual Rapid (Rounds 6-9)
December 29th	10:00 – 13:00	Blitz (Rounds 1-5)
	15:30 – 20:00	Team Rapid Championship
December 30th	10:00 – 12:30	Blitz (Rounds 6-9)
		Participants Departure
December 31st		Participants Departure

9. Payment Details:

Payments of registration fees and accommodation fees should be made no later than December 3rd, 2021 to the organizer on account of the Chess Federation of Serbia:

Account holder: Chess Federation of Serbia, Nušićeva 25 / II, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia)

Name and address of the bank: Banca Intesa AD, 7B Milentija Popovica st., Belgrade (Serbia)

Swift Bank Code (BIC): DBDBRSBG, IBAN Code: RS35160005080003775935

Registration fee payments to the European Chess Union are made no later than the beginning of the competition through the accounts of the European Chess Union:

Account holder: European Chess Union, Rainweidstrasse 2, CH-6333 Hunenberg See, Switzerland

Name and address of the bank: Credit Suisse, CH-6301 Zug, Postfach 357

Swift Bank Code (BIC): CRESCHZZXXX, IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

10. Officials:

The names of the officials (arbiters and members of the Appeal Committee) will be announced later.

11. COVID-19 Pandemic Rules:

All participants should follow the rules regarding entry into Serbia using the following link: <https://mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/covid-19-entry-requirements>

During the stay in the Republic of Serbia and during the competition, all country measures that are valid at the time of the event will be applied. Accompanying persons are not allowed to be present in the playing hall.

Additional measures may be decided according to the ECU protocols.

In a case of cancellation of the championship, all payments which were made will be fully refunded. The championship can be canceled only in a case if Republic of Serbia Government issue a ban on holding all sports competitions.

In a case that any of the registered players or accompanying persons are not able to participate due to epidemiological reasons and inform the organizer in advance, all payments which were made will be fully refunded.

12. Participants Registration and Information:

Registration of participants should be done exclusively by filling out the registration form and sending it to the e-mail address of the organizer, no later than December 3rd, 2021.

All information, including registration form, can be found on the official website of the tournament:

www.youthchess.org

Email: youthchess2021@gmail.com

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