



EUROPEAN ONLINE RAPID SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(UNDER 10 - 17)

Selection Stage, 3 – 5 December

FINAL STAGE, 10 – 12 December 2021

1. INVITATION

The ECU, the Georgian Chess Federation & the Georgian Chess Club “64” invite all ECU member national federations to participate in the ECU Online Rapid **School Championships**, under 10 – 17 (hereinafter referred to as **School Championships**).

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 The **School Championships** are the ECU official competitions.

2.2 At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the Organizer of the event for any kind of amendments.

3. FORMAT & PARTICIPANTS

3.1 The **School Championships** will be played in 5 different age groups – under 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 2 sections - open and girls. Players of the Championships must not have reached their 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th birthday, respectively, before January 1st of the year 2021.

3.2 Each National Federation will appoint one captain/representative for the technical meetings and communication during the event. In special cases private registrations will be also acceptable.

3.3 The Rapid Championships will consist of two stages.

3.4 For any age group (open and girls) the second stage event (Finals) will consist of an 8 - player KO tournament based on 2 games (with alternate colours) and possible one Armageddon tie-break 5/4 minutes game with no increment and the black qualifies if the game is drawn.

4. SELECTION STAGE

4.1 The selection stage tournaments will be played by separate online 7-round Swiss System tournaments (Girls under 10, 11, 13, 15, 17 and Open under 10, 11, 13, 15, and 17).

4.2 Every Chess Federation can register any number of players per each category in the selection stage.

4.3 The time control for the selection stage will be 10 minutes + 3 second increment starting from the

first move.

4.4 In the Selection stage, players will be ranked according to their December 2021 FIDE standard rating list.

4.5 First 8 winners per category will be qualified to the final stages. In case a player declines his right to play the finals for any reason, the organizer may replace him/her by the next player in the standing. Appropriate replacements from the selection stage are possible before **8 of December 22:00 CET**.

5. FINAL STAGE

5.1 The time control for the final stage will be 15 minutes + 10 second increment starting from the first move.

5.2 In the final stage, players will be ranked according to their December 2021 FIDE standard rating list and will be paired according to the following "tree"

O1	1	Q1	W 01	S1	W Q1	W S1
	16		W 08		W Q4	W S2
O3	3	Q3	W 03	S2	W Q3	
	14		W 06		W Q2	
O5	5	Q4	W 05			
	12		W 04			
O7	7	Q2	W 07			
	10		W 02			
O8	9					
	8					
O6	11					
	6					
O4	13					
	4					
O2	15					
	2					

6. PAIRINGS AND TIE-BREAK OF THE SELECTIONS

6.1 Pairings and Tie-breaks will be handled by FIDE certified software under the responsibility of the Pairings Officer and the Chief Arbiter.

6.2 Pairings of the selection stage will be done according to the Swiss System considering the rating list being valid at the moment the pairings are generated. For the final stage the pairings will be done according to the "tree" as described in art. 5 and players will be ranked according to their December 2021 FIDE standard rating list.

6.3 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in priority according to the following criteria for Swiss events:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied have played each other);
- Buchholz Cut1;

- Buchholz;
- The greater number of games with Black;
- The greater number of wins.

7. HIP

7.1 Tornelo is the Hosting Internet Platform.

8. REGISTRATION & FEES

8.1 Registrations shall be handled by the National Chess Federations through the registration forms

8.2 **Registration deadline for the highest rating player to participate in FIDE Grand Prix (15.1-15.5) is October 28, 22:00 CET, 2021.**

8.3 **Registration deadline is November 20, 22:00 CET, 2021.**

8.4 During the registration, every player will have to register himself in the HIP with his real name.
The player must ensure that his account is active.

8.5 Registration fee for rapid is 50 Euros for each player.

8.6 The registration fee is not refundable.

9. PAYMENT

The payment deadline is **November 25, 2021**. After the Registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment. A sender is responsible for all bank commissions.

10. SCHEDULE

CATEGORY	DATE	TIME & EVENT	ROUND
All	October 28 th	Registration deadline for FIDE GRAND PRIX	
All	November 20 th	Registration Deadline	
All	November 25 th – 30 th	Webinar: Registration and use of HIP	
All	December 3 rd	CET 14:00 – 15:00	Technical Meeting
All	December 3 rd	CET 16:00 – 17:00	Arbiter Meeting
All	December 3 rd	CET 18:00 – 18:30	Opening Ceremony
SELECTION STAGE			
All Categories	December 3 rd	CET 19:00, CET 20:00	Round 1 - 2
All Categories	December 4 th	CET 15:00, CET 16:00, CET 17:00	Round 3 - 4 - 5
All Categories	December 5 th	CET 15:00, CET 16:00	Round 6 - 7

All Categories	December 10 th	CET 19:00, 20:00 and Armageddon	First round
All Categories	December 11 th	CET 19:00, 20:00 and Armageddon	Semi-finals
All Categories	December 12 th	CET 19:00, 20:00 and Armageddon	Final + Marches for 3 places
	December 14 th	CET 19:00	Closing Ceremony

The schedule for the Selection and Final stages can be modified at the organizer's discretion.

11. DISCONNECTIONS AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

11.1 It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. If a player is disconnected from the server, the player may reconnect and continue the game while he still has time on the clock.

11.2 An individual delayed or lost connection may lead to a forfeit upon the decision of Chief Arbiter.

11.3 In case of a force majeure event affecting several participants in different locations (e.g., a global or regional Internet outage, a power outage caused by a natural disaster, a widespread server-side failure), the Chief Arbiter will decide in the best interest of the competition upon consultations with the Online Play Administrator. This decision can include adding time to affected players; suspending, resuming, or replaying affected games; and other measures in the Chief Arbiter's sole discretion.

11.4 The Chief Arbiter's decisions under Art. 11.2 or 11.3 of these Regulations cannot be appealed.

12. FAIR PLAY

12.1 The fair-play measures are based on resources of HIP and FIDE-approved external tools and follow ECU and FIDE's anti-cheating guidelines.

12.2 Anti-cheating matters will be governed by a fair-play panel (hereinafter referred to as FPP) nominated by the organizing Committee in consultation with the Chief Arbiter, consisting in fair-play experts.

12.3 During any stage of the tournament players will be required to join a ZOOM call, sharing their screen and activate their cameras.

12.4 At any moment, FPP works to ensure fair results for each game and may apply or suggest the chief arbiter any measures that it considers necessary and sufficient to ensure fair-play conditions during the tournament.

12.5 Based upon the results of the anti-cheating algorithm and/or other evidence deemed sufficient by the FPP to establish a cheating incident, the chief arbiter has the right to disqualify any player for a suspected fair-play violation during the course or after conclusion of any tournament. The disqualified player may be declared lost in all the games he/she played in the tournament. The decision of chief arbiter to disqualify a player for a suspected fair-play violation is final and is not subject to any appeal, review, or other challenge.

12.6 Detailed information about each fair-play violation case on any stage of Event t is submitted to ECU and FIDE.

12.7 The Chief arbiter, in consultation with FPP may decide in the case of a clear or gross violation, or repeated violations, to refer the matter to the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission which may exclude the player from all official chess participation, including over-the-board events for a period up to 15 years.

12.8 By entering into the tournament each player accepts the above-mentioned Fair-Play measures as a condition of entry in a voluntary sports event and agrees that his/her participation takes place subject to these Fair-Play measures. Each player acknowledges and agrees that he/she consents to the transfer of all his/her personal data by HIP to ECU and FIDE, including his/her real name, games played, evidence of compliance with the fair play rules, including video recording of games (if any).

12.9 The organizer reserves the right to institute additional fair play rules before the start of the competition, based on ECU guidelines and best practices.

13. ARBITERS

13.1 The ECU President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter after the consultation with the chief organizer.

14. APPEALS

14.1 The ECU President shall appoint the Chairman of the Appeals Committee after the consultation with the chief organizer.

14.2 The Appeals Committee shall not accept or review any appeals against computer generated pairings, failed internet connection, decisions of the Chief Arbiter under art. 11.2 or 11.3, or fair play.

14.3 Any appeal against a decision of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted to the Appeals Committee by the captain/representative of National federation in written form to the address eurochess2021@gmail.com not later than 15 minutes after the end of the particular round and must be accompanied by a commitment to pay an amount of 200 euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is accepted, the deposit will not be charged. If the appeal is rejected, the deposit will be kept, unless the Appeals Committee decides otherwise.

14.4 Any member of the Appeals Committee cannot sit in judgement in a dispute involving one player from his/her Federation. In such case the Chairman will replace him with a substitute. In case the Chairman has to be replaced, the eldest member will act as the Chairman.

14.5 The Appeals Committee endeavour to decide as quick as possible. In case it finds it necessary, the Appeals Committee may summon the complainant and/or any other people. Refusal to participate to the session of the Appeals Committee is considered for the final decision.

14.6 The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

15. PRIZES

15.1 The highest rated registered player (by FIDE October, 2021 standard rating) from each category will gain the right to participate in FIDE Online Rapid Grand Prix Series 2021.

15.2 The highest rated registered players under 10, are entitled to participate in FIDE Online Rapid Grand Prix Series 2021 under 10; players under 11 will participate in under 12 categories; players

under 13 will participate in under 14 categories; players under 15 will participate in under 16 categories; players under 17 will participate in under 18 categories.

15.3 FIDE Grand Prix Series will take place from 1-8 of November and 19-24 of November, 2021.

15.4 If there is a tie in FIDE October, 2021 standard ratings between the registered players, for example, if the first or any other player has the same FIDE October, 2021 standard rating, the one with the higher rating in the previous published rating list will be invited. If the players were tied also in the previous rating list, the invitation will be given to the one with the higher published rating in the last rating list where they were not tied, going back month by month.

15.5 In case the highest rated player declines his right to play in FIDE Online Rapid Grand Prix Series 2021 for any reason, the ECU and the Organizer may replace him/her by the next players in the standing. Appropriate replacements from the selection stage are possible before 29 of October 12:00 CET.

	WINNER	II PLACE	III PLACE
All 10 Categories OPEN & GIRLS RAPID & BLITZ	Electronic MEDAL & DIPLOMA	Electronic MEDAL & DIPLOMA	Electronic MEDAL & DIPLOMA

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

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