



EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS U12 & U18

11 - 19 July 2022

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 2022 organised from 11 July (arrivals) to 19 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 girl's 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 1st January 2022:

- Players U12 should have a birth date of 1st January 2010 and after.
- Players U18 should have a birth date of 1st January 2004 and after.

2.2 Each national federation member of the European Chess Union (ECU) has the right to enter up to four (4) teams of four (4) players and one (1) reserve in the open competitions and up to four (4) teams of two (2) female players and one (1) reserve in the girl 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 for each team is required.

3.2 Participating federations must 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 the next rounds. The ECU fee 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 **19 May 2022**. 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 (11 July) and the departure day (19 July or 23 July in case of participation in the European Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships as well). 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 11th and 19th July (or 23rd July).
- Registration fees.
- All taxes (including VAT and Municipality Tax).

<u>Price per person in quadruple suite</u> (sleeps 4 in two rooms)	<u>Price per person in triple suite</u> (sleeps 3 in two rooms)	<u>Price per person in double room</u> (sleeps 2 in one room)
510 euros per person	540 euros per person	590 euros per person

* Each team shall share an equal or balanced number of all room types and each request is subject to confirmation by the Organising Committee, depending on availability. The Organising Committee will inform each delegation about the exact distribution available.

5.2 By the registration deadline of **19 May 2022**, a deposit payment of 200 euros per person must be sent, to confirm participation, to the following bank account of the organizing agency for each player and accompanying person (bank charges to be covered by the sender):

Bank: Piraeus Bank

Bank address: Amerikis 4, Athens 10564, Greece

Bank SWIFT: PIRBGRAAXX

IBAN account number: GR02 0172 0450 0050 4509 2938 591

Account Holder: AT Holidays SMPC

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 Tournament 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

Monday, 11 July	13:00 - 18:00	Arrivals
Monday, 11 July	18:00 - 22:00	Registration
Tuesday, 12 July	10:00	Captains meeting
Tuesday, 12 July	15:30	Opening ceremony
Tuesday, 12 July	16:00	Round 1
Wednesday, 13 July	16:00	Round 2
Thursday, 14 July	16:00	Round 3
Friday, 15 July	16:00	Round 4
Saturday, 16 July	16:00	Round 5
Sunday, 17 July	16:00	Round 6
Monday, 18 July	15:00	Round 7
Monday, 18 July	20:30	Closing ceremony
Tuesday, 19 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.

The result of the unplayed match is: 2 match points and 4 game points in case of an unplayed win, 1 match point and 2 game points in case of a bye, 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss.

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 2022" in its respective category.
- 12.2 The winning team of the girls competition receives the title "European Youth Champion Team for Girls 2022" 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 2022" 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 2nd and 3rd placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.
- 12.5 The Winners (1st 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 **19th May 2022**
- 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 Office: Giannis Kalesis

Official Website: <http://euroyouth2022.com> , Email: euroyouth2022@chess.travel

