

European Chess Union (ECU)  
Czech Chess Federation  
AVE CHESS z.s.

**EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18**  
**Prague, August 21<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**1. Invitation**

Czech Chess Federation, AVE CHESS z.s. (the organizer of Czech Open Chess Festival and Czech Tour Chess Festivals Series) and the European Chess Union have the honour to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to ECU to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organised in Prague, Czech Republic from 21<sup>st</sup> August (arrival) to 1<sup>st</sup> September (departure) 2024.

**2. Participation**

2.1. Each federation can register one (1) "invited" player in each of the categories - under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (open and girls), the maximum number of twelve (12) players ("invited players").

2.2. The players placed 1-3 in the European Youth Chess Championship 2023 will have the personal right to participate in the tournament in the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category, if they fulfill the conditions that they have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of the qualification.

2.3. In order to ensure proper tournament standards, all players must register through their national federations before 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (registration deadline). The entry form should be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship.

2.4. Each federation can register an unlimited number of extra players.

2.5. According to the ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1) for youth tournaments the players are obliged to stay in one of the official hotels. Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.

**3. Fees**

3.1. In accordance with the ECU regulations, the entry fee of 65 EUR is required for each invited player and player with a personal right; and 130 EUR for each extra player.

3.2. According to the ECU regulations, federations are obliged to make the payment of the ECU fee on the ECU bank account before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU bank account by the end of the second round, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3. The organization fee of 100 EUR, required from all accredited persons (invited players, players with a personal right, extra players, chiefs of delegation, trainers, accompanying persons etc.), must be paid by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### **4. Registration**

4.1. The entry form must be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024. This date is the registration deadline. After that, federations will not be able to register or modify any registrations. After this date all the registrations must be confirmed by the organizer and the ECU.

4.2. Players will not be paired until all their registration details are filled in.

#### **5. Travel conditions**

The organizer will arrange the transfer between the Prague airport and the hotel for all accredited persons and will charge 10 EUR per person (one way). The distance is 28,5 km (25 - 50 min by bus).

#### **6. Payments**

6.1. The ECU fees must be paid before the start of the competition on the account of the European Chess Union:

**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

6.2. After online registration has been completed on the official website of the championship by the national federation, an invoice with all necessary bank details for payment will be sent. Deposit in the amount of 50% for organization fees, accommodation and transfer costs must be paid to the account of the organizer by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Rest amount must be paid by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

6.3. All bank commissions must be paid by a sender, if they are not paid, the organizer will provide an invoice which must be paid before the start of the championship.

#### **7. Lodging and boarding**

**7.1. Lodging and boarding will be provided at the TOP HOTEL Praha \*\*\*\*, Blazimska 1781/4, Praha 4, and at the other official hotels. All tournament halls are situated at the TOP HOTEL Praha.**

**7.2. Invited players, players with personal rights and delegation chiefs will be accommodated with full board at one of the official hotels in double rooms of "standard" category or in triple rooms of "executive" category.** Booking and payments for these rooms must be made and sent to the organizer no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, resp. 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (payment). The booking is considered to be assured when organization fees are paid.

Invited players, players with personal rights and delegation chiefs who are registered after 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, pay an extra charge of 100 EUR each.

All the above-mentioned payments are non-refundable if the booking is cancelled. **Free lodging and boarding will be provided from 21<sup>st</sup> August (dinner) to 1<sup>st</sup> September (lunch).** Any additional overnights will be charged as at 7.3.

**7.3. Extra players, coaches and accompanying people will be accommodated with full board at one of the official hotels.** Booking and payments for their rooms must be made and sent to the organizer no later than 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, resp. 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (payment). All the above-mentioned payments are non-refundable if the booking is cancelled.

**Lodging per room with full board** (full board includes breakfast, lunch and dinner):

**TOP HOTEL Praha \*\*\*\***

(wireless internet connection, satellite TV and mini-bar for all room types)

**Standard rooms**

(~ 22 m<sup>2</sup>, a bathroom with a shower and a toilet)

single room - 130 EUR / room per night

double room - 160 EUR / room per night

**Executive rooms**

(~ 45 m<sup>2</sup>, a bathroom with a shower and a toilet)

single room - 140 EUR / room per night

double room - 170 EUR / room per night

triple room - 225 EUR / room per night

**Superior rooms**

(~ 46 m<sup>2</sup>, two separate bathrooms - a large bathroom with a corner bath and toilet and a smaller bathroom with a shower, air-conditioning)

single room - 150 EUR / room per night

double room - 180 EUR / room per night

triple room - 240 EUR / room per night

**Suites**

(~ 2x16 m<sup>2</sup>, two separate rooms: a two-bed room and a living room, spacious bathroom)

1 person in a suite - 160 EUR / room per night

2 people in a suite - 200 EUR / room per night

3 people in a suite - 270 EUR / room per night

Bookings in TOP HOTEL Praha will be made by priority of registration. First come, first served.

**EA HOTEL EMBASSY PRAGUE \*\*\*\*+**

(address: Petrská 31, 110 00 Praha 1 – historical centre, distance from the playing area: 8 km; room description: spacious bathroom equipped with a shower, wireless internet connection, satellite TV and mini-bar, air-conditioning)

single room (25 m<sup>2</sup>) - 150 EUR / room per night

double room (25 m<sup>2</sup>) - 200 EUR / room per night

triple room (30 m<sup>2</sup>) - 250 EUR / room per night

quadruple room (40 m<sup>2</sup>) - 350 EUR / room per night

If the number of rooms in Top hotel is not sufficient, the organizer will provide additional rooms in other hotels of equal quality and price. The additional hotels shall be prior approved by European Chess Union and will be informed to the participants. For all participants and accompanying persons will be free transportation from and to hosting hotels to the playing venue.

Accredited persons staying at other official hotel than the TOP hotel (playing venue) will be provided daily transfer free of charge.

**8. Tournament halls**

All tournament halls are situated at the TOP HOTEL Praha \*\*\*\*, Blazimska 1781/4, Praha 4.

**9. Transport connection:**

It takes app. 20 minutes to get from the city centre to the hotel by public transport: from the metro station line C "Chodov" take bus No. 115 to the bus stop "Mestsky archiv" which is situated right in front of the hotel.

It takes app. 10 minutes from the city centre by car: the D1 highway – exit “Sporilov, Chodov” – turn right at the first crossroads – go straight on at the second crossroads, turn left at the third crossroads – turn right after 50 m – the main road leads to the hotel.

## **10. Tournament schedule**

Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> August		arrival
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	20:00	opening ceremony
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	10:00	technical meeting
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	15:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	15:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> August		free day
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	8 <sup>th</sup> round
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	13:00	9 <sup>th</sup> round
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	20:00	closing ceremony
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> September		departure

Players from those federations which are not presented and confirmed as participants at the technical meeting, may not be paired.

## **11. Rules and regulations**

The ECU Book of Rules should be followed.

The tournament will be played by a 9-rounds Swiss system. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. The time rate will be 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Default time for all 9 rounds is 15 minutes.

The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#) and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations. During the competition, random AC inspections are possible

## **12. 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 end of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 €, 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. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

## **13. Scoring and tie-breaking system**

12.1. The score in each game is 1 for a win, ½ for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

12.2. Tie-breaking:

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

#### **14. Arbiters and Appeals committee**

The names of the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of Appeals committee will be published not later than 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. Names of other arbiters and members of the Appeals committee will be announced during the technical meeting.

#### **15. Tournament bulletin**

The tournament bulletin will be available on the website for all interested persons free of charge.

#### **16. Visa information**

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visa are requested to contact the organizer till 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. Schengen visas are valid in the Czech Republic.

#### **17. Prizes**

- 16.1. The first three players in each group will be awarded medals; the first five players in each group will be awarded cups, diplomas and valuable prizes.
- 16.2. Each participant will receive presents.
- 16.3. The total amount of all prizes and presents will be 20.000 EUR at the minimum.

#### **18. Parallel activities**

FIDE seminars for trainers, arbiters and organizers will be organized during the championship.

#### **19. Currency**

The local currency is the Czech Crown (CZK), 1 EUR = around 25 CZK

#### **20. Tournament office**

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