



EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Batumi, Georgia, 4 – 15 October 2025

1. Invitation

ECU and the Georgian chess federation invite ECU member federations to participate in European team Chess Championship 2025. The event will be held in Batumi from 4 of October (arrival day) to 15 of October (departure day).

W E L C O M E



Batumi Europe Square



Batumi Botanical Garden



Batumi dolphinarium



Dendrological Park

2. Participation

Each national federation member of the ECU has the right to enter with one team of four players and one reserve in the Open competition and one team of four female players and one reserve in the Women's competition.

3. Schedule, System, Time Control, Special Rules, Ranking & Tie – Breaking Criteria

Saturday	October 4		Arrival Day
Saturday	October 4	21:00	Technical meeting
Sunday	October 5	14:30	Opening Ceremony
Sunday	October 5	15:00	Round 1
Monday	October 6	15:00	Round 2
Tuesday	October 7	15:00	Round 3
Wednesday	October 8	15:00	Round 4
Thursday	October 9	15:00	Round 5
Friday	October 10	15:00	Round 6
Saturday	October 11		REST DAY
Sunday	October 12	15:00	Round 7
Monday	October 13	15:00	Round 8
Tuesday	October 14	12:00	Round 9
Tuesday	October 14	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday	October 15		Departure Day

3.1 The European Team Championship shall be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with one Open section and one section for the Women's teams, each considered as separate competitions.

3.2 Rate of play is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1. Default time 15 minutes

3.3 Players may only agree to draw after 30 moves has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited.

3.4 The [ECU Dress Code](#) is obligatory as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sun glasses, hats-except for religious reasons, etc. are not allowed).

3.5 The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the FIDE Code of Ethics and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organizers & participants shall follow these regulations.

3.6 In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed. The access of accredited persons will be specified by the Chief Arbiter. Flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes after the start of the round. During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to FIDE and ECU rules.

3.7 The order of teams that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by applying tie-breaking criteria according to the ECU Scoring and tie-breaking system: <https://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/general-tournament-regulations/b-6-%20scoring-and-tie-breaking-system>

a) By the sum of Sonneborn–Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each match, 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 the same total of match points the lowest results of multiplication shall be excluded.

b) By the number of board points won; the highest score wins;

c) By the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest score wins;

d) By the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents against which a tied result was achieved, the highest score wins.

4. ECU Fee

In accordance with ECU regulations, an entry fee of **300 Euro** is required for each open national team and another **300 Euro** for each women's national team. According to ECU regulations, the entry fee shall be paid by the respective federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the competition.

The ECU entry fee must be paid to the account of the ECU:

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

5. Entry Fee

- 5.1 The deadline for the registration is **August 10th, 2025**.
- 5.2 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, **ECU member federations** must fully complete the excel registration form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **August 10th 2025**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- 5.3 The **Registration fee** is 100 Euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.
- 5.4 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 200 Euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.

6. Travel from Airports to the Hotel

- 6.1 The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **October 5th** as well as the departure transfer on **October 14th**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- 6.2 Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- 6.3 Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) is for each person 60 Euros
- 6.4 Travel price from Trabzon (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) is for each person 90 Euros
- 6.5 Travel price from Rize-Artvin (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (80 km) is for each person 70 Euros
- 6.6 Travel from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) – by agreement.
- 6.7 Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for their trip.

7. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- 7.1 All players and guests are invited to stay in 5 ***** Grand Bellagio Convention with next prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Single	111 Euros
Double	89 Euros

7.2 Hotel reservation deadline is **August 10th, 2025**

7.3 To ensure guests comfort as well as conserving the time and energy, the players will have their playing venue within their hotel complex.

7.4 For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with ECU tournament regulations all national delegations shall stay in the official hotels.

8. Payments

8.1. After the Registration, accommodation & travel 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.

8.1 The payment deadline for registrations and 50 % of accommodations is August 10th 2025. The rest of payments shall be completed by 5th September 2025.

8.2 A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

9. Arbiters & Appeals Procedure

9.1 Chief and Deputy Arbiters and Appeals Committee will be appointed by European Chess Union.

9.2 Protests decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee not later than 1 hour after the end of each match. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200 EUR as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum will be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the ECU. The appeal must be lodged by the team captain. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

10. Prizes

- The first three teams in the Open and Women's sections will each receive cups. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive gold medals and diplomas. Members of the second and third-placed teams shall each receive silver and bronze medals and diplomas respectively.
- The best – performing players in the Open and Women's sections on each board (10 players in total) will receive gold medals. Performance shall be calculated as per ECU tournament rules. Second and third placed players in both sections will receive silver and bronze medals.
- All players and team captains must take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

11. ECU General Assembly

The annual ECU General Assembly and ECU 40 years anniversary Gala will take place on Saturday 11th of October. Additional information about the delegates and rest participants will be published by ECU.

12. Visa Information

- 12.1 About 100 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas, Including the EU, GB, , Israel, Turkey. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi, Kutaisi or Tbilisi airport.
- 12.2 Do You Need a Visa? <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>

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