EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

27th European Women's Chess Championship

Crete, Greece

18 - 31 March 2027

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations who are members of the European Chess Union (ECU) and for all women players, without rating or title limitations, who are members of the above national chess federations integral to ECU. The championship will be held in Hersonissos on the island of Crete, from 18 to 31 March 2027 in the 4-star "Belvedere Resort" Conference Hotel.

2. Participation

By registering, each player confirms that she will participate in the 27th edition of the European Women's Chess Championship ("EWCC 2027"), part of the World Championship Cycle and has acquainted herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating rules.

3. Schedule

The championship will be held from 18 to 31 March 2027.

The playing hall and accommodation will be situated at the 4-star Belvedere Resort & Conference Hotel, Hersonissos, 70014 Crete.

The schedule is planned as described below:

Thursday	18 March	12:00 - 22:00	Arrival Day & Technical Meeting at 21:00
Friday	19 March	14:45	Opening Ceremony
		15:00	Round 1
Saturday	20 March	15:00	Round 2
Sunday	21 March	15:00	Round 3
Monday	22 March	15:00	Round 4
Tuesday	23 March	15:00	Round 5
Wednesday	24 March	15:00	Round 6
Thursday	25 March		Free Day
Friday	26 March	15:00	Round 7
Saturday	27 March	15:00	Round 8
Sunday	28 March	15:00	Round 9
Monday	29 March	15:00	Round 10
Tuesday	30 March	13:00	Round 11
		20:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday	31 March	11:00	Departures

4. Tournament System

Tournament rules for the ECU European Individual Championships are applied.

Swiss system, 11 rounds. Rate of play is 90’ for 40 moves + 30’ for the rest of the game with an increment of 30’’ for every move, starting from move 1. Default time is 15 minutes.

5. Ranking and Tie-Break criteria

The order of players 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-scoring-and-tie-breaking-system/ :

(a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (if all the tied players have met each other),

(b) Buchholz Cut 1,

(c) Buchholz,

(d) The greater number of games played with black,

(e) The Greater number of wins.

6. Prizes and Qualification

The 27th European Women's Championship gives qualification spots for the FIDE Women's World Cup. According to the decision of the ECU at least 10 players will qualify.*

**Under the current FIDE Women's World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for rules of FIDE Women's World Cup the qualification spots.*

Prize fund in total amount of **60.000 EUR (sixty thousand euros)** is divided as follows:

Overall ranking

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	10.000	**11**	1.500
2	8.000	**12**	1.500
3	7.000	**13**	1.500
4	6.000	**14**	1.500
5	5.000	**15**	1.000
6	4.000	**16**	1.000
7	3.000	**17**	1.000
8	2.000	**18**	1.000
9	1.500	**19**	1.000
10	1.500	**20**	1.000

Distribution of prizes

According to the Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, the prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score for the general standing's prizes.

According to the Article B.14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, her money prize will be reduced by 20%.

ECU will send the prizes to the winners by bank transfers after the tournament.

7. Registration fee

The registration fee is 100 euros for each player and accredited/accompanying person.

8. Accommodation

OFFICIAL HOTEL: 4-star BELVEDERE RESORT (****)

Price in double occupancy room	Price in single occupancy room
78 euros per day per person	118 euros per day per person

Prices include (per person):

- Accommodation in single or double room,
- Full board included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily,
- Soft Drinks/Beer/Wine/Water during meals in restaurant,
- Transport from and to Heraklion airport (IATA: HER) on 18 and 31 March,
- Free Wi-Fi, use of swimming pools and parking,
- All taxes (including Municipality Tax and State Tourism Eco-Tax).

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **3 February 2027**, together with a 30% deposit for the selected accommodation + 100 euros registration fee.

9. ECU Entry Fee

As per ECU regulations, players with a title of GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM pay an ECU entry fee of 65 euros each, while other players pay 130 euros.

ECU is invoicing national chess federations for the participants. The ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the championship. If the ECU entry fee for a player is not paid until the end of the 2nd round, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU entry fee must be paid directly via bank transfer to the European Chess Union (ECU):

Bank: UBS AG
Bank address: Bahnhofstrasse 45, Postfach - 8098 Zurich
Bank Swift code: UBSWCHZH80A
Account Holder: European Chess Union
IBAN account No.: CH0300246246190353 60X

10. Registration, accommodation orders and payments

All players shall register until **3 February 2027** (application deadline). The application form can be downloaded at the official website of the championship.

Entering the playing area will be allowed only to persons accredited by the organizer. Beside the written application players are obliged to attend the official registration at the venue before the start of the tournament, on the 18th of March between 12:00 and 22:00.

At the latest by the 3rd of February 2027, the minimum amount of 30% deposit for the selected accommodation package + 100 euros registration fee, free from bank transfer fees shall be sent to the organizing agency´s bank account. Upon confirmed application, the invoiced amount for each person will be sent from the organizing agency's email with bank payment instructions.

Full payment for the hotel accommodation of participants and accompanying persons must be completed no later than 5 March 2027.

After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late applications. If there is availability, an extra late registration fee of 200 euros per person will be charged for late applications.

11. Transfers from and to Heraklion airport

The organizer will arrange shuttle transfers between the airport of Heraklion and the Belvedere Resort conference hotel. Airport transfer is included for players and accompanying accredited persons of the official hotel on the arrival day (18th March) and the departure day (31st March).

12. Other information

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). 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, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations.

Only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed in the playing hall. The access of accredited persons will be specified by the Chief Arbiter. Photo flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes of each round.

Awarded players will give interviews and photo sessions for at least 15 minutes after the last round and after the awarding ceremony.

During the tournament, first aid medical service will be provided according to FIDE and ECU rules.

13. Appeals Procedure

Protests decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee 1 hour after the end of the respective game. 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 player. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

14. Tournament Office

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