



European Amateur Chess Championship 2018

Nikšić (Montenegro), 13-21 June 2018

Hotel Onogošt

**Organized by the
Montenegro chess federation**

**Under the auspices of
European Chess Union (ECU)**

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

Montenegro chess federation in association with City of Niksic under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. VENUE

The European Amateur Chess Championship will be held in Niksic, Montenegro, from June 13 (day of arrival) through June 21 (day of departure) 2018. The tournament will be held in the "Onogost" hotel (Njegos str, Niksic, Montenegro). The official accommodating hotel will be Hotel "Onogost". The playing hall is in the same hotel.

3. PARTICIPATION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The Championships are open tournaments for players registered by their federation.

ECU member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the sections Under-1700 and Under-2000. All players must not hold any title above FM (or WFM for women) in the section Under-2300.

A player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline of the event.

For the Under-2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

For the Under-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

In case a player exceeds the rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play the upper rating category.

ECU Tournament Regulations for European Amateur Chess Championship

<http://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/european-amateur-chess-championship/>

Wednesday	13. June		Arrival of participants
Thursday	14. June	10,00 -12,00	Registration
		13,00	Technical Meeting
		16,00	Opening ceremony / 1 st round
Friday	15. June	16,30	2 nd round
Saturday	16. June	10,00	3 rd round
		16,30	4 th round
Sunday	17. June	10,00	5 th round
Monday	18. June	16,30	6 th round
Tuesday	19. June	16,30	7 th round
Wednesday	20. June	16,30	8 th round
Thursday	21. June	10,00	9 th round
		16,00	Closing ceremony

4.SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700. In each rating section, a separate championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open). The championship is organized in a 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules. The rate of play will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

5.TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

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.

6. DRESS CODE

The ECU Rules related to dress code – Chapter B, Article 13 - shall be applied in this competition.

7.ARBITERS

The Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be announced one month before the event.

8.APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be elected and/or announced at the technical meeting.

9.APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, within one hour after completion or interruption of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, as a deposit of the appellant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, 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.

10.PRIZES AND TITLES

The prize fund is 5.000EUR as outline below in euros:

Rank	2000-2299 open	1700-1999 open	0-1699 open
1	650	400	250
2	400	200	150
3	250	100	100
4	100	70	70
5	50	50	50
Rank	2000-2299 women	1700-1999 women	0-1699 women
1	400	250	200
2	250	150	130
3	150	100	100
4	90	70	70
5	50	50	50

Each player can win only one money prize (the highest). In case of a tie, prizes will be given according to Hort criteria.

Trophies and medals will be awarded after applying tie-break criteria.

The winners of each category receive the relevant title "European Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300." The winners of women categories receive the relevant title "European Women Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300."

The players taking the first three places in each championship section will be awarded with cups and medals. The winner of each European Amateur championship section and the winner of each women European Amateur championship section will be personally invited to participate (with free accommodation sharing a double room) in the next World Amateur Championship and European Amateur Championship, (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) and their places cannot be substituted.

11.REGISTRATION AND FEES

The registration fee: 55 EUR (The ECU entry fee of 15 EUR is included in the registration fee).
The registration deadline is 18 May 2018 through online registration:office@sahcg.me.

12.ACCOMMODATION

The playing hall is in the hotel "Onogost", which is also the official hotel for accommodation for players. In order to book a room in the official hotel it is necessary to make a 20% advance payment of the total accommodation amount together with the registration fee before May 18, 2018. If a participant wants he/she may also pay the total amount for the accommodation before the end of the registration period. The advance payment for the hotel shall be paid to the following account:

Field 56A: (Intermediary)	SOGEFRPP Societe Generale – Paris
Field 57A: (Account with Inst)	PDBPMEPG Societe Generale banka Montenegro
Field 59: (Beneficiary)	ME25550005120000035135 ŠAHOVSKI SAVEZ CRNE GORE 19 decembra 21, Podgorica

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

Hotel Onogošt: prices are per person/per night, taxes included

1/1 (single room)	55,00 – full board
1/2 (double room)	42,00 - full board
1/3 (triple room)	34,00 - full board

For additional information and private accommodation please contact organizer.

13. TRAVEL CONNECTIONS AND TRANSFER

Transfer for all participants from Podgorica (55 km) and Tivat (110 km) International airport to Niksic will be provided by the Organizing Committee. The transport services will be available on 13 June, 2018 (arrival) and 21 June, 2018 (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from guests regarding the transfer dates. The transfer cost is 40 EUR per person (both way) from Podgorica and 90 EUR per person (both way) from Tivat.

It is also possible to organize transport from Dubrovnik, Croatia (110 km) airport to Niksic, upon a special request made to the organizers.

14. VISAS

If you need a visa to Montenegro, please contact the organizer as soon as possible. We will provide all possible assistance in getting the visa.

15. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for European Amateur Chess Championship and random AC inspections are possible.

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During their games the players are not allowed to go to the analysis room. Photography with flash may be used only during the first ten minutes of each round.

As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

The default arrival time is 15 minutes after the start of the round.

During a game, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. These devices can be stored in a box, at the arbiter desk. The device must be completely switched off. Further instructions regarding this matter will be given during the technical meeting.

We assume that all players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

16. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information regarding registration and payments:

E-mail: office@sahcg.me

17. OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The official website of the championship www.sahcg.me

18.GENERAL

- ✓The local currency is euros (EUR).
- ✓Money can also be withdrawn at automated teller machines (ATM).
- ✓All major credit cards are accepted at all reputable outlets, retail stores and restaurants.
- ✓The average temperature In Niksic in June is 17,7°C.

19.SPECIAL OFFER

In the immediate vicinity of the hotel (200m) there is an excellent swimming pool, Olympic dimensions. The use of the pool is free of charge for all participants of the tournament that are located in the hotel Onogost.

Near Nikšić there are a couple of very interesting locations (Monastery Ostrog, famous sanctuary - 15 km, Lake Krupac - 7km).

For all participants organizer will organize a free excursion.

20.CONTACT

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