



## **EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**2 - 12 April 2020**

**Age categories under 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 17, Open and Girls**

**Hersonissos Crete, GREECE**

### **INVITATION & REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Invitation**

The European Chess Union (ECU) invites all National Chess Federations of ECU and eligible players to participate in the European School Championships 2020 organised in Hersonissos Crete, Greece from 2 April (arrivals) to 12 April (departures). The event will be held in the 5-star “Aldemar Knossos Royal” conference resort on the seaside of Hersonissos, Crete.

#### **2. Participation**

2.1 Entitled to participate are chess players from ECU Chess Federations, according to their age category:

- Tournaments Under 07 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2013 and after
- Tournaments Under 09 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2011 and after
- Tournaments Under 11 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2009 and after
- Tournaments Under 13 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2007 and after
- Tournaments Under 15 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2005 and after
- Tournaments Under 17 (Open & Girls), player’s date of birth: 1 January 2003 and after

2.2 Each ECU member federation can register an unlimited number of players that meet the age requirements of each of the 12 respective sections.

2.3 According to the ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1), for youth tournaments the participants are accommodated by the Organizer in the official hotel. Access to playing areas and venues will be allowed only to persons accredited by the Organizer.

2.4 The Champions (1<sup>st</sup> place) in the previous European School Championships will have the personal right, as invited players, to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfil the conditions of Art. G.1.1. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

The 8 winners of the European Internet School Championship 2019 edition will have the personal right, as invited players, to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age category or a higher age-category. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

For players with personal rights, the board and lodging costs from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the Organizer.

### **3. Registration deadline**

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register through their national federations before the deadline of **17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**, together with a 30% deposit payment of the registration-accommodation package described below in article (5). After the deadline, a late registration fee of 50 euros per participant may be required.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send the application of participation only individually, through the ECU secretariat's email: [ecu.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:ecu.secretariat@gmail.com) and play under the ECU flag.

The complete registration of each delegation should be sent by the national federation, or have its approval, and must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player, each accompanying person and each delegation member where applicable. It must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Chief of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the European School Chess Championships 2020 are possible only through the appointed local Organizer and only by email: [registrations@crete2020.org](mailto:registrations@crete2020.org)

### **4. Travel Details**

Participants should book their flights to Heraklion International Airport (HER). The bus transportation from and to Heraklion International Airport airport is included in the organisation package for all participants on the arrival day (2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020) and the departure day (12<sup>th</sup> April 2020). Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

### **5. Registration - Accommodation package (10 nights)**

**OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star ALDEMAR KNOSSOS ROYAL (\*\*\*\*\*)**

#### **Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):**

- Accommodation for 10 nights.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, including potable water (full board) daily.
- Transportation from and to Heraklion airport on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- Registration and ECU fees.
- All taxes (including VAT and Municipality Tax).

#### **Price in triple room**

**670 euros** per person

#### **Price in double room**

**710 euros** per person

#### **Price in single room**

**950 euros** per person

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost. The deadline for registrations and bookings is **17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**, together with a 30% deposit payment for the selected registration-accommodation package.

## **6. Schedule**

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| <b>02 April, 13:00</b> Arrival of participants | <b>07 April, 15:00</b> Round 5                   |
| <b>02 April, 21:00</b> Technical meeting       | <b>08 April, 15:00</b> Round 6                   |
| <b>03 April, 14:30</b> Opening Ceremony        | <b>09 April, 15:00</b> Round 7                   |
| <b>03 April, 15:00</b> Round 1                 | <b>10 April, 15:00</b> Round 8                   |
| <b>04 April, 15:00</b> Round 2                 | <b>11 April, 15:00</b> Round 9                   |
| <b>05 April, 15:00</b> Round 3                 | <b>11 April, 21:00</b> Closing Ceremony          |
| <b>06 April, 15:00</b> Round 4                 | <b>12 April, 11:00</b> Departure of participants |

## **7. Fees**

ECU and Registration fees are already included in the registration package of article (5) and the ECU fee will be paid directly by the Organizer to ECU.

## **8. Titles and Prizes**

8.1. Award of Trophies and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the players taking the first three places in each age category.

8.2. Special prizes (chess books) will be awarded to the players taking the first six places in each age category.

8.3. Award of Trophies and medals to the best 3 teams-federations of the Championship. For the team standings, the best 6 individual results (points) per federation in all categories will be calculated.

8.4. The 1<sup>st</sup> winner of each European School Championship category shall have the personal right to participate as an invited player in the World School Championship of the corresponding or of a higher age category if the relevant stipulation of the FIDE Tournament Regulation is met. This privilege may be exercised exclusively in the subsequent year following the qualification.

8.5. All players will receive Certificates of Participation.

## **9. Tournament Rules**

The ECU Tournament Rules should be followed for any other matter not mentioned in this invitation. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. Default time is 15 minutes.

## **10. Anti-Cheating guidelines**

The FIDE and ECU Anti-Cheating rules are valid for all the European Championships. (Article Q of the ECU Tournament Rules). 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.

## 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 €, 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.

## 12. Scoring and tie-breaking system

12.1. The Championship will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. If, in any age group, there are 11 to 15 participants only 7 rounds will be played. If in any age group there are 10 or fewer participants a round robin tournament will be played.

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

12.3. 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 (If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equaled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on.) (b) Buchholz Cut 1, (c) Buchholz, (d) The greater number of games played with black, (e) The Greater number of wins.

## 13. Visa information

Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Greece, are requested to contact the Organizer before the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in articles (3) and (5) above. Schengen visas are valid in Greece.

## 14. Cretan Chess Festival 2020



The European School Chess Championships are part of the “Cretan Chess Festival 2020”, together with the **FIDE World Amateur Championships (also 2-12 April 2020)** and the **FIDE World Youth/Cadet Blitz & Rapid Championships (12-16 April 2020) in Crete**. A unique opportunity for young players to combine two chess events in a beautiful island with only one airticket!

## 15. Tournament office / Contact Information

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