



**EUROPEAN  
JUNIOR  
CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
2026**

**CETINJE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> August – 16<sup>th</sup> August**





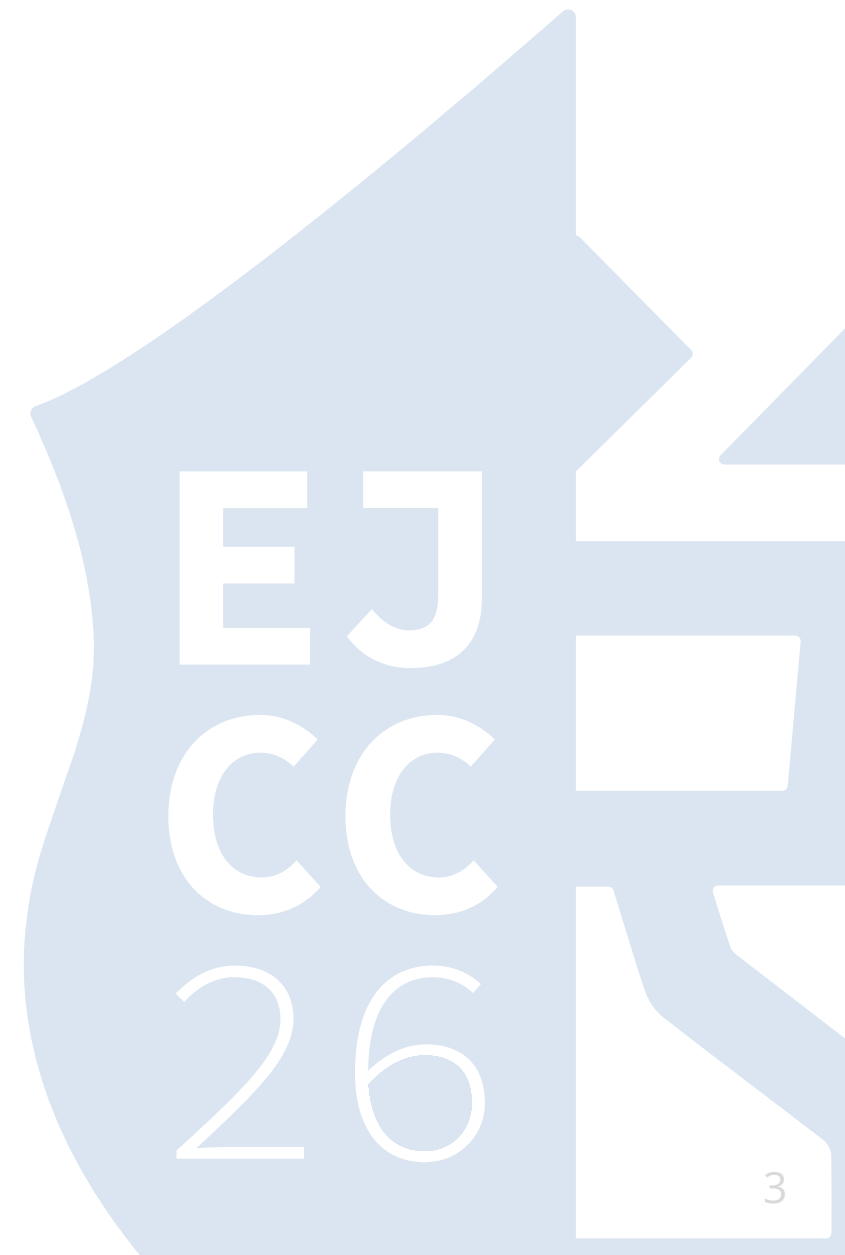
**European Junior Chess Championship 2026**  
OPEN & GIRLS

**GENERAL REGULATION**

# 1. Invitation

Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF) and the European Chess Union (ECU) have the honor to invite all the National Federations members of the European Chess Union to participate in the **EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 (OPEN & GIRLS)**, to be held at Hotel Grand, Cetinje, Montenegro, from 5th August to 16th August 2026.

The Championship will be organized by the Chess Federation of Montenegro, under the auspices of the European Chess Union (ECU).



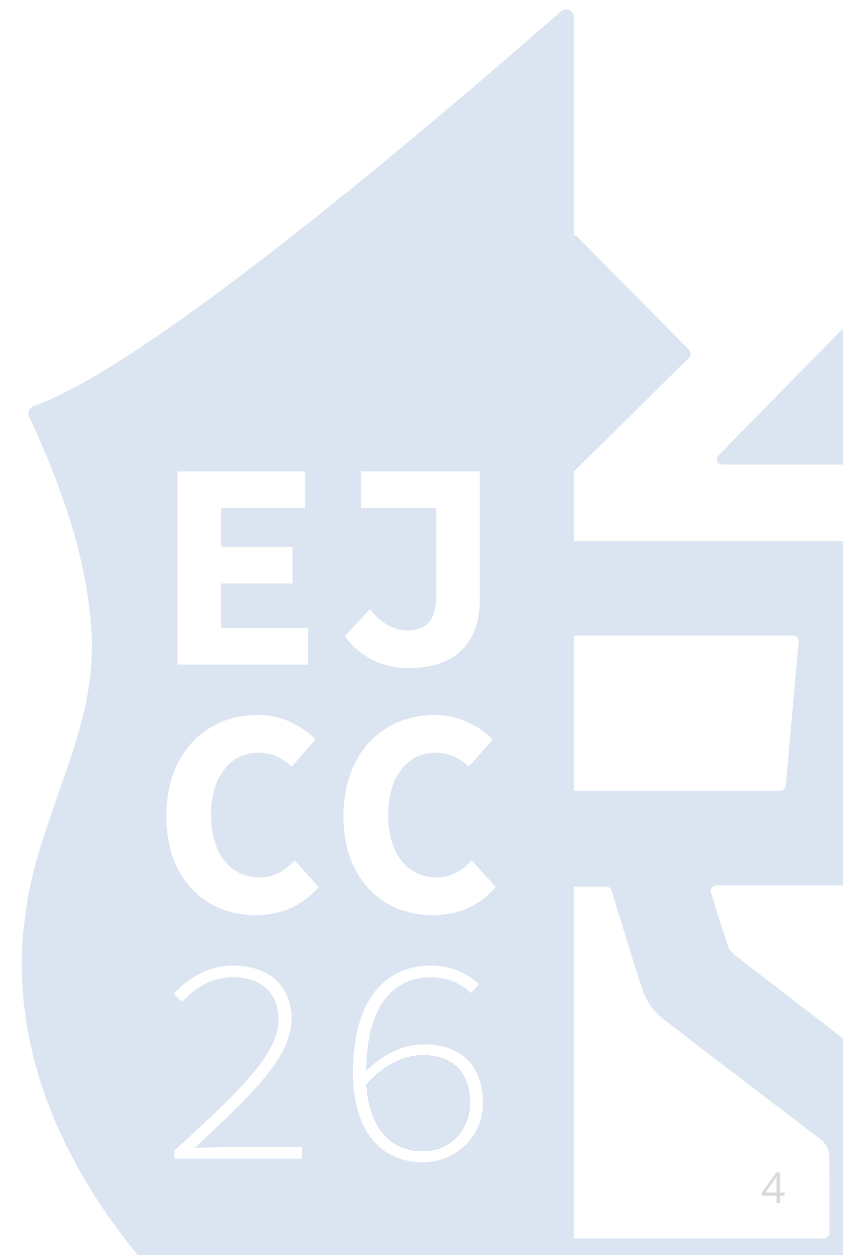
## 2. Participation

2.1 Each National Federation can register one (1) invited player born on or after 1st January 2006 in one of the categories, open or girls.

2.2 The players placed 1-3 in the 2025 European Youth Championship (open and girls) U18 have the right to participate as invited players.

2.3 In addition to the players mentioned at 2.1 and 2.2, ECU member federations shall have the right to send unlimited numbers of the additional players in both categories.

2.4 All registrations must be submitted through National Federations until deadline 5th June 2026. After the deadline, for every late registration participant must pay penalty of 100 EUR.



### 3. Fees

3.1 In accordance with ECU regulations, ECU **entry fee of 65 €** for the first player in each category from each federation should be paid before the start of the tournament. For each additional player from each Federation, **a fee of 130 EUR** should be paid before the start of the tournament.

The Organizing Committee is not responsible for the ECU entry fee and should not receive such sums from the National Federations. According to the ECU regulations, National Federations are obliged to make the payment of the ECU fees before the start of the championship directly to the account of the European Chess Union:

**Bank: UBS Group AG**

**Bank address: Bahnhofstrasse 45, Postfach – 8098 Zürich**

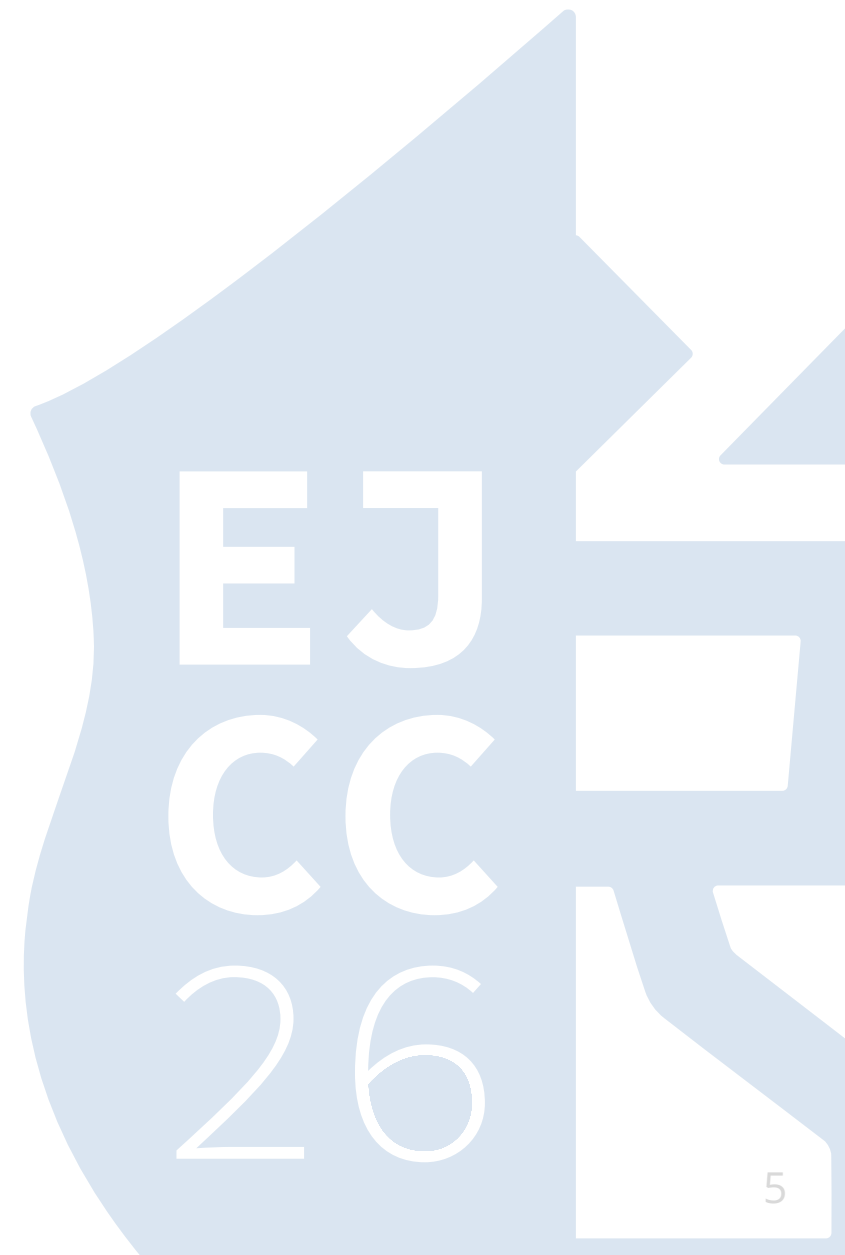
**Bank SWIFT code: UBSWCHZH80A**

**IBAN Account Number: CH03 0024 6246 1903 5360 X**

**Account Holder: European Chess Union**

3.2 Organizing Fee.

Each participant (player, acc. person, head of delegation, coach, etc.) must pay an **organizing fee of €120** to confirm their participation. This fee must be paid to the organizer's bank account by the registration deadline **5th June 2026**.



## 4. Registration

4.1 All players shall register until the **5th June 2026** (application deadline). The official registration form shall be filled in and sent to official email of the championship not later than application deadline **5th June 2026**.

4.2 At the latest by the **5th June 2026** the complete amount of fees + 50% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred to the bank account of the Technical Organizer: **Lalatovic Travel D.O.O. Budva**. Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed no later than **5th July 2026**.

4.3. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.

4.4. Entry Fees for late registration, withdrawal, or no-show shall be charged as follows as per FIDE Regulations on following link:  
**<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>**

## Payment instructions

Field 56 – Intermediary bank:

Swift Address: **DEUTDEFF**

Name: **Deutsche Bank AG Frankfurt**

Field 57 – Account with Institution:

Party Identifier: **100 9363045 0000**

Swift Address: **CKBCMEPG**

Name: **CRNOGORSKA KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD PODGORICA**

Field 59 – Beneficiary Customer:

IBAN: **ME25510000000002650953**

Name & Address: **LALATOVIC TRAVEL D.O.O. BUDVA,  
ZRTAVA FASIZMA BR.50 , 85310, Budva, MONTENEGRO**

## 5. Accommodation & Meals

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided at the Hotel “Grand” 3\* and Apartments 4\*.

5.2 All participants must stay in official hotels, and bookings must be made through the organizers.

For Invited Players free accommodation is provided (double room) from 5th August (lunch) to 16th August (breakfast).

5.3 Prices

### Hotel “Grand” 3\* – max 180 persons

Room type	Price per day
<b>Single Room</b>	<b>89 €</b>
<b>Double Room</b>	<b>67 € / per person</b>

### Apartments A category 4\*

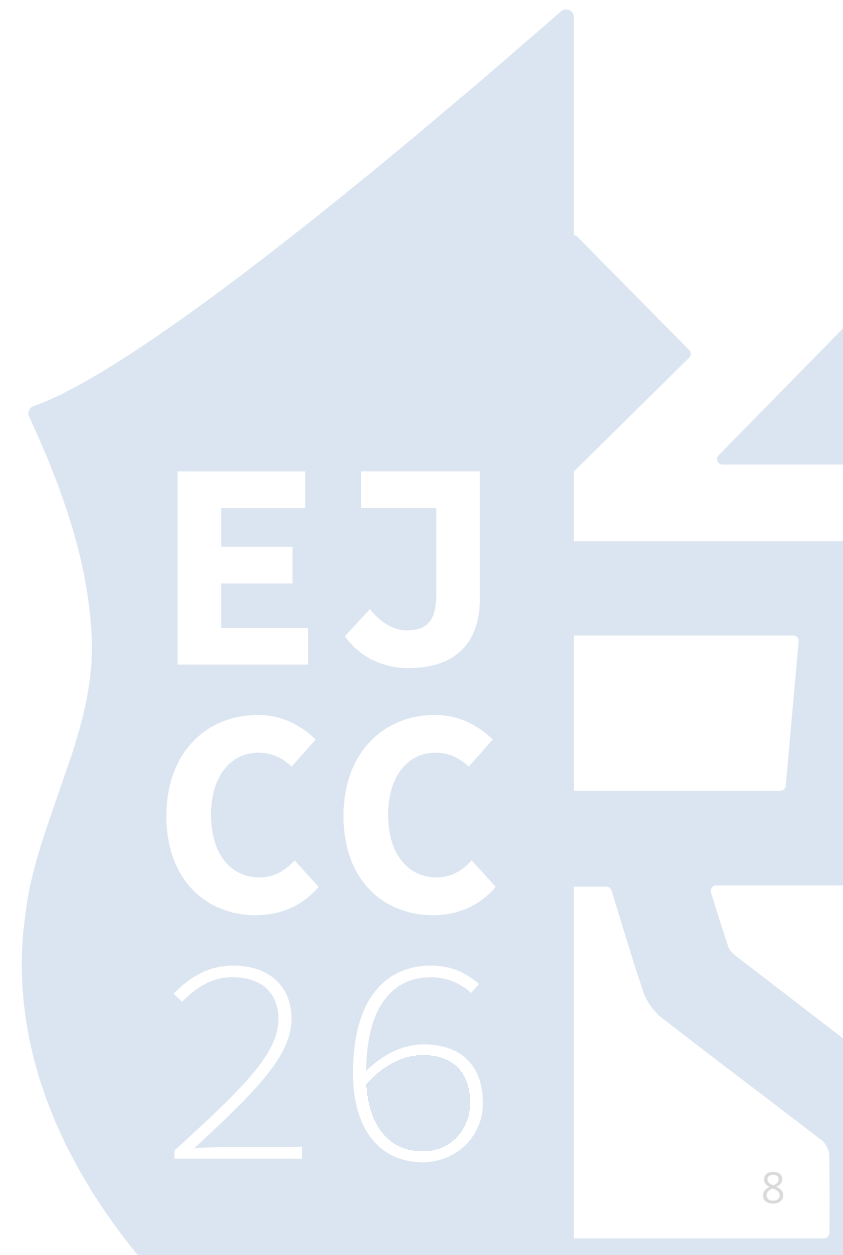
Room type	Price per day
<b>Single Room</b>	<b>91 €</b>
<b>Double Room</b>	<b>67 € / per person</b>



## 6. Playing Schedule

The championship will be held from 5th August to 16th August 2026 in Cetinje. Playing hall will be situated at the Hotel "Grand" in Cetinje.

Wednesday	05.08.2026	Arrival of Participants	
Thursday	06.08.2026	Technical meeting - Pairings	11:00
		Opening ceremony	14:30
		Round 1	15:00
Friday	07.08.2026	Round 2	15:00
Saturday	08.08.2026	Round 3	15:00
Sunday	09.08.2026	Round 4	15:00
Monday	10.08.2026	Round 5	15:00
Tuesday	11.08.2026	Rest day, excursion	
Wednesday	12.08.2026	Round 6	15:00
Thursday	13.08.2026	Round 7	15:00
Friday	14.08.2026	Round 8	15:00
Saturday	15.08.2026	Round 9	13:00
		Closing ceremony	21:00
Sunday	16.08.2026	Departure	



## 7. Tournament regulations

7.1 The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over 9 rounds.

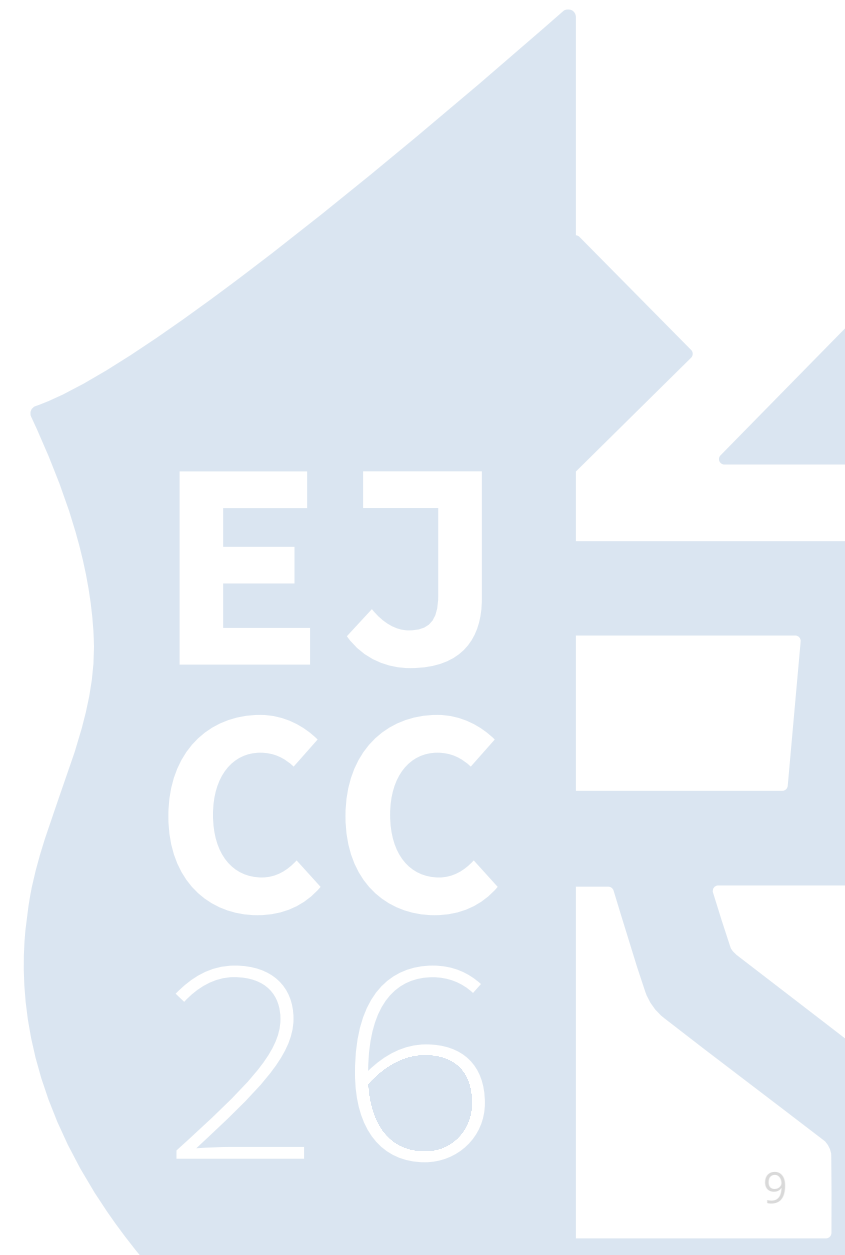
7.2 Time Control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with a 30 second increment per move from the first move.

7.3 Tie-Breaks:

- a) Results of direct encounters (if applicable);
- b) Buchholz Cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Greater number of games played with black;
- e) Greater number of wins;

7.4 FIDE Titles and Norms will be awarded in accordance with FIDE regulations.

7.5 Anti-cheating measures and guidelines will be valid. During the championship random AC inspections are possible.



## 8. Prizes

8.1 The total prize fund is €15,000, distributed as follows:

### Open:

- 1st place: 4,000 €, Gold Medal, Trophy.
- 2nd place: 2,500 €, Silver Medal, Trophy.
- 3rd place: 1,500 €, Bronze Medal, Trophy.
- 4th place 1,250 €
- 5th place 750 €

### Girls:

- 1st place: 2,500 €, Gold Medal, Trophy.
- 2nd place: 1,500 €, Silver Medal, Trophy.
- 3rd place: 1,000 €, Bronze Medal, Trophy.

8.2. The money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score

8.3 The winners of European Junior Championship (open and girls) shall have the personal right to participate in the U20 World Junior Championship 2027 if are eligible by the age.

8.4 Direct titles, according to B 0.1 FIDE Direct titles continental U20 regulations:

### Girls section:

- Gold – WGM norm;
- 1st equal – WIM title, Silver & Bronze – WIM norm;
- Silver & Bronze – WFM title

### Open section:

- Gold – GM norm;
- 1st equal – IM title, Silver & Bronze – IM norm;
- Silver & Bronze – FM title.

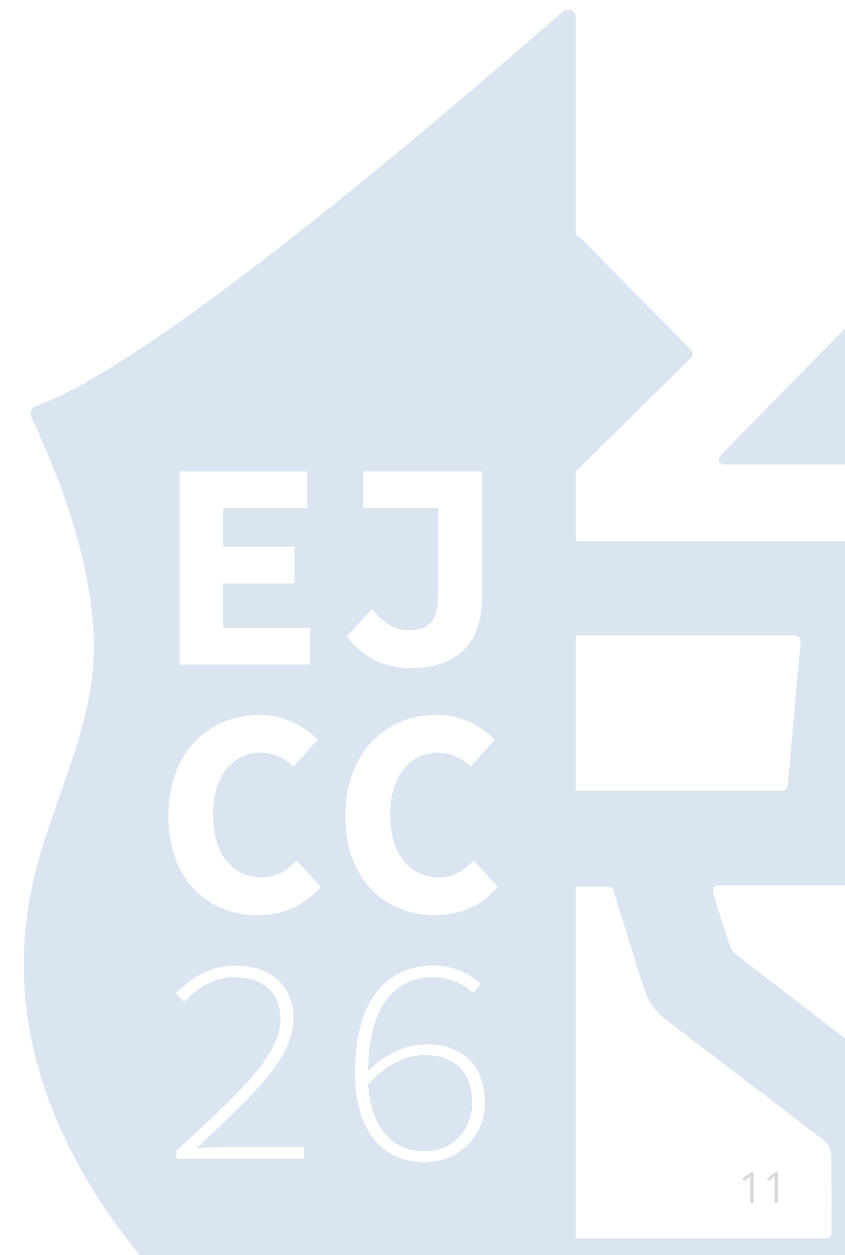
Gold = first after tiebreak; 1st equal = maximum 3 best players after tiebreak; norm = 9 game

## 9. Appeals & Appeals Committee

9.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The player may appeal even after signing the scoresheet. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the Organizer.

9.2 Appeals Committee will be announced later.

9.3 The Chief Arbiter will be announced later



## 10. Visa Information

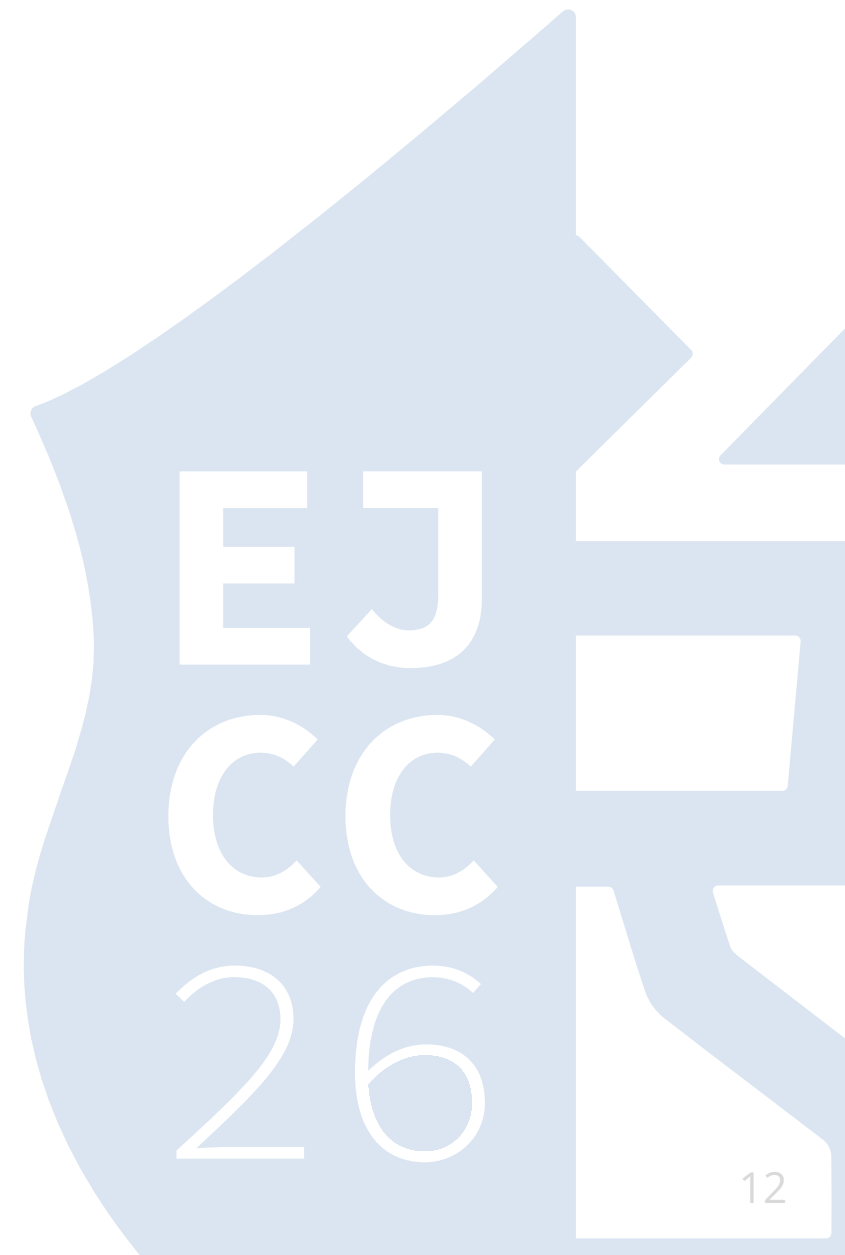
10.1. Those who need visas must submit their data by 5th June 2026.

10.2 To proceed with the visa application, each federation must fill it out registration form and email it to the organizing committee along with PDF scans of the participant's passports, which must be valid for more than six months.

10.3 The Organizers will provide VISA assistance according to National laws.

10.4 The Organizers are not responsible in case the Montenegrin authorities decline to issue the VISA due to failing to meet all the requirements to obtain an Montenegrin VISA. Information about visa regime for the entry of foreign citizens into Montenegro you can find on following link:

**<https://www.gov.me/en/diplomatic-missions/embassies-and-consulates-of-montenegro>**



## 11. Transport

11.1 The organizer will arrange transfers between the airports (Podgorica or Tivat) and the hotel. Transfer is free for all players and accredited persons on the first day 5th August (arrival day) and the last day 16th August (departure day). On other days transfer can be ordered for 30 EUR per person one-way.

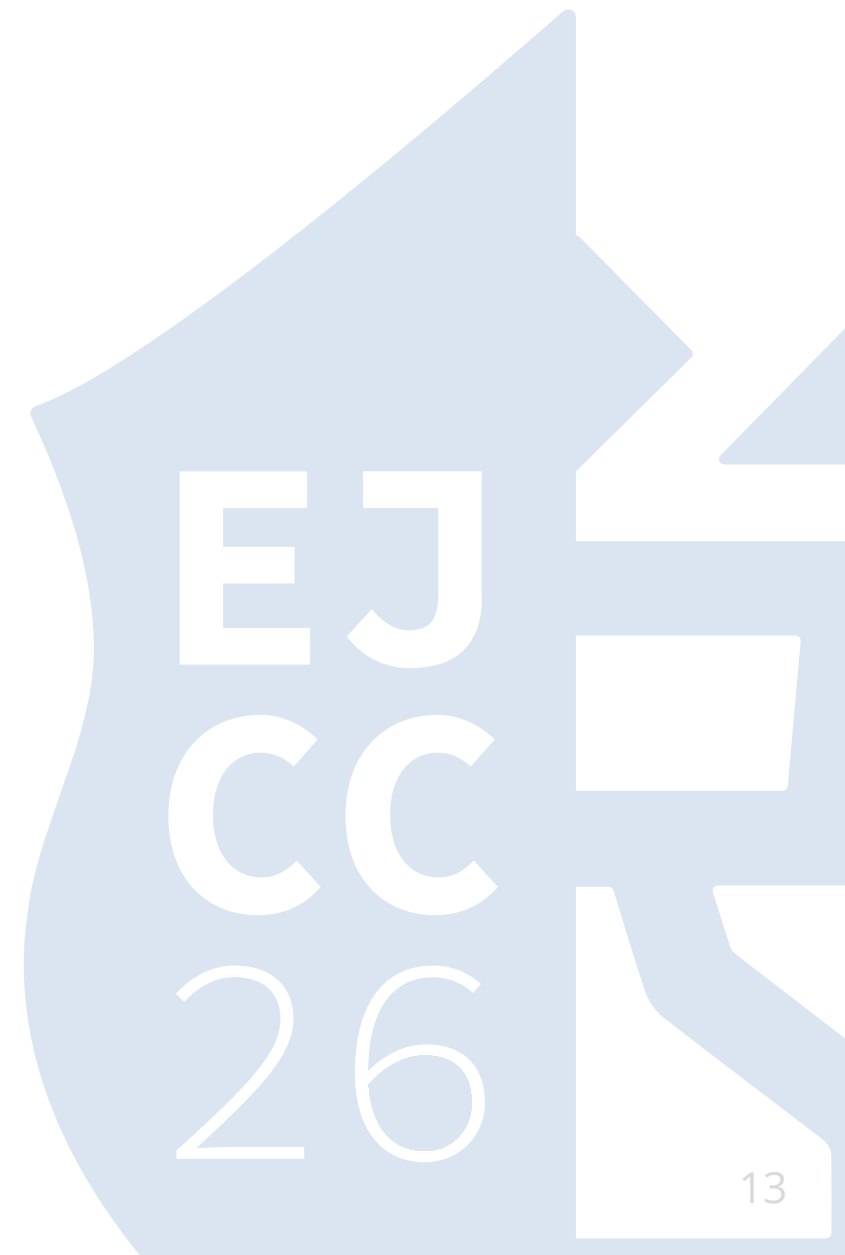
11.2 Specially organizer will provide transportation from airports Dubrovnik (Croatia) and Tirana (Albania) upon request.

## 12. Electricity

In Montenegro the power plugs and sockets are of type F and L. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

## 13. Currency & Exchange

The local currency is the Euro (€).



## 14. Other Regulations

14.1 Type of Clock: Organizer will provide chess clocks approved by FIDE (DGT 3000)

14.3 Electronic Devices, Wrist Watches & Pens: Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices, Wrist Watches (all types of wrist watches) are prohibited inside the tournament hall.

14.4 Sightseeing: guided tours and excursion will be announced on the website

## 15. Contact information

E-mail: [eurojunioru20@gmail.com](mailto:eurojunioru20@gmail.com)

Official website: [www.sahcg.me/ejcc26](http://www.sahcg.me/ejcc26)

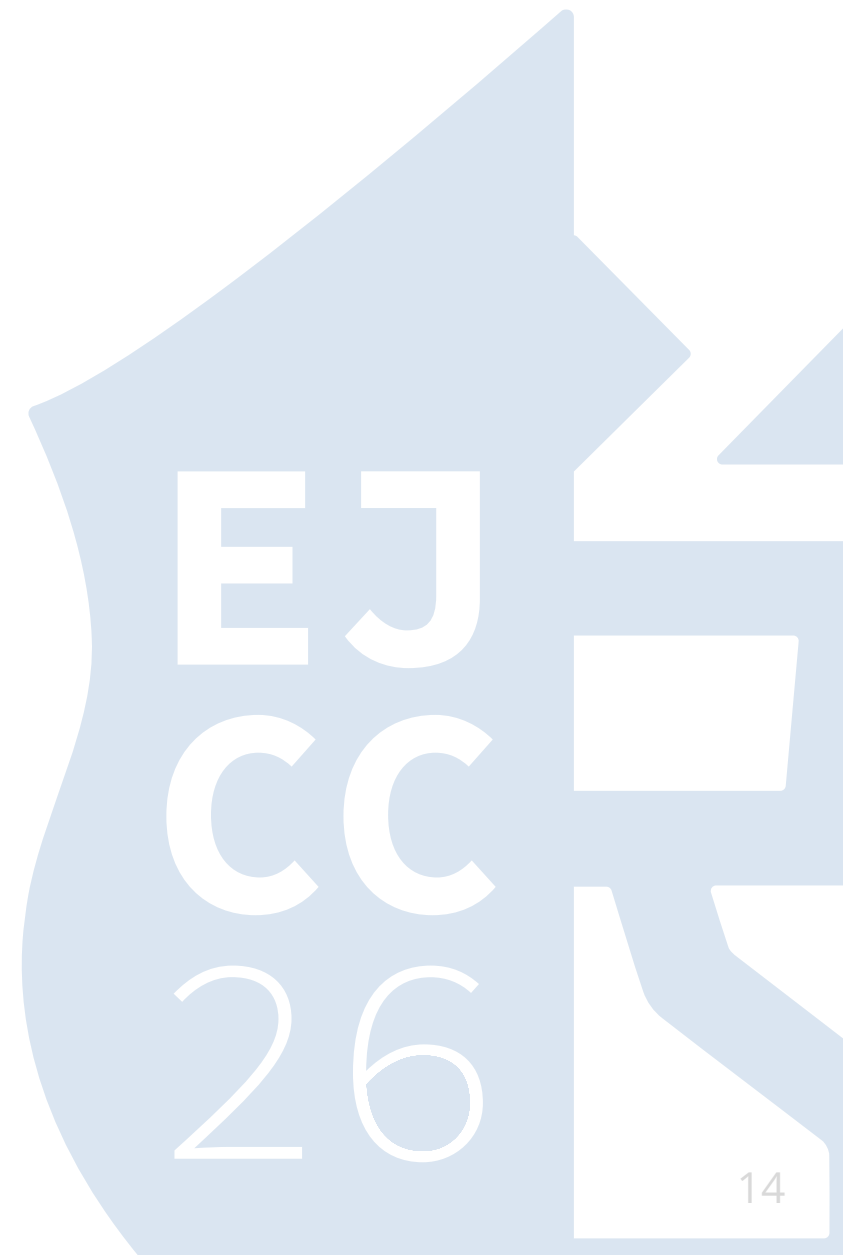
Tournament Director:

**Milovic Jovan, IO**

Phone: **+382 67 600 471**  

Organizing Committee:

Phone: **+382 67 237 360**  





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*We're looking forward to seeing you in Cetinje soon!*