



EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

BATUMI (GEORGIA)

18 – 29 October, 2014

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

Georgia and European Chess Union have the honor to invite all ECU member federations to participate in the European Youth Chess Championship, which will take place in Batumi (Black sea), Georgia between October the 18th (arrival) and October the 29th (departure).

2. Venue & Schedule

The championship will be held in 5^{*****} Batumi hotel "**Sheraton Batumi**" (built in 2010). In case of need second 5^{*****} playing hall of hotel "**Intourist Palace**" will be at disposal of participants of EYCC 2014. There is 400 meters between "Sheraton" and "Intourist" via famous Batumi Bulvar.

Saturday	October 18		Arrival Day
Saturday	October 18		Opening Ceremony
Sunday	October 19	10.30	Captain's Meeting
Sunday	October 19	15:00	1 st Round
Monday	October 20	15:00	2 nd Round
Tuesday	October 21	15:00	3 rd Round
Wednesday	October 22	15:00	4 th Round
Thursday	October 23	15:00	5 th Round
Friday	October 24		Free day
Saturday	October 25	15:00	6 th Round
Sunday	October 26	15:00	7 th Round
Monday	October 27	15:00	8 th Round
Tuesday	October 28	13:00	9 th Round
Tuesday	October 28	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday	October 29		Departure Day

Representatives of federations who are not present at the delegates meeting will not be paired according to the decision of the ECU Board.

3. Participation

- Each federation can register one (1) player in each of the categories - under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (boys and girls), with the maximum number of twelve (12) players (“invited players”).
- The players placed 1-3 in the previous European Youth Chess Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament in the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category under the condition they **have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 respectively by January 1st 2014**. This privilege may be exercised once, exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of the qualification.
- Each federation can register an unlimited number of extra players.

4. Registration Fee

- The deadline for the registration is **August 18th, 2014**.
- Each player (invited, personal right or extra) and each accompanying official/person must pay registration fee the amount of **100 € (Euros)**. This payment is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, all invited players and extra players have to register through their national federations before **August 18th, 2014**. The registration form should be filled in by the national federation and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **August 18th, 2014**.
- All registrations received after the registration deadline has to be confirmed by the ECU.

5. European Chess Union Fee

In accordance with the ECU regulations, the **entry fee of 65 EUR is required for each invited player** and player with a personal right; and **130 EUR for each extra player**. According to the ECU regulations, federations are obliged to make the payment of the ECU fee until the end of the second round.

ECU bank account:

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

6. Lodging and meals

- Free accommodation and full board will be provided **for invited players, personal right players** and also **for head of delegations** from October 18 (dinner) to October 29, 2014 (breakfast).
- According to the ECU Rules (Article 14.5.1) for youth tournaments the players are obliged **to stay in one of the official hotels.**
- The reservation will be done on the 'first come, first served' basis.
- All players and guests are invited to stay in:

Hotel “Sheraton” 5*** accommodation with Breakfast for per person per day costs:**

<http://www.sheratonbatumi.com/>

Single	88 Euro
Double	65 Euro
Triple	55 Euro

Lunch and Dinner for persons accommodated in Sheraton is offered in the nearest high quality restaurant “Nikala” (300 meters from Sheraton) with open buffet and special price 13 Euro (both Lunch and Dinner). Participants who preferred Lunch and dinner in Sheraton price will be 30 Euro (both Lunch and Dinner). .

Hotel “Inturist” 5*** accommodation with FB for per person per day costs:**

<http://www.intouristpalace.com/hc/>

Single	88 Euro
Double	69 Euro
Triple	66 Euro

Hotel “Oazis” 5*** accommodation with FB for per person per day costs:**

<http://hoteloasis.ge/>

Single	79 Euro
Double	62 Euro
Triple	59 Euro

Hotel “Oazis” 4** accommodation with FB for per person per day costs:**

<http://hoteloasis.ge/>

Double	57 Euro
Triple	53 Euro

4** accommodation with FB for per person per day costs:**

Single	72 Euro
Double	57 Euro
Triple	53 Euro

- Reservations and payments for hotels must be made before **August 18th, 2014**.
- The organizer will accept requests for early arrival or late departure at the prices stated above.
- After the entry form has been filled in and sent to the organizer, the national federations will send back **invoices for bank payments**. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- All bank commissions must be paid by a sender. In case they are not paid, the organizer will provide an invoice which must be paid before the start of the championship.

7. Travel and Visas

- The organizer will provide transport services of all participants from Batumi International Airport, Tbilisi international airport, Trabzon (Turkey) airport to Kutaisi hotels on **October 18th** as well as the departure transfer on **October 29th**.
- Travel price from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is a 20 Euro.
- Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels is for each person 45 Euro.
- Travel price from Trabzon airport (2 ways) to hotels is for each person 60 Euro.
- Travel price from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels is for each person 70 Euro.
- If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition the same service will be provided.
- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.
- The EU, Turkey, Israel, former SU including Russia and almost all European countries citizens do not need Georgian visas. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi or Tbilisi airport. The citizens of FYR of Macedonia will get Georgian visa easily in Batumi or Tbilisi Airport. The cost of visa is about 25 Euro.

8. Rules and Regulations

- The ECU Tournament Rules shall be followed.
- The tournament will be played according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. The time rate will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
- Zero-tolerance rule will be applied for each round.
- Players may only agree to a draw after the 40th move has been made by Black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 40th move has been made by Black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

9. Prizes

	Prizes for Players of 12 Playing Group (Open and Girls)
I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Laptop computer
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Laptop computer
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, Photo Camera
IV	Diploma, Mobile Phone
V	Diploma, Mobile Phone

Each participant will receive an appropriate present.

10. Chief Arbiter and Appeals Committee

The names of the Chief Arbiter and members of the Appeals committee will be announced not later than May 15, 2014.

11. Tournament Bulletin

The tournament bulletin will be available on the website for all interested persons free of charge.

12. Currency & Exchange

The local currency is **Georgian Lari**.

- 1 Euro (€) – 2.3 Lari
- 1 USD (\$) – 1.65 Lari

13. Contact Information

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