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European Chess Union wishes you a healthy, fulfilling and joyful year ahead!



EICC YEREVAN 2014: NEW AND LOWER HOTEL PRICES!



The Armenian Chess Federation, as the organizer of the upcoming European Individual Chess Championship made additional efforts and succeeded to provide much more favourable and lower hotel rates for the participants and their accompanying persons than the previously recommended ones.

You could read the new and updated Regulations below:

European Individual Chess Championship (Tigran Petrosian Memorial)

Yerevan (ARMENIA), 2-15 March 2014

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZERS

Armenian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.
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2. VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

The Championship will be held in Yerevan, Armenia from March 02 (day of arrival) until March 15 (day of departure) 2014. The tournament will be held at Yerevan Business Centre.

Sunday	2 March	Arrival of participants
Sunday	2 March at 20.00	Opening ceremony
Sunday	2 March at 22.00	Technical Meeting
Monday	3 March at 15.00	1st round
Tuesday	4 March at 15.00	2nd round
Wednesday	5 March at 15.00	3rd round
Thursday	6 March at 15.00	4th round
Friday	7 March at 15.00	5th round
Saturday	8 March at 15.00	6th round
Sunday	9 March at 15.00	Rest day
Monday	10 March at 15.00	7th round
Tuesday	11 March at 15.00	8th round
Wednesday	12 March at 15.00	9th round
Thursday	13 March at 15.00	10th round
Friday	14 March at 14.00	11th round
Friday	14 March at 21.00	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	15 March	Departures

3. PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10) regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation; however **applications have to be sent by the national federations only.**

4. QUALIFIERS

The European Individual Championship 2014 is a qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 23 players will qualify.

5. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship will be organized in 11-round Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Laws of Chess.

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.

6. TIE-BREAK 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) the extent required:

- (a) Average Rating cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In the case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c) the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In the case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

- (a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

7. DRESS CODE

The ECU Rule related to dress code – Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition.

8. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter will be appointed before 15 January, 2014.

9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The names of the chairman and members of the Appeals Committee will be published by 15 January, 2014.

10. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 €, 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 European Chess Union.

The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

11. PRIZES

The prize fund is **160 000 EUR**

Rank	Main prizes: 150 000 EUR	Special (Performance minus Rating): 10 000 EUR
1	20 000	1 500
2	16 000	1 200
3	14 000	1 000
4	12 000	800
5	10 000	750
6	9 000	700
7	8 000	650
8	7 000	600
9	6 500	550
10	5 500	500
11	5 000	450
12	4 500	400
13	4 000	350
14	3 750	300
15	3 500	250
16	3 250	
17	3 000	
18	2 750	
19	2 500	
20	2 250	
21	2 000	
22	1 750	
23	1 500	
24	1 250	
25	1 000	

A player can get one prize only. If a prize-winner is absent during the closing ceremony, then the money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 EUR. The first 3 places will be awarded cups and medals. According to Article 4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. The ECU will transfer the prizes to the participants' bank accounts.

12. REGISTRATION

Entry form, sent by the organizers, should be filled in and resent to the e-mail or fax of the Armenian Chess Federation not later than January 15, 2014, only by the national federations. This date is the registration deadline. After that, federations will not be able to register or modify any registrations. After this date all the registrations have to be confirmed by the ECU.

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13. ECU FEE

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM (as well as WGM, WIM, WFM) are required to pay a fee in the amount of 65 €/person, while other players are obliged to make the payment of 130 €/person for the fee.

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid until the end of round 2, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

14. ORGANIZATION FEE

The organization fee is 90 EUR per player. Organization fee includes:

- transfer from/to the airport
- free of charge internet in the official hotels
- free of charge excursion for participants on the rest day

All organization fees have to be paid before the deadline for registration - January 15, 2014.

15. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided on only breakfast or full board basis per person for the period 02-15.03 as follows: Hotels recommended by the organizer:

Hotels' ~~old~~ and NEW prices

Hotel	Room	Old price per night with breakfast	NEW Price per night with breakfast	Old price per night with full board	NEW Price per night with full board
Ani Plaza 4* 10 min. by bus *	Double	43€	36 €	63€	56 €
	Single	60€	55 €	80€	75 €
Congress 4* 6 min. on foot *	Double	53€	51 €	78€	78 €
	Single	75€	73 €	100€	100 €
Erebuni 3* 6 min. on foot *	Double	40€	26 €	58€	44 €
	Single	55€	44 €	73€	62 €
Tufenkian 12 min. on foot *	Double	52€	50 €	72€	70 €
	Single	72€	70 €	92€	90 €
Europe 10 min. on foot *	Double	42€	33 €	60€	52 €
	Single	62€	57 €	80€	76 €
Minotel Barsam 3 min. on foot *	Double	38€	27 €	56€	45 €
	Single	52€	43 €	70€	61 €
Guest House 15 min. by bus *	Double	33€	25 €	49€	41 €
	Single	44€	32 €	60€	48 €

* Distance from the tournament hall

Please contact the organizer for all additional information about the hotels.

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank

account of Armenian Chess Federation.

16. PAYMENT

ECU fees must be paid to the following account:

European Chess Union
Bank: Credit Suisse
Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug
Account: 1835105-42
National Bank Code: 4835
BIC: CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

Till January 15th 2014, the organization fees and accommodation cost must be transferred to the following account of the Armenian Chess Federation. Here are the bank details for EUR:

CORRESPONDENT BANK	COMMERZBANK AG, KASERPLATZ, 60261 FRANKFURT AM
MAIN	SWIFT: COBADEFF ACCOUNT NO. 400886704600
BENEFICIARY'S BANK	ARARATBANK OJSC, ADDR 19 PUSHKIN STR YEREVAN, ARMENIA SWIFT: ARMCAM22
BENEFICIARY CUSTOMER NAME:	ARMENIAN CHESS FEDERATION
1510002020290149	ACCOUNT NUMBER:

All bank commissions must be paid by sender. If they are not paid, the organizers will produce an invoice which must be paid before the start of the second round.

17. VISAS

Citizens of the below-mentioned countries don't need visa to visit Armenia:

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, UK, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.

Citizens of other European countries can get Armenian entry visa upon their arrival at Yerevan airport.

18. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only players and arbiters shall be allowed to enter the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.

Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.

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.

In case of pre-arranged results the Chief Arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0 - 0.

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

The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

19. MEDICAL CARE

During the rounds there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

20. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information through Armenian Chess Federation.

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DMITRY JAKOVENKO WINS RUSSIAN CUP IN RAPID



Dmitry Jakovenko (RUS) won the Russian Cup in rapid. In the final he defeated Igor Kovalenko (LAT) with 1,5:0,5.

The semi finals results was: Dmitry Jakovenko vs. Pavel Smirnov (RUS) - 2:0, Igor Kovalenko vs. Dmitry Bocharov (RUS) - 1,5:0,5.

The Russian Cup in rapid was held on December 19-22, 2013 in Khanty-Mansiysk. Chief-Arbiter was Stanislav Yanushevsky. Sixteen chess players took part in the tournament. Time control of the event was 15 minutes for the entire game + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.



Official website: <http://ruchess.ru>



GM IMRE BALOG WINS THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL LIGHTNING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2013



GM Imre Balog (ELO-2531) won the Hungarian National Lightning Chess Championship 2013 with final result of 9.5 points out of 11. Second finished GM Peter Prohaszka (ELO-2578) with 8.5 points, third was GM Viktor Erdos (ELO-2618) with the same score. The championship was held on 27th of December. Chief-Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Hungarian Chess Federation was IA Lajos Gyorkos.

Eighty six chess players took part in the championship. The average ELO rating was 2148.

Final Ranking after 11 rounds - first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Balog Imre	2531	9.5	79	57
2	GM	Prohaszka Peter	2578	8.5	78	51
3	GM	Erdos Viktor	2618	8.5	77	54
4	GM	Varga Zoltan	2458	8	77	54
5	GM	Papp Gabor	2587	8	75	46
6	GM	Banusz Tamas	2597	7.5	81	55
7	FM	Vertetics Attila	2410	7.5	79	51
8	GM	Medvegy Zoltan	2537	7.5	77	50
9	FM	Szabo Balazs	2321	7.5	71	49
10		Tamassy Zoltan	2260	7.5	71	46

Official website: <http://chess.hu>



GM DAVID NAVARA WINS THE CZECH NATIONAL BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP



GM David Navara (ELO-2690) won the Czech National Blitz Championship with final result of 10,5 points out of 13. Second finished GM Alexey Kislinsky (ELO-2461). Third was GM Vlastimil Babula (ELO-2525).

The Czech National Blitz Championship was held on 21-st of December, 2013 in Brno Jundrov.

Fifty chess players competed for the title. Chief-Arbiter of the tournament, organized by the Czech Chess Federation, was IA Ladislav Palovsky, Tournament Director - Petr Pisk. The average ELO rating of the tournament was 2391.

Final Ranking after 13 rounds – first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Team	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	GM	Navara David	2690	1. Novoborsky SK	10.5	86	102	10
2	GM	Kislinsky Alexey	2461	SK Slavia Orlova	10	88	104	9
3	GM	Babula Vlastimil	2525	1. Novoborsky SK	9.5	85.5	101	9
4	IM	Plat Vojtech	2543	TZ Trinec	9	86	102	9
5	GM	Neuman Petr	2488	SK Rapid Pardubice, o.s	8.5	87	104	7
6	GM	Jirovsky Milos	2512	SK Rapid Pardubice, o.s	8	87.5	104	6
7	GM	Bernasek Jan	2480	SK Rapid Pardubice, o.s	8	82.5	98.5	5
8	IM	Dolezal Radoslav	2356	TJ Praha-Pankrac	8	82.5	94.5	6
9	GM	Hracek Zbynek	2611	1. Novoborsky SK	8	79	93	6
10	IM	Sosna Jan	2367	SK Slavoj Poruba	8	76	91	8

In the women section winner became WGM Olga Sikorova (ELO-2247) with 9,5 points. Second finished WFM Martina Mareckova (ELO-2165) with the same result, third became Lucie Jinova (ELO-2125) with 9 points out of 13.



Final Ranking after 13 rounds – first 10 positions

Rk.	Title	Name	Rtg	Team	Body	PH 1	PH 2	PH 3
1	WGM	Sikorova Olga	2247	TZ Trinec	9,5	82,5	98	7
2	WFM	Mareckova Martina	2165	Reg. Panda Rychnov n. Kneznou	9,5	80,5	95,5	8
3		Jinova Lucie	2125	1. Novoborsky SK	9	80,5	95	7
4	WGM	Richtrova Eliska	2243	QCC Ceske Budejovice	8,5	81	95,5	7
5	WIM	Orsagova Silvie	2186	Sachovy Oddil TJ Dukla Praha	8,5	79,5	92,5	6
6		Pychova Nela	1990	TJ Spartak Vlasim	8	82	96,5	4
7	WGM	Kulovana Eva	2243	SK Caissa Trebic	7,5	84	99,5	4
8	WIM	Havlikova Kristyna	2263	SK Era Postovni Sportelna	7,5	79,5	92,5	6
9	WIM	Sochorova Petra	2183	Sachovy klub Lokomotiva Brno	7	75,5	88,5	4
10		Blumelova Zdenka	2023	Slavia Kromeriz	7	73	86	7



In the youth section winner became Jakub Pulpan (ELO-2132) with 10,5 points out of 13. The silver medal went to Vojtech Dobes (ELO-2038) – 9,5 points. The bronze medal went to Jan Rubes (ELO-2122) – 9 points.

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TOP 50 PLAYERS JANUARY 2014

Rank	Name	Title	Country	Rating	Games	B-Year
1	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2872	0	1990
2	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2812	8	1982
3	Nakamura, Hikaru	g	USA	2789	7	1987
4	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2787	8	1975
5	Topalov, Veselin	g	BUL	2785	0	1975
6	Caruana, Fabiano	g	ITA	2782	0	1992
7	Grishuk, Alexander	g	RUS	2777	7	1983
8	Gelfand, Boris	g	ISR	2777	0	1968
9	Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2773	0	1969
10	Karjakin, Sergey	g	RUS	2759	8	1990
11	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2758	0	1976
12	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	g	AZE	2757	0	1985
13	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2754	0	1971
14	Dominguez Perez, Leinier	g	CUB	2754	0	1983
15	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	g	FRA	2745	0	1990
16	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2739	8	1969
17	Bacrot, Etienne	g	FRA	2738	2	1983
18	Vitiugov, Nikita	g	RUS	2737	6	1987
19	Giri, Anish	g	NED	2734	9	1994
20	Wang, Hao	g	CHN	2734	1	1989

21	Eljanov, Pavel	g	UKR	2733	0	1983
22	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	g	RUS	2732	7	1990
23	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2730	0	1979
24	Jakovenko, Dmitry	g	RUS	2727	8	1983
25	Korobov, Anton	g	UKR	2723	8	1985
26	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2722	0	1977
27	Ponomarev, Ruslan	g	UKR	2721	4	1983
28	So, Wesley	g	PHI	2719	0	1993
29	Naiditsch, Arkadij	g	GER	2718	10	1985
30	Wang, Yue	g	CHN	2717	11	1987
31	Ding, Liren	g	CHN	2717	9	1992
32	Malakhov, Vladimir	g	RUS	2717	6	1980
33	Tomashevsky, Evgeny	g	RUS	2715	0	1987
34	Radjabov, Teimour	g	AZE	2713	0	1987
35	Shirov, Alexei	g	LAT	2711	8	1972
36	Wojtaszek, Radoslaw	g	POL	2711	0	1987
37	Jobava, Baadur	g	GEO	2710	8	1983
38	Moiseenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2710	7	1980
39	Kamsky, Gata	g	USA	2709	9	1974
40	Fressinet, Laurent	g	FRA	2709	2	1981
41	Andreikin, Dmitry	g	RUS	2709	0	1990
42	Almasi, Zoltan	g	HUN	2708	0	1976
43	Vallejo Pons, Francisco	g	ESP	2707	2	1982

44	Areshchenko, Alexander	g	UKR	2706	8	1986
45	Harikrishna, P.	g	IND	2706	2	1986
46	Rublevsky, Sergei	g	RUS	2706	0	1974
47	Kryvoruchko, Yuriy	g	UKR	2704	9	1986
48	Le, Quang Liem	g	VIE	2703	0	1991
49	Navara, David	g	CZE	2702	2	1985
50	Matlakov, Maxim	g	RUS	2700	0	1991

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