



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2016 Mamaia-Romania, 26th May – 8th Jun, 2016

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Romanian Chess Federation, "Mind Games & Events" Sports Association, under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Mamaia resort (Romania), from 26th May (day of Arrival), until 8th Jun 2016 (day of departure). The tournament hall will be inside the 4 **** complex **Comandor-Amiral**.

Thursday	26.05	Arrival Day
Thursday	26.05 at 21.00	Technical Meeting
Friday	27.05 at 11.00	Opening Ceremony
Friday	27.05 at 15.00	1 st round
Saturday	28.05 at 15.00	2 nd round
Sunday	29.05 at 15.00	3 rd round
Monday	30.05 at 15.00	4 th round
Tuesday	31.05 at 15.00	5 th round
Wednesday	01.06 at 15.00	6 th round
Thursday	02.06	Free day. Leisure activities provided by the organizers
Friday	03.06 at 15.00	7 th round
Saturday	04.06 at 15.00	8 th round
Sunday	05.06 at 15.00	9 th round
Monday	06.06 at 15.00	10 th round
Tuesday	07.06 at 13.00	11 th round
Tuesday	07.06 at 20.00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday	08.06	Departure Day

3. Participation

The 17th European individual chess championship for women is open to all players representing the 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 of participants per federation. However, applications should be sent by the national federations.

By the registration each player confirms that she will participate in the 2016 European Women's Individual Chess Championship, part the World Championship Cycle and has in consultation with her national federation acquainted herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, and accept the conditions relating to her participation as describing in the General Regulations of the Championship.

4. System & Rate of Play

The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time 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. Default time is 15 minutes after the start of each round.

5. Ranking & 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) 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.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 17th Individual European Chess Championship for women is qualification event for the next World Women Championship. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 14 players will qualify.

Rank	Main prizes 60 000 EUR
1	11.000
2	9.000
3	7.000
4	5.500
5	4.000
6	3.000
7	2.500
8	2.250
9	2.000
10	1.750
11	1.600
12	1.500
13	1.400
14	1.300
15	1.200
16	1.000
17	1.000
18	1.000
19	1.000
20	1.000

According to Article D.4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

According to Article B. 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, if one of the prize – winners is absent during the closing ceremony, his money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 €.

The prizes will be transferred into the award winning players' bank accounts no later than Friday 29th of July 2016 free of any local taxes.

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than April 1st, 2016.

8. 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 completion of the playing session.

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.

9. Registration

The registration fee of 100 € must be paid by all players **before 1st April 2016 (registration deadline)** and includes: official accreditation, free transfer from Constanta Airport or Railway Station, free public transportation in the city of Constanta during the Event, Coffee, Tea, Water and Sweets during Rounds.

10. ECU fee

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65E/person, while other players have to pay 130E/person as the entry fee. ECU is invoicing only the National Chess federations for the participants.

According to the ECU regulations, the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU Bank account before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid for a player until the end of round 2, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union:

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

11. Lodging and Meals

All players, guests and extra participants are invited to stay in the official 4**** **Comandor-Amiral** Complex with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner). Accommodation per person per day costs:

Single	70 eur
Double	56 eur
Apartment (2 persons)	140 eur

Reservations and an amount of 30% for hotel accommodation (lodging and meals) must be made **before 1st April 2016 (registration deadline)**. This amount is non-refundable. **Full payment for hotel accommodation** (lodging and meals) must be completed **before 6th of May 2016**.

12. Bank account for accommodation and registration

Bank Account: BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA S.A.

SWIFT: RNCBROBU

IBAN EUR: RO36RNCB0068148719610002

BANK ADDRESS: BD. REGINA ELISABETA NR. 5, SECTOR 3, BUCURESTI, ROMANIA

ACCOUNT HOLDER: ASOCIATIA CLUB SPORTIV MIND GAMES & EVENTS

BENEFICIARY ADDRESS: STRADA PECETEI NR. 7-9, SECTOR 1, BUCURESTI, ROMANIA, POSTAL CODE 013165

Sender should pay all bank commissions.

13. Additional Regulations

- Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- Players are not allowed to enter the area of the top boards during the last three rounds, 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
- The ECU Rules related to dress code shall be applied in this competition.
- Awarded players will offer interviews and photo session for minimum 15 minutes after the last round and after closing ceremony.
The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for all the European Championships. (Article B.3.4)
- <http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=53&view=category>
- During European Women Championship random AC inspections are possible.

14. Medical Care

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

15. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Romania is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is the Romanian RON.
1EUR = 4.5 RON

16. Travel and Visas

- Bucharest International Airport 80 EUR (two ways)
- Varna International Airport 80 EUR (two ways)
- Constanta 24 EUR (two ways)

Romania is an EU Member State, not part of Schengen Area. The Organizers will offer full support for those who need visa.

17. Contact information

All necessary information can be found on the official tournament website:

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