

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

UNDER 8/10/12/14/16/18



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The Croatian Chess Federation (hereinafter organiser) and the European Chess Union have the honour to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organised in Porec, Croatia from 20th September (arrival) to 1st October (departure) 2015.

2. Participation

2.1. 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").

2.2. 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 2015.

This privilege may be exercised once, exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of the qualification.

2.3. In order to ensure proper tournament standards, all invited players and extra players have to register through their national federations before **20 August 2015** (registration deadline). The entry form should be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship.

2.4. Each federation can register an unlimited number of extra players.

2.5. According to the ECU Rules (Article 14.5.1) for youth tournaments the players are obliged to stay in one of the official hotels.

Access to playing areas and hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organiser.

NOTICE: Taking into consideration the fact that the tournament will be played in a sports hall, presence in the audience during the game is allowed only to persons with official accreditation.

3. Fees

3.1. 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 (those who play as “open” participants).

3.2. According to the ECU regulations, federations are obliged to make the payment of the ECU fee through the ECU Bank account before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU Bank account until the end of round 2, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3. The organisation fee of 100 EUR for covering part of accommodation expenses, required for each invited player* (2.1) , players with a personal right (2.2) and the chief of delegation must be paid until August 20, 2015.

*Invited players from European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 10.1) are exempted from the payment of the Organizing fee.

4. Registration

4.1 On-line registration will be opened not later than May 15 on the official website of the championship. Registration must be completed by the national federation on the official website of the championship not later than **August 20, 2015**. 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 organiser and the ECU.

4.2. Players will not be paired until all their registration details are filled in.

5. Travel details

5.1 Travel expenses for transfers must be paid by all participants as follows:

Pula airport – Porec (52 km) , price 50 Euro, two ways

Rijeka airport – Porec (100 km) , price 90 Euro, two ways

*Invited players from European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 10.1) have free transfer from Pula or Rijeka airports.

Upon the request, the organiser may provide transfer from *Trieste (Italy)* and *Zagreb (Croatia) airport*.

5.2 These transport services will be available on September 20, 2015 (arrival) and on October 1, 2015 (departure). If it is necessary, the organiser can accept special requests of Federations.

5.3 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.

6. Payment

6.1. The ECU fees must be paid before the start of the competition only 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

6.2 After on line registration has been completed on the official website of the championship by the national federation, Proforma invoices for bank payments will be attached in the federation's web control panels for every approved participant. Proforma invoice will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

6.3. All bank commissions must be paid by a sender. In case they are not paid, the organiser will provide an invoice which must be paid before the start of the championship.

7. Accommodation and meals

7.1 Accommodation will be provided on the full board basis in tourist resort "Valmar" in Porec per person for the period 20.09-01.10 as follows:

Hotel	Room	Price per night	Rooms
Valamar Diamant 4*	Triple	59 €	540
Valamar Crystal 4*	Double	61 €	
Valamar Riviera 4*			
Valamar Zagreb 4*	Single	79 €	
Valamar Rubinn 3*	Triple	54€	350
Valamar Pinia 3*	Double	56 €	
Valamar Pical 3*			
Valamar Diamant 3* Pinia Residence 3*	Single	75 €	

Considering that the number of both category rooms is limited, the reservation will be done on the 'first come, first served' basis. Free Internet access is providing to all hotels.

7.2 Free accommodation and full board will be provided for invited players, players with personal rights and the chief of delegations from September 20, (dinner) to October 1 (lunch).

7.3 According FIDE Regulations 07.4.1. no trainer (chief of delegation) will be offered free board & lodging, if he/she does not hold any official FIDE/TRG title.

7.4 The organiser will accept requests for early arrival or late departure at the prices stated above.

Additional information as well as hotel and room photos are available on the official website of the tournament.

8. Tournament hall

Tournament hall will be Sports hall 'Zatika" Porec, located 10-15 minutes on foot from Valamar resort. The organisers will provide free bus transfer from official hotels to the playing hall and back for the players and persons with official accreditation.

9. Schedule

Sunday	September 20 th		Arrival of Delegations
		8.00 PM	Opening ceremony
Monday	September 21 th	11.00 AM	Technical meeting
		3.00 PM	1 st Round
Tuesday	September 22 th	10.00 AM	2 nd Round
Wednesday	September 23 th	5.00 PM	3 rd Round
Thursday	September 24 th	3.00 PM	4 th Round
Friday	September 25 th	3.00 PM	5 th Round
Saturday	September 26 th	Free day	
Sunday	September 27 th	3.00 PM	6 th Round
Monday	September 28 th	3.00 PM	7 th Round
Tuesday	September 29 th	3.00 PM	8 th Round
Wednesday	September 30 th	1.30 PM	9 th Round
	September 30 th	8.00 PM	Closing ceremony
Thursday	October 1 st		Departure

The Chief Arbiter or European Chess Union may do changes in the schedule if necessary.

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

10. 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 the first round. Default time for all other rounds will be 15 minutes.

11. Arbiters and Appeals committee

The Chief Arbiter will be IA Nenad Doric (CRO). The names of the chairman and members of the Appeals Committee will be announced later or in the technical meeting.

12. Information

The tournament bulletin will be available on the website for all interested persons free of charge. The tournament website is www.porec2015.org

13. Information about visas

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visa are requested to contact the organiser until August 1, 2015.

14. Prizes

14.1 The first three players of each age group will be awarded with medals and awards as follow:

- 1st place: Laptop, 15,4" screen
- 2nd place: Laptop, 10,1" screen
- 3rd place: Tablet, 10,1" screen

The first five players of each group will be awarded with trophies and special awards in goods (e.g. chess software, chess books, chess sets...)

14.2 Each participant will receive an appropriate present.

15. Parallel activities

15.1 FIDE Seminars for Trainers, Arbiters and Organisers will be organised during Championship. Detailed information will be published on the official tournament website, under section "Seminars".

15.2 ECU Educational Committee Meeting will be held from 24th September to 27th September 2015. The agenda for the meeting will be published at the later date.

16. Currency & exchange

The local currency is Croatian Kuna (HRK).

17. Tournament office

Participants can get all necessary information on the official tournament website www.porec2015.org or by mail: porec2015@gmail.com

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