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EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Mamaia, Romania, 31st May – 13th June

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Romanian Chess Federation, Constanta County Chess Association and Mind Games & Events Sport Association, under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The Championship will be held in Mamaia, Romania, from 31st of May (arrival day) until 13th of June 2020 (departure day). The playing venue and the official hotel of the tournament will be **Ramada Hotel****** located in Mamaia resort, Constanta municipality.

Schedule of the tournament is the following:

Sunday	31 st of May		Arrival day
Monday	1 st of June	10:00	Technical meeting
Monday	1 st of June	14:30	Opening Ceremony
Monday	1 st of June	15:00	Round I
Tuesday	2 nd of June	15:00	Round II
Wednesday	3 rd of June	15:00	Round III
Thursday	4 th of June	15:00	Round IV
Friday	5 th of June	15:00	Round V
Saturday	6 th of June	15:00	Round VI
Sunday	7 th of June	Free day	City tour
Monday	8 th of June	15:00	Round VII
Tuesday	9 th of June	15:00	Round VIII
Wednesday	10 th of June	15:00	Round IX
Thursday	11 th of June	15:00	Round X
Friday	12 of June	14:00	Round XI
Friday	12 of June	20:30	Awarding ceremony
Saturday	13 th of June		Departure day

3. Participation

The 21st European Individual Chess Championship for women is open for all players representing the Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union, regardless of their title or rating. Applications shall be sent by national federations. There is no limit of participants per federation. Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send applications of participation only individually and play under the ECU flag.

By the registration, each player confirms that she will participate in the 21st edition of EIWCC 2020, part of the World Championship Cycle and has acquainted herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines and accept the conditions relating to her participation as described 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 Regulations and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time is 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 tie-breaking criteria according the FIDE Women's World Cup regulations <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/WWorldCup2022Regulations.pdf> (Annex 2, Article) applying for all qualification events for World Championship Cycle.

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 21st EIWCC is a qualification event for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2022. According to new and recently published FIDE regulations defining for 2022 a 3-years cycle (2020, 2021, 2022), and the ECU Board previous decisions, at least 8 players will qualify. Next ECU Board meeting (end of January 2020) may decide and announce additional spots taking into consideration the new FIDE regulations.

The total prize fund is 60.000 Euro:

- Final standings:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Prize Euro</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Prize Euro</u>
1	10.000	11	1.800
2	8.000	12	1.700
3	6.000	13	1.600
4	4.000	14	1.500
5	3.000	15	1.400
6	2.500	16	1.300
7	2.000	17	1.100
8	2.200	18	1.000
9	2.000	19	1.000
10	1.900	20	1.000

- Special Prizes ACP (Association of Chess Professionals):

According to the agreement between ACP and ECU, there will be 5 additional prizes (1000€ each, 5000€ in total) for the 5 highest placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the Championship.

- Distribution of Prizes

A player can win one prize only, the highest one available.

According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, the prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score for the general standings` prizes.

The special prizes will not be shared but will be awarded according to the tie-breaking criteria.

According to Article B.14.1.1 of the ECU TRR, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, her money prize will be reduced by 20%, with a minimum of 100€.

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced in due time.

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 the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied by 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 ECU. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

9. Registration

Application and the registration fee of 100€ must be submitted for every participant (players and accredited persons) before **10th April 2020** (registration deadline). Late registrations submitted after 10th of April, may be accepted by the organizers upon availability and an additional 100€ Late Registration fee may be applied.

10. ECU Entry Fee

In accordance with ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM are required to pay an entry fee of 65 EUR/person, while other players have to pay 130 EUR/person as entry fee. ECU is invoicing National Chess federations for the participants. The ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU Bank account before or at the start of the competition. If the entry for a player is not paid until the end of 2nd round, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds. The ECU fee must be paid to the account of the ECU:

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. Accommodation

All players, guests and accompanying persons are invited to stay in the official ******Ramada Hotel**.

Accommodation costs (lodging and full board buffet) are as following:

Price per person (Euro)	Single	Place in double
4*RAMADA HOTEL (38 sqm room)	75	59

Apartment for 2 persons: 145 E/day

Reservations and an amount of minimum 30% for hotel accommodation (lodging and board) must be made before 10th April 2020. The amount is non-refundable.

Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed before 15th of May.

Special offer: for the players accommodated in the official hotel that previously attended European Individual Chess Championship in Slovenia completing on 30 of May, the organizers are providing 1 night (30 of May) for free with breakfast in Ramada Hotel.

12. Payments for accommodation and registration

Payments for accommodation and registration must be transferred as follows:

Bank: Alpha Bank, Romania

BIC: BUCUROBU

IBAN: RO56BUCU1031215953308EUR for payments in Euro

Beneficiary: Asociatia Sportiva Mind Games & Events

Beneficiary address: Strada Sirenelor nr.35, sector 5, Bucuresti, Romania.

Sender should pay all the bank commissions.

13. Others

The ECU dress code, FIDE and ECU anti-cheating rules, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU Fair play code are applicable in the Championship.

Flashes maybe used only in the first 10 minutes of the rounds. In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed (including commentators, photographs), Chief Arbiter can give special permission to third persons' access.

Awarded players will give interviews and photo sessions for minimum 15 minutes after the last round and after the awarding ceremony.

During the tournament, medical services will be provided according to FIDE and ECU rules.

14. Travel and Visa Information

Organizers provide free transfer from Constanta airport, railway station and bus station for players and registered persons.

Transfer from Bucharest Otopeni Airport and Varna Airport (Bulgaria) is 90E/2 ways.

Players and registered persons needing visa are requested to contact organizers before 10th April 2020, the organizers will provide invitations for visa only after necessary payments.

Schengen visa are valid in Romania.

15. Championship office

Detailed information can be found at Official Website of the event.

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