



# EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

INVITATION



📍 14<sup>TH</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2025 | ROMANIA EFORIE-NORD



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## OFFICIAL INVITATION

### 1. INVITATION

Romanian Chess Federation in cooperation with European Chess Union have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union and eligible players to the EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025. The championship will be organized in Romania, Eforie-Nord, from 14th March (arrival) to 27th March (departure).

### 2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 European Individual Chess Championship 2025 is open for all players from National Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union (ECU) without rating or title limitations and according to the decisions of ECU Board and General Assembly. There is no limit of number of participants per federation, but applications can only be sent by National Chess Federations or approved by the National Chess Federations.

2.2 By registering, each player confirms that he will participate in the EICC 2025, part of the World Championship Cycle and has acquainted himself with the applicable ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations. Guidelines and conditions of participation are described in the ECU General Regulations of the Championship.

2.3 Players registered before to Belarus Chess Federation and transferred to FIDE flag can participate according to the special FIDE status.

2.4. By accepting the current invitation and registering for the championship, players recognise and agree to all conditions of the official invitation and the ECU rules and regulations.

### 3. ECU ENTRY FEE

In accordance with ECU regulations titled players GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM, players shall pay the ECU entry fee of 65 EUR, while other players shall pay 130 EUR. ECU is invoicing national chess federations for the participants. The ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the championship. If the ECU entry fee for a player is not paid until the end of the 2nd round, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU entry 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

### 4. REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is 100 EUR for each player and accredited person. Deadline for registration is 30th January 2025. In case of a late registration an extra fee in the amount of 100 EUR will be charged.







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## 5. REGISTRATION

5.1 All players shall register until the 30th January 2025 (application deadline). The registration will be made exclusively online through the application [turnee.frsah.ro/en](http://turnee.frsah.ro/en) not later than deadline of 30th January 2025.

5.2 At the latest by the 30th January 2025 the complete amount of fees + 30% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred to the bank account of the Organizer. Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed no later than 28th February 2025. The organizer accepts only bank transfers or credit card payments.

- Bank: BCR
- Account currency: EUR
- Holder: ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION
- BIC: RNCBROBU
- IBAN Code: RO35 RNCB 0285 0084 2455 0009

5.3. The bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the invoice is not considered fully paid.

## 6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

6.1 Tournament will be played according to the Swiss System, 11 rounds. Tournament rules for the ECU European Individual Championships are applied.

6.2 Rate of play is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1. Default time 15 minutes.

## 7. RANKING AND TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by applying tie-breaking criteria according to the ECU Scoring and tie-breaking system:

- Results of direct encounters between the tied players
- Buchholz Cut 1;
- Buchholz;
- The greater number of games played with black;
- The greater number of wins.





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## 8. PRIZES AND QUALIFICATION

8.1 The European Individual Chess Championship 2025 is a qualifying event for the FIDE World Cup.

- According to the FIDE regulations for World Cup and the ECU Board decision, 20 players\* will qualify. In case of a tie, the qualification will be determined according to Article 7.
- According to Article 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, if one of the prize winners was absent during the closing ceremony, his/her prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 EUR.
- Under the current FIDE World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for the qualification spots.

8.2 Prize fund in total amount of 100.000 EUR is divided as follows.

General prizes: 92.000EUR and special prizes: 8.000 EUR

### GENERAL PRIZES: 92.000 EUR

Place	Prize €
1	20.000
2	15.000
3	10.000
4	7.000
5	6.000
6	5.000
7	4.000
8	3.000
9	2.500
10	2.500
11	2.000
12	2.000
13	1.500
14	1.500
15	1.400
16	1.300
17	1.200
18	1.100
19	1.000
20	1.000
21	1.000
22	1.000
23	1.000

### SPECIAL PRIZES: 8.000 €

RANK	BEST FEMALE PLAYER	BEST JUNIORS U18	BEST SENIOR +50	BEST ROMANIAN PLAYER
1	1000	1000	1000	1000
2	600	600	600	600
3	400	400	400	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>	<b>2.000 €</b>







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## 8.3 DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

A player can win only one money prize (general standings or special prize), 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 standing's prizes.

The special prizes will not be shared and will be awarded according to the tie-break criteria.

Romanian Chess Federation will transfer the Prize fund to the ECU bank account. Prizes will be sent to the winners by bank transfers.

## 9. SCHEDULE

<b>FRIDAY</b>	14.03.2025	Arrival of participants	
		Opening Ceremony	21:00
<b>SATURDAY</b>	15.03.2025	Technical meeting	10:00
		Round 1	15:00
<b>SUNDAY</b>	16.03.2025	Round 2	15:00
<b>MONDAY</b>	17.03.2025	Round 3	15:00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	18.03.2025	Round 4	15:00
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	19.03.2025	Round 5	15:00
<b>THURSDAY</b>	20.03.2025	Round 6	15:00
<b>FRIDAY</b>	21.03.2025	Rest day	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	22.03.2025	Round 7	15:00
<b>SUNDAY</b>	23.03.2025	Round 8	15:00
<b>MONDAY</b>	24.03.2025	Round 9	15:00
<b>TUESDAY</b>	25.03.2025	Round 10	15:00
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	26.03.2025	Round 11	14:00
		Closing Ceremony	21:00
<b>THURSDAY</b>	27.03.2025	Departure	

## 10. ARBITERS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

Chief, Deputy Arbiters and Appeals Committee will be appointed by European Chess Union. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee not later than 1 hour after the end of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200 EUR as a deposit from this signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum will be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the ECU. The appeal must be lodged by the player. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

## 11. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and full board will be provided at the Hotel Europa 4\*\*\*\*. The reservations are made exclusively through the application [turnee.frsah.ro/en](http://turnee.frsah.ro/en)

- Single room – 115€/day
- Double/ Twin room – 170€/day

If the Hotel Europa reaches full capacity, the organizer can arrange accommodation at another hotel for the remaining players.

## 12. VISA INFORMATION

Players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee and apply on time to Romanian Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments.

The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.





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## 13. TRANSPORT

The organizer can arrange transfers between Bucharest Airport and Hotel Europa on the arrival day (14th March) and departure day (27th March). The transfer fee is 25€ per person one-way. The transfer from Constanța airport to the official hotels only is free of charge.

## 14. ADDITIONAL RULES

14.1 The ECU Dress Code is obligatory as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sun glasses, hats-except for religious reasons, etc. are not allowed).

14.2 The ECU anti-cheating guidelines, the FIDE Code of Ethics and the ECU Fair Play Code are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organizers & participants shall follow these regulations.

14.3 In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed. The access of accredited persons will be specified by the Chief Arbiter. Flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes after the start of the round.

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

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

14.6. Accepting the current invitation, and registering to the Championship players are acknowledge and agree with all terms of the official invitation and the ECU Rulebook



## 15. CONTACT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- **Tournament Director:** Gabriel Grecescu
- **Accommodation:** [eicc2025@frsah.ro](mailto:eicc2025@frsah.ro)
- **Airport transfers:** [transfers@frsah.ro](mailto:transfers@frsah.ro)
- **Official website:** [www.eicc2025.com](http://www.eicc2025.com)
- **Registration accommodation:** <https://turnee.frsah.ro>





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