



EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

16 – 29 MARCH, BATUMI (GEORGIA)

REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

The government of Georgia, the government of Adjara Autonomous Republic, Tbilisi City Hall, Georgian chess federation under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Batumi (Georgia) from March 16 (day of arrival) until March 29 (day of departure) 2017. The tournament hall will be in 5 ***** **“Sheraton Batumi”**.

Friday	March 16		Arrival Day
Friday	March 16	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Friday	March 16	21:00	Technical Meeting
Saturday	March 17	15:00	Round 1
Sunday	March 18	15:00	Round 2
Monday	March 19	15:00	Round 3
Tuesday	March 20	15:00	Round 4
Wednesday	March 21	15:00	Round 5
Thursday	March 22	15:00	Round 6
Friday	March 23		Free Day
Saturday	March 24	15:00	Round 7
Sunday	March 25	15:00	Round 8
Monday	March 26	15:00	Round 9
Tuesday	March 27	15:00	Round 10
Wednesday	March 28	11:00	Round 11
Wednesday	March 28	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Thursday	March 29		Departure Day

3. Participation

The European individual chess championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of participants per federation. However, the national federations should send applications only.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send the application of participation only individually, through the ECU secretariat (ecu.secretariat@gmail.com) and play under the FIDE or ECU flag.

4. Registration

- The deadline for the registration is **February 1st 2018**. Registration prolongation is possible for some federations if very special reason is presented.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, only ECU members federations must **fully complete** the official registration form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **February 1st 2018**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted. Individual registrations will not be accepted also.
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right (according to FIDE regulations) to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 100 Euro for each late registration will be charged.
- Each player and each accompanying person, including coaches, must pay the amount of 100 Euro at the moment of their registration before **February 1st 2018**.

This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation, otherwise a registration will be invalid and will not be accepted. This payment includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges, free Wi-Fi in tournament official hotels, water, coffee, tea for participants and other organization costs.

5. 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 issues invoices only to the National federations.
- According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU 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

6. Visa Information

The EU, Russia, Turkey, Israel and almost all European countries citizens do not need Georgian visas. They will get free of charge stamp in all Georgian international airports. Citizens of FYROM will get Georgian visas via evisa portal.

Anyway, if you are planning to participate, please, first check if you need the visa - <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/visaInformation?process=2>

If visa is necessary, please, take into account that you can get it online in 5 working days via visa portal. Please, do not postpone till the last moment.

<https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

Please, see video instructions as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLkzE98KpPk>

7. Travel Information

The Organizer will provide transport services of all participants from Batumi, Kutaisi, Tbilisi and Trabzon (Turkey) International Airports to the hotels – on 14, 15 and 16 of March as well as the departure transfer - on 29 of March with the next prices: Batumi free of charge (two ways), Kutaisi – 40 Euro (2 ways), Tbilisi – 70 Euro (2 ways), Trabzon – 80 Euro (2 ways).

Players and accompanying persons who make a private transport arrangements should clearly indicate this at the time of registration. They will be fully responsible for any problems experienced during their arrival or departure.

8. Hotel and Meal

- The reservation will be done on the “first come, first served” basis.
- All players and any kind of accompanying persons, including coaches are invited to stay in the official hotels of the European individual chess championship.
- Reservations and payments for the hotels must be made before **February 1, 2018** (registration deadline) **only via the organizer**.
- Accommodation with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner) for per person per day costs:

	Single	Double
Sheraton Batumi	99 €	81 €
Inturist Palace	79 €	71 €

Distance between "Sheraton" and "Inturist" is about 700m.

9. Payments

- **After the Registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.**
- A sender must pay all bank commissions.

10. Qualifying & Prizes

- The European individual chess championship 2018 is a qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 23 players will qualify*. In case of equal score the qualification will be determined according to the article 11.
- According to Article 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 €.
- Total prize fund is 100 000 Euro.

Rank	Prizes in Euros
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	1 000
16	1 000

17	1 000
18	1 000
19	1 000
20	1 000

Special prizes

Best male and female Junior players under 18 years old, born till 2000 or later

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600
3	400

Seniors born before 31.12.1968

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600
3	400

Best female player

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600
3	400

Special Prize (ACP)

According the agreement between ACP and O.C there will be 6 additional prizes (1000 Euro each prize, 6000 euros in total) for the 6 highest-placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the EICC.

A player can get one prize only. According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

The money prizes will be transferred to the ECU bank account by the Georgian Chess Federation then ECU will transfer to the award players' bank accounts.

*Under the current FIDE regulations for the World Cup. Fide is the only responsible body for the qualification spots.

11. 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) to the extent required:

- (a) Result 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.

12. System & Rate of Play

The championship will be 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 for each round.

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 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.

The ECU Dress code as in detail described in the ECU regulations, the Fide and ECU anti-cheating guidelines, Fide Code of Ethics and the ECU Fair Play Code are valid for all the European Championships.

<http://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/>

14. 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.

15. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than February 20, 2018.

16. Medical Service

During the tournament, there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations. Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

17. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Georgia is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is the Georgian Lari. 1EUR = 2,90 Lari 1USD = 2.5 Lari

18. Contact information

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