



**European Chess Union (ECU)
Romanian Chess Federation**

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

Mamaia, September 4th – 15th, 2017

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

Romanian Chess Federation, "Mind Games & Events" Sports Association and the European Chess Union have the honour to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated members of ECU to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organised in Mamaia, Romania from 4th September (arrival) to 15th September (departure) 2017.

2. Participation

2.1. Each federation member of the European Chess Union can register one (1) player in each of the categories - under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (boys and girls), the maximum number of twelve (12) players ("invited players").

2.2. The players placed 1-3 in the European Youth Chess Championship 2016 will have the personal right to participate in the tournament in the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfill the conditions that they have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1st 2017. 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 3rd July 2017 (registration deadline). The entry form should be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship.

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

2.5. 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 ECU flag.

2.6. According to the ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1) for youth tournaments the players are obliged to stay in one of the official hotels.
Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.

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 on the ECU bank account before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU bank account by the end of the second round, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3. The organization fee of 100 EUR, required for each participant player and chief of delegation, must be paid by 3rd July 2017.

4. Registration

4.1. The entry form must be filled in by the national federation on the official website of the championship no later than 3rd July 2017. 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 organizer and the ECU.

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

5. Travel conditions

The organizer can arrange the transfer from the Constanta airport (Mihail Kogalniceanu Airport) to the hotels. Transfer on the first day (4th September) and the last day (15th September) will be free of charge. On other days the organizer will charge 15 EUR per person (both ways).

The organizer can arrange the transfer from the Constanta railway station and central bus station to the hotels. Transfer on the first day (4th September) and the last day (15th September) will be free of charge.

Transfer from other Airports on 4th September (Arrival) and 15th September (Departure):

Bucharest International Airport (direct highway) – 2h 30 min - 60 EUR both ways

Varna International Airport (Bulgaria) -2h – 60 EUR both ways

6. Payments

6.1. The ECU fees must be paid before the start of the competition on 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, an invoice with all necessary bank details for payment will be sent. Organization fees, accommodation and transfer costs must be paid to the account of the organizer by 3rd July 2017.

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

7. Lodging and boarding

7.1 Accommodation will be provided on the full board basis (buffet) in Mamaia per person for the period 4.09 – 15.09 as follows:

Hotel	Room	Price per night	Numbers of rooms
Phoenicia Resort Luxury	Triple superior	61 €	100
	Double superior	66 €	
	Single superior	90 €	
Phoenicia Resort Holiday 4*	Apartment 2 rooms 90 sqm (3 persons)	62 €	409
	Apartment 2 rooms 90 sqm (4 persons)	59 €	
	Apartment 3 rooms 125 sqm (4 persons)	67 €	
	Apartment 3 rooms 125 sqm (5 persons)	59 €	
	Apartment 2 rooms superior + (3 persons)	70 €	
	Apartment 2 rooms superior + (4 persons)	66 €	
Amiral 4* Comandor 4*	Single standard	75 €	246
	Double standard	59 €	
	Triple standard	56 €	
	Single superior	90 €	
	Double superior	66 €	
	Triple superior	61 €	
Orfeu 3* Perla 3*	Single room	70 €	270
	Double room	52 €	
	Triple room	49 €	

7.2. Invited players, players with personal rights and delegation chiefs (only with a FIDE Trainer licence) will be accommodated with full board in double rooms of "standard" category. Booking and payments for these rooms must be made and sent to the organizer no later than 3rd July 2017. The booking is considered to be assured when organization fees are paid.

Invited players, players with personal rights and delegation chiefs who are registered after 3rd July 2017, pay an extra charge of 100 EUR each.

All the above-mentioned payments are non-refundable if the booking is cancelled. **Free lodging and boarding will be provided from 4th September (dinner) to 15th September (lunch).** Any additional overnights will be charged as at 7.1.

7.3. Extra players, coaches and accompanying people will be accommodated with full board at the official hotels as others. All extra players are obliged to stay at these hotels. Booking and payments for their rooms must be made and sent to the organizer no later than 3rd July 2017. All the above-mentioned payments are non-refundable if the booking is cancelled.

7.4. Accommodation will be available after the head of delegation receives hotel vouchers in the organizers office.

8. Tournament halls

All tournament halls are situated in the Mamaia Expozitional Center, Bulevardul Mamaia 331A, Constanta, Romania.

9. Tournament schedule

Monday	4 th September		arrival
Monday	4 th September	20:00	opening ceremony
Tuesday	5 th September	10:00	technical meeting
Tuesday	5 th September	15:00	1 st round
Wednesday	6 th September	15:00	2 nd round
Thursday	7 th September	15:00	3 rd round
Friday	8 th September	15:00	4 th round
Saturday	9 th September	15:00	5 th round
Sunday	10 th September		free day
Monday	11 th September	15:00	6 th round
Tuesday	12 th September	15:00	7 th round
Wednesday	13 th September	15:00	8 th round
Thursday	14 th September	13:00	9 th round
Thursday	14 th September	20:00	closing ceremony
Friday	15 th September		departures

Players from those federations, which are not represented at the technical meeting, may not be paired according to the decision of ECU board.

10. Rules and regulations

The ECU Tournament Rules should be followed.

The tournament will be played by a 9-rounds Swiss system. 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.

Default time for all 9 rounds is **15 minutes**.

11. Anti-Cheating guidelines

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 Youth Championship random AC inspections are possible.

12. Appeals procedure

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.

13. Scoring and tie-breaking system

13.1. The score in each game is 1 for a win, ½ for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

13.2. Tie-breaking:

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.

14. Arbiters and Appeals committee

The names of the arbiters and the Appeals committee members will be announced after their nomination or approval by ECU.

15. Tournament bulletin

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

16. Visa information

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visa are requested to contact the organizer till 15th June 2017. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. Schengen visas are valid in Romania.

17. Prizes

17.1. The first three players in each group will be awarded medals; the first five players in each group will be awarded cups, diplomas and valuable prizes.

17.2. Each participant will receive presents.

17.3. The total amount of all prizes and presents will be 40.000 EUR at the minimum.

18. Parallel activities

FIDE seminars for trainers, arbiters and organizers will be organized during the championship.

19. Currency

The local currency is the Romanian leu (RON), 1 EUR = around 4,55 RON

20. 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.

21. Tournament office

Participants can get all necessary information on the official tournament website www.ecuyouth2017.ro or by mail: ecuyouth2017@yahoo.com

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