

TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION

THE 5th EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Organisers

The Turkish Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union and with the support of the General Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Turkish Republic.

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2. Venue, date, schedule

The Championship will be held from May 14 (day of arrival) until May 31 (day of departure) 2004 in Antalya, Kemer-Beldibi. The tournament official hotel will be declared on 15 April.

TOURNAMENT-SCHEDULE						
Friday	14.05		Arrival of participants			
Friday	14.05	at 20.30	Opening ceremony			
Friday	14.05	at 22.00	Technical Meeting			
Saturday	15.05	at 15.00	1 st round			
Sunday	1605	at 15.00	2 nd round			
Monday	17.05	at 15.00	3 rd round			
Tuesday	18.05	at 15.00	4 th round			
Wednesday	19.05	free day				
Thursday	20.05	at 15.00	5 th round			
Friday	21.05	at 15.00	6 th round			
Saturday	22.05	at 15.00	7 th round			
Sunday	23.05	at 15.00	8 th round			
Monday	24.05	at 15.00	9 th round			
Tuesday	25.05	at 15.00	10 th round			
Wednesday	26.05	free day				
Thursday	27.05	at 15.00	11 th round			
Friday	28.05	at 15.00	12 th round			
Saturday	29.05	at 15.00	13 th round			
Saturday	29.05	at 22.00	Technical Meeting for tie breaks			
Sunday	30.05	at 10.00	tie breaks			
Sunday	30.05	at 19.00	Closing ceremony			
Monday	31.05		Departure			

The Chief Arbiter after consultations with ECU and the Organizers may make changes to the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

3. System and Rate of play

The championship will be played in 13 rounds of the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules (approved by the ECU GA in Plovdiv in 2003) and the FIDE Laws of Chess.

The playing session shall be approximately 4 hours: 1:30 hours for the whole game with an incremental time of 30 seconds per move from move 1 (electronic chess clocks will be used).

4. 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) the extent required:

- a) Median-Buchholz 1, the highest number wins;
- b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- d) Progressive Score, the highest number wins.

In the case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a) and (b) the current FIDE tournament rules shall be applied:

"Independently of the result of an unplayed game (win by Bye, win or loss by forfeit, no game because the player has withdrawn or was absent for some round(s) for reasons of tiebreak the result shall be counted as a draw against the player himself." Annex to FIDE Tournament Rules, pt.1.

5. Tie-break Matches

Tie-break matches are limited to the following cases:

- a) to establish the Champion;
- b) to establish the medal winners;

c) to establish the players, qualifying for the World Championship.

In the case of a) and b) the relevant tie-break matches will decide the final ranking and the money prizes connected with these places.

In the case of c) the relevant tie-break matches will not influence the final ranking and the money prizes will be shared equally.

System of tie-break matches: the rules of system of tie-break matches are as described in ECU Tournament Rules. The link of web site is http://www.eurochess.org/downloads/ECU Tournament Rules 2003.doc

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6. Participants and players qualifying for the 2005/2006 World Chess Championship

The European Individual Championship is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federation (zones 1.1 - 1.9) regardless of their title or rating. <u>Applications have to be sent</u> by national federations only.

The European Individual Championship 2004 is a preliminary qualification event for the 2005/2006 World Chess Championship. According to the decision passed by the ECU Board twelve players will qualify for the WCC.

7. Prizes

Money prizes:

Place	€	%		€	%	
1	8.000	17,8%	Special prizes			
2	5.000	11,1%				
3	4.000	8,9%	Best of U 2300			
4	3.000	6,7%	1 st	1.000	2,22%	
5	2.700	6,0%	2 nd	750	1,67%	
6	2.500	5,6%	3 rd	250	0,56%	
7	2.200	4,9%				
8	1.700	3,8%				
9	1.200	2,7%	Best of U 2200			
10	1.100	2,4%	1 st	750	1,67%	
11	1.000	2,2%	2 nd	500	1,11%	
12	1.000	2,2%	3 rd	250	0,56%	
13	1.000	2,2%				
14	1.000	2,2%				
15	1.000	2,2%	Best of U 2100			
16	1.000	2,2%	1 st	750	1,67%	
17	800	1,8%	2 nd	500	1,11%	
18	600	1,3%	3 rd	250	0,56%	
19	600	1,3%				
20	600	1,3%				
	40.000			5.000		
Total Prize Fund is 45,000 Euro						

Best of = Rp - Rating; Rp ... Performance in the tournament **All prizes are tax-free.** No double prize award is carried out.

All players are to take part in the opening and closing ceremony. If one the prize-winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then their money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of $100 \in$.

8.Applications, registration

The National federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the enclosed Application Form 1 (Players - Nominal conformation) to the organizers as soon as possible but not later than **April 20th**, **2004**.

The National federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the enclosed Application Form 2 and Application Form 3 (Players and Accompanying persons hotel reservation and transport) to the organizers as soon as possible but not later than **April 26th**, **2004**.

9. Fees:

The entry fee for the European Individual Championship is 65€per player. Every national federation has to pay this fee to ECU before start of the tournament.

Bank:	Die Sparkasse in Bremen, BLZ 290 501 01
Account number:	163 50 51,
Owner:	Egon Ditt for ECU

There is no additional organizing fee.

10. Accommodation

The organizers offer accommodation in (5 stars- all Inclusive) in Antalya, Beldibi - Kemer (official hotel). The championship will be played in this hotel.

According to the ECU Tournament Rules 2003 all the participants have to accommodate at the hotel offered by the organizers.

HotelDouble roomSingle room1 person/per night (all inclusive) $59 \in 79 \in$ The indicated prices are per person per day, including ALL INCLUSIVE accommodation /VAT, insurance, service tax included.The number of single rooms is limited for the national federations

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Penalty for Late Entries: <u>After 7 May 2004</u>, all applications will be subject to 100 € penalty to be paid to organizers.

The hosts will bear the expenses of **GM Zurab AZMAIPARASHVILI** (Georgia, European Champion 2003) on a basis of all inclusive accommodation in a single room.

11. Local transport

Organizers offer the following fees for bus transfer from Antalya Airport (round trip): - competition venue – Antalya Airport (app. 2 x 50 km): 60 €

12. Payment for Accommodation

All payments for accommodation have to be done by bank transfer to the bank account (will be declared later) or in cash upon arrival. A player may be excluded from the players list without paying for accommodation.

13. Weather conditions

Weather is quite pleasant for relaxation and swimming in Venue during May.

14.Electricity

The standard voltage in Turkey is 220 Volts.

15.Currency & Exchange

The local currency is the Turkish Lira.

18 March 2004: 1USD = 1,330,000 TL, 1 EURO = 1,630,000 TL. The best way to exchange your money is to do it in Turkey, you may do it on Airport or in exchange offices in cities or banks. Otherwise you may pay high commissions for exchange abroad.

16.Visas

If Turkish entry visas are required please contact the respective Turkish Embassy in your country. If you need visa, send us the registration form in the time mentioned above. Organization will send invitation letter as soon as possible. The organizers will not be responsible for the participants' visas that send registration form after 26th April 2004.

17.Chief Arbiter:

Mr.Werner Stubenvoll (IA-Austria) by the confirmation of Boris KUTIN the President of ECU.