



EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

17 – 30 MARCH, SKOPJE (FYR MACEDONIA)

REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

The government of the Republic of FYR Macedonia, the Agency for Youth and Sport of the Republic of FYR Macedonia, Chess Federation of FYR Macedonia under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Skopje (FYR Macedonia) from March 17 (day of arrival) until March 30 (day of departure) 2019. The tournament hall will be in the newly constructed 5* "**DoubleTree by HILTON**" Hotel in Skopje.

Sunday	March 17		Arrival Day
Sunday	March 17	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Sunday	March 17	21:00	Technical Meeting
Monday	March 18	15:00	Round 1
Tuesday	March 19	15:00	Round 2
Wednesday	March 20	15:00	Round 3
Thursday	March 21	15:00	Round 4
Friday	March 22	15:00	Round 5
Saturday	March 23		Free Day
Sunday	March 24	15:00	Round 6
Monday	March 25	15:00	Round 7
Tuesday	March 26	15:00	Round 8
Wednesday	March 27	15:00	Round 9
Thursday	March 28	15:00	Round 10
Friday	March 29	13:00	Round 11
Friday	March 29	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	March 30		Departure Day

3. Participation

The European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations that are members of the European Chess Union regardless of their title or rating. There is no limit to participants per federation. However, only national federations are permitted to send applications.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send applications of participation only individually and play under the ECU flag.

4. Registration

- The deadline for registration is **February 17, 2019**. Prolongation of the registration may be possible for some federations if a very special reason is presented as justification for the delay.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, only ECU member-federations may present **complete** official registration form (see on the website) and send it to the contact person before the registration deadline **February 17, 2019**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right (according to FIDE regulations) to refuse late registrations, or if there is availability, a penalty of 100€ for each late registration will be charged.
- Each player must pay the amount of 100€ at the moment of their registration before **February 17, 2019**. This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation, otherwise the registration will be invalid and will not be accepted. This payment includes transportation from and to Skopje international airport, accreditation, identification badges, refreshments for participants and other organization costs.
- Each coach or accompanying person has to pay the registration fee of the 50€ if he or she wishes to receive the transportation services and the accreditation badges necessary for the playing halls and ceremonies.

5. ECU Fee

- In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65€/person, while other players have to pay 130€/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. Travel Information

The organizer will provide transport services for all participants from Skopje International Airport to the official hotels – on March 16 and 17 as well as the departure transfer - on March 30, free of charge.

The organizer can provide transfers from other airports listed below, prices on request:

- Ohrid International Airport, approximately 3 hours driving,
- Prishtina International Airport (Kosovo), approximately 3 hours driving and
- Sofia International Airport (Bulgaria), approximately 5 hours driving.

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

7. Hotel and Meals

- The reservation will be done on the "first come, first served" basis.
- All players and accompanying persons, including coaches, are invited to stay in the official hotels of the European Individual Chess Championship.
- Reservations and payments for the official hotels must be made before **February 17, 2019** (registration deadline) **only via the organizer**.
- Accommodation with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner), per person per day costs:

HOTEL		Single FB	Double FB
Hotel "DoubleTree by HILTON" Skopje	5*	128 €	89 €
Hotel "Russia & Spa" Skopje	4*	89 €	69 €
Hotel "Stone Bridge" Skopje	5*	106 €	84 €
Hotel "Continental" Skopje	4*	89 €	62 €

8. 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.**
- The sender must pay all the bank commissions.

9. Qualifying & Prizes

- The European Individual Chess Championship 2019 is a qualification event for the FIDE World Cup 2019. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU

Board, 22 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/her money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100€.
- Total prize fund is 100 000€.

General Standings

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 2001 or later.

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600
3	400

Seniors born before 31.12.1969

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600

3	400
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Best Female Player

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1 000
2	600
3	400

Special Prize (ACP)

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

- A player can win one prize only, the highest one. 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 for the general standings' prizes.
- The special prizes will not be shared but will be awarded according the tiebreaks criteria.
- The money prizes will be transferred to the ECU bank account by the Chess Federation of FYR of Macedonia and then ECU will transfer the funds 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.

10. 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 WCC regulations applying for all qualification events and then the ECU regulations.

11. System & Rate of Play

The championship will be played according to the 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.

12. Additional Regulations

Flash photography may be taken only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the

players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area.

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.

Players are not allowed to eat at the chessboard during the games.

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

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, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations.

13. 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.

14. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiters and the Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced by the ECU not later than February 20, 2019.

15. 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.

16. Local Information

- ✓ The standard voltage in Macedonia is 220 Volts.
- ✓ The local currency is the Macedonian denar. 1€ = 61,50 denars

17. Visa Information

Citizens of the following countries are not required to have entry visa for the Republic of Macedonia:

- ✓ **EU member countries and signatories of the Schengen Agreement** have the right to enter the Republic of Macedonia with a valid ID card.
- ✓ **Third countries with permanent stay in an EU member country or signatory country of the Schengen Agreement** may stay in the Republic of Macedonia for up to 15 (fifteen) days upon every entry to the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, and the total amount of the subsequent stays in the Republic of Macedonia must not be longer than 3 (three) months within a six-months period, starting from the date of the first entry.
- ✓ **Third countries with multiple entry short stay Schengen visa type C valid at least 5 (five) days beyond the intended stay in the Republic of Macedonia,** may stay in the Republic of Macedonia for up to 15 (fifteen) days upon every entry to the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, and the total amount of the subsequent stays in the Republic of Macedonia must not be longer than 3 (three) months within a six-months period, starting from the date of the first entry.
- ✓ **Third country nationals with a valid British, Canadian or U.S. visa with a validity date at least 5 (five) days beyond the intended period of stay in the Republic of Macedonia** can stay in the Republic of Macedonia for up to 15 (fifteen) days at any given entry on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia while the total duration of consecutive stays in the Republic of Macedonia must not exceed 3 (three) months in any six-month period calculated from the day of first entry.
- ✓ **Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Israel, Kosovo, Montenegro, Moldova, Serbia.**
- ✓ **For citizens of Russian Federation, Ukraine, Azerbaijan,** In the period from March 16, 2018 to March 15, 2019, visas shall not be required for stays of up to three months in each six-month period. It is expected that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia will again adopt such a decision for the period of March 16, 2019 to March 15, 2020.

Players needing visas (citizens of Armenia, Georgia, Belarus), are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before February 1, 2019 and apply on time to the respective Macedonian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

For additional information on VISA issue, please contact:

- Jani Bogoevski, jani.bogoevski@mfa.gov.mk

In any case, if you are planning to participate, please first check if you need a visa -

http://www.mfa.gov.mk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=437&lang=en

18. Contact information

Contact persons:

- Alex Colovic, tel. +389 (0)71 554 564
- Ivan Kocovski, e-mail: eicc2019mk@gmail.com

Official web site: www.eicc2019.mk

- Authorised partner regarding airport transfers, hotels and accommodation:

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Mail: holidaycompa@gmail.com

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