



## 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	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Tbilisi airport.

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. 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 free of any local taxes and then ECU will transfer to the award players' bank accounts. ??

## **8. 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.

## **9. 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.

## **10. 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/>

## **11. 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.

## **12. Arbiters & Appeals Committee**

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

## **13. 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.

## **14. 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

## **15. Contact information**

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