



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

Chakvi - Adjara (GEORGIA)

18 – 31 MAY, 2015

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

The government of Georgia, the government of Adjarian Autonomous Republic, Georgian chess federation under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Chakvi, Adjara (13 km from Batumi) Georgia, from May 18 (day of arrival) until May 31 (day of departure) 2015. The tournament hall will be in 5 ***** hotel "Oazis Palace Chakvi".

Monday	May 18		Arrival Day
Monday	May 18	17:00	Technical Meeting
Monday	May 18	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday	May 19	15:00	1 st Round
Wednesday	May 20	15:00	2 nd Round
Thursday	May 21	15:00	3 rd Round
Friday	May 22	15:00	4 th Round
Saturday	May 23	15:00	5 th Round
Sunday	May 24	15:00	6 th Round
Monday	May 25	15:00	7 th Round
Tuesday	May 26	Free day	Different kinds of amusements
Wednesday	May 27	15:00	8 th Round
Thursday	May 28	15:00	9 th Round
Friday	May 29	15:00	10 th Round
Saturday	May 30	11:00	11 th Round
Saturday	May 30	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	May 31		Departure Day

3. Participation

The 16th European individual chess championship for women is open to all players representing the Chess Federations, which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10) regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of participants per federation. However, applications should be sent the national federations should send applications only.

4. 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.

5. Ranking & 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) Average Rating cut-1, the highest number wins (unplayed games, byes are not calculated)
- (b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In the case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c) the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In the case there are less than 75% of rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

- (a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 16th Individual European Chess Championship for women is qualification event for the next World Women Championship. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 14 players will qualify.

According to Article 4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

According to Article 13.1.1 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 €.

Rank	Prizes - 60 000 Euro
1	11 000
2	9 000
3	7 000
4	5 500
5	4 000
6	3 000
7	2 500
8	2 250
9	2 000
10	1 750
11	1 600
12	1 500
13	1 400
14	1 300
15	1 200
16	1 000
17	1 000
18	1 000
19	1 000
20	1 000

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than March 1st, 2015.

8. 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 100 €, 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.

9. Registration

The registration fee of 100 € must be paid by all players **before 1 April 2015 (registration deadline)**.

10. 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.

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

11. Lodging and Meals

All players, guests and extra participants are invited to stay in the official 5 ***** "Oazis " hotel with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner). Accommodation for per person per day costs:

Single	85 USD
Double	72 USD

Reservations and payments for hotels must be made **before 1st April 2015 (registration deadline)**.

12. Bank account for accommodation and registration

Customer name	Georgian Chess Federation
Account number, currency	GE97PC0233600100013077 USD
Bank code (SWIFT-Code)	MIBGGE22
Bank name	ProCredit Bank, Tbilisi, Georgia
Bank address	21 Al. Kazbegi Ave. Tbilisi 0160, Georgia
Correspondent Bank:	
Commerzbank AG, Frankfurt, Germany	COBADEFF

Sender should pay all bank commissions.

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.

In case of pre-arranged results the chief arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0:0 Default time is 15 minutes after start of the round, except for the opening round in which there will be zero tolerance.

14. Medical Care

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

15. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Georgia is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is the Georgian Lari. 1EUR = 2,20 Lari 1USD = 2 Lari

16. Travel and Visas

The Organizer will provide transport services of all participants from Tbilisi International Airport, Kutasi and Batumi airports to the hotels – on 17 and 18 of May as well as the departure transfer - on 30 and 31 of May with the next prices Tbilisi – 70 USD (2 ways), Kutaisi – 50 USD Euro (2 ways) and Batumi 30 USD (two ways).

The EU, Turkey, Israel and most European countries citizens do not need Georgian visas. They will get free of charge stamp in Tbilisi airport. Few European countries citizens need Georgian visas. The cost of visa is about 50 USD.

17. Contact information

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