

15th European Individual Women's Chess Championship

Plovdiv (Bulgaria) July 5 - 18 2014

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZERS

Bulgarian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

The Championship will be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria from July 5 (day of arrival) until July 18 (day of departure) 2014. The tournament will be held at "Hall Plovdiv" in hotel "Novotel" Plovdiv. After consultations with the ECU and the Organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the below tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

Saturday	05.07	Arrival of participants
Saturday	05.07 at 20.00	Opening ceremony
Saturday	05.07 at 22.00	Technical Meeting
Sunday	06.07 at 15.00	1st round
Monday	07.07 at 15.00	2nd round
Tuesday	08.07 at 15.00	3rd round
Wednesday	09.07 at 15.00	4th round
Thursday	10.07 at 15.00	5th round
Friday	11.07 at 15.00	6th round
Saturday	12.07 at 15.00	7th round
Sunday	13.07	Rest day
Monday	14.07 at 15.00	8th round
Tuesday	15.07 at 15.00	9th round
Wednesday	16.07 at 15.00	10th round
Thursday	17.07 at 13.00	11th round
Thursday	17.07 at 20.00	Closing Ceremony
Friday	18.07	Departures

3. PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Women's Chess Championship is open to all players representing 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 in the number of participants per federation; however **applications have to be sent by the national federations only.**

4. QUALIFIERS

The European Individual Women's Championship 2014 is a qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 14 players will qualify.

5. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship will be organized in 11-round Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Laws of Chess.

The rate of play 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.

Players may only agree to a draw after the 40th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 40th move has been made by black, she should call an arbiter. Her opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Zero-tolerance rule will be applied for each round.

6.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;
- (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% 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.

7.DRESS CODE

The ECU Rule related to dress code – Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition.

8.CHIEF ARBITER

Name of the Chief arbiter will be published by May 1, 2014.

9.APPEALS COMMITTEE

The names of the chairman and members of the Appeals Committee will be published by May 1, 2014.

10.APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the 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. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. 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.

11.PRIZES

The prize fund is **60 000 EUR**

Rank	Main prizes 60 000 EUR
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

A player can get one prize only. If a prize-winner is absent during the closing ceremony, than the money prize will be reduced by 20%. The first 3 places will be awarded cups and medals. 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.

12.REGISTRATION

Entry form should be filled at the official website of the championship not later than May 31, 2014 by the national federation. This date is the registration deadline. After this date all the registrations have to be confirmed by the ECU.

13.ECU FEE

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM (as well as WGM, WIM, WFM) are required to pay a fee in the amount of 65 €/person, while other players are obliged to make the payment of 130 €/person for the fee.

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid until end of round 2, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union:

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European Chess Union
Bank: Credit Suisse
Postfach 357
CH-6301 Zug
Account: 1835105-42
Holder: European Chess Union
National Bank Code: 4835
BIC: CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

Till May 31 the organization fees, accommodation and transfers costs must be transferred to the following account:

Bulgarian Chess Federation
P.O. Box 927, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
First Investment Bank - Sofia
SWIFT: FINVBGSF
IBAN: BG05FINV915010EUR01EGA
Str. G. S. Rakovski 135

Please, indicate the number of the Proforma Invoice at the payment order.

All bank commissions must be paid by sender, if it is not paid, the organizers will produce an invoice which must be paid before the start of the second round.

14.ORGANIZATION FEE

The organization fee is **100 EUR per player**. Organisation fee includes:

- transfer from and to Plovdiv airport & (railway/bus station) to official hotel
- water, coffee and tea for players in the playing hall during the rounds
- official accreditation

15.ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be provided on half board basis (breakfast and dinner) per person for the period 05-18.07 as follows:

Hotel	Room	Price per night	Supplement FB
Novotel Plovdiv 5*	Double	56 €	12 €
	Single	74 €	12 €

* *The supplement is only for lunch.*

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank account of Bulgarian Chess Federation.

16.TRANSFER

The organizer will provide transfers from Sofia airport (140 km) - 90 € return ticket per person by bus.

These transport services will be available on July 5 (arrival) and on July 18 (departure). If it is necessary the organizer can accept special request from Federations for other dates.

Players and accompanying persons who make private transport arrangements should clearly indicate this at the time of registration. They will be fully responsible for any problems experienced during their arrival or departure and particularly for the possibility of a late start to the Championship.

17.VISAS

The Federations or players who need assistance with their visas are asked to register at the online registration form and attach scanned copy of the passport, before May 31, 2014 in order that the organizers can help. NO visa invitations will be made until scanned copy of the passport is sent and payments are done. Visa invitations will be sent to accompanying persons only if they are accommodated in the official hotels.

Important: The Schengen visa is valid for Bulgaria.

18.ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only players and arbiters shall be allowed to enter the actual playing area, except with the expressed 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 upon. In case of pre-arranged results the Chief Arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0 - 0.

We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

19.CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The local currency is the Bulgarian Lev.

1 EUR = 1.95 BGN. The best way to exchange your money is to do it in exchange offices or banks.

20.ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage in Bulgaria is 220 Volts.

21.MEDICAL CARE

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

22.TOURNAMENT OFFICE

All necessary information the participants can get on the official tournament website: www.eiwcc2014.eu and e-mail: office@eiwcc2014.eu

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