

EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

for school chess champions in categories

OPEN U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 / GIRLS U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

16 - 27 June 2014, Kavala GREECE



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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The European Chess Union (E.C.U), the International School Chess Union (I.S.C.U.) and the Olympic Sports Academy of Thessaloniki have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union and eligible players to the **European School Championships 2014** organised in Kavala, Greece from **16 June (arrivals) to 27 June (departures)**.

2. PARTICIPATION – AGE LIMITS

2.1. Each National Federation or School Association or schools may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the **12 age groups**. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants, it will be merged with the same open age group category.

2.2. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age:

Of 7, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 2007 and after) – Tournament Under 7;
Of 9, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 2005 and after) – Tournament Under 9;
Of 11, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 2003 and after) – Tournament Under 11;
Of 13, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 2001 and after) – Tournament Under 13;
Of 15, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 1999 and after) – Tournament Under 15;
Of 17, by 1st January 2014 (date of birth – January 1st, 1997 and after) – Tournament Under 17;

Upon arrival, captains or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for verification of age eligibility.

2.3. Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the participants, federations, schools and their Sponsors. Delegations of players must be accompanied at least by one adult (chief, coach or parent), who is taking care about the travel details.

3. ENTRY - FEES

- 3.1. **A registration fee** of 30 euros per participant (players, officials, trainers, media, etc.) should be paid directly to the Organizing Committee.
- 3.2 **ECU entry fee:** In accordance with the ECU regulations, an ECU entry fee of 20 EUR is required for each player. National Federations should send this amount directly to the ECU account or it can be paid to the Organizing Committee before the start of the first round.

ECU bank account:

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

- 3.3. Participants from the European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 1.10) have a 50% discount on registration and transportation fees.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry forms must be sent by the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **Friday 2 May 2014**. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation.

4.2 The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number **of the Chief of Delegation**.

4.3 The cost of bus transportation from Kavala airport (30 km) to the tournament hotels with return on the departure day is 40 EUR per person.

The cost of bus transportation from the Thessaloniki International Airport (150 km) to the tournament hotels with return on the departure day is 70 EUR per person

4.4 At the time of registration by **Friday 2 May 2014**, the amount of **30 euros (registration) + 30% of the total accommodation cost + 40 euros transportation cost from Kavala Airport or 70 euros transportation cost from Thessaloniki (if required) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee** for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of payments must be made upon arrival.

Bank: National Bank of Greece

Bank Swift Code (BIC): ETHNGRAAXXX

Account holder name: Koutlougianis At Holidays Ltd

Account number (IBAN): GR5801101040000010447212332

Bank address: 6 KAR.SERVIAS Str.- SQUARE SYNTAGMATOS, Athens – GREECE

4.5. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

4.6 **ONLINE BOOKINGS:** www.eventravel.net

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made and **with online credit card payment** through the only authorized site: www.eventravel.net

From the menu choose "EuroSchool" and the package of your choice. Once the transfer has been confirmed, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the hotel reservations.

5. VENUE - ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation and board will be provided **at Galaxy Hotel (4 star) and Lucy Hotel (5 stars). Playing Hall is the City Conference Hall in walking distance.**

5.2 **Every player is obliged to lodge at the official hotels.** Every accompanying person that requests a visa from the Organizing Committee is obliged to lodge at the official hotels. Bookings are made **only through the Organizing Committee** (through registrations and bookings forms).

5.3 Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made 30% in advance as described in registration process and the rest upon arrival, the latest. Hotel payments must be paid in euros (EUR). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations are not possible after Friday 16 May 2014.

5.4 Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost per person for 9 and 10 nights** (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner in buffet): For 11 nights or more nights add the charge of one or more nights.

A. Hotel Galaxy (main accommodation hotel, renovated in 2012)

Prices per person F/B (3 meals)	Galaxy Hotel ****	Galaxy Hotel ****	extra nights per person per day (3 meals)
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 9 nights	COST PER PERSON for 10 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	702 €	780 €	78 €
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	486 €	540 €	54 €
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE With one Kid U12 years	441 €	490 €	49 €

Kids 0-3 years old- free of charge

The rates include: A. Traditional Greek breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner,
B. Wireless Internet,
C. Fitness Center, Hamam.
D. Instant coffee and tea in the rooms
E. All taxes.

B. Hotel Lucy ***** packages are 10% increased on above rates.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 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 1.

6.2 Communication between players (the offer of draw) is forbidden until the 40th move has been played.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Rules are valid and the tournament will be FIDE rated

Monday	June 16 th	Arrival of Participants
Monday	June 16 th	21:00 Technical Meeting
Tuesday	June 17 th	16:00 Round 1
Wednesday	June 18 th	16:00 Round 2
Thursday	June 19 th	16:00 Round 3
Friday	June 20 th	16:00 Round 4
Saturday	June 21 th	16:00 Round 5
Sunday	June 22 th	Free Day
Monday	June 23 th	16:00 Round 6
Tuesday	June 24 th	16:00 Round 7
Wednesday	June 25 st	16:00 Round 8
Thursday	June 26 st	10:00 Round 9 16:30 Closing ceremony - Departures
Friday	June 27 th	Departures

8. PRIZES – TITLES

8.1 The first European winner in each open age category is the European School Champion for 2014 and the first European girl in each girl age category is the European Girl School Champion for 2014. They will be awarded with trophies and special diplomas.

8.2 Qualifications:

The 6 first winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 6 Girl winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) according to FIDE regulations will **play as invited players** in the 2015 World School Chess Championships in Singapore.

8.3. GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES

6 open Champions (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2015 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
6 Girl Champions (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2015 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
Position 2-3 in each Category	Chess Gifts	Trophies
Position 4-6 in each category	Chess Gifts	Medals

8.4. SPECIAL PRIZES (total 10)

1 st player born 2006 (U9) 1 st girl born 2006 (GU9)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2004 (U11) 1 st girl born 2004 (GU11)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2002 (U13) 1 st girl born 2002 (GU13)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2000 (U15) 1 st player born 2000 (GU15)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 1998 (U17) 1 st player born 1998 (GU17)	Chess Gifts	MEDALS

8.5. TEAM PRIZES (total 3)

Three special trophies for country or school delegations of 5 participants, which will play at least in 3 age groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

8.6. Special Diplomas of participation for all players

9. SIDE EVENTS

- **World School Rapid & Blitz (14-16 June 2014)**
- **Excursions Program**
- **Solving Competition**
- **Seminars**

10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Tournament Secretariat:

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11. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before Friday 2 May 2014** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The O.C. has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.