



EUROPEAN WOMAN'S INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

TBILISI (GEORGIA)

6 – 19 MAY, 2011

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Georgian Chess Federation, under the auspices of the Tbilisi City Hall and European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, from May 6th (day of arrival) until May 19th (day of departure) 2011. The tournament hall will be in hotel "**Sheraton Metechi Palace**".

Friday	May 6		Arrival Day
Friday	May 6	17:00	Technical Meeting
Friday	May 6	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	May 7	15:00	1 st Round
Sunday	May 8	15:00	2 nd Round
Monday	May 9	15:00	3 rd Round
Tuesday	May 10	15:00	4 th Round
Wednesday	May 11	15:00	5 th Round
Thursday	May 12	15:00	6 th Round
Friday	May 13	15:00	7 th Round
Saturday	May 14	Free day	Different kinds of amusements
Sunday	May 15	15:00	8 th Round
Monday	May 16	15:00	9 th Round
Tuesday	May 17	15:00	10 th Round
Wednesday	May 18	11:00	11 th Round
Wednesday	May 18	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Thursday	May 19		Departure Day

3. Participation

The 12th 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.

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. Zero-tolerance rule will be used for each round as default time is 0 minute.

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) Performance Rating
- (b) Median-Buchholz 1, the highest number wins;
- (c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of (a) the highest and the lowest rated opponent will be deleted and the maximum rating difference of two players shall be 400 points.

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

There is no Tie – Break matches in the European Individual Chess Championship.

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 12th Individual European Chess Championship for women is qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 14 players will qualify.

A player can get one prize only.

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 €.

Main Prizes:

Rank	Prize
1	€ 20 000
2	€ 15 000
3	€ 10 000
4	€ 8 000
5	€ 6 000
6	€ 5 000
7	€ 4 000
8	€ 3 000
9	€ 2 500
10	€ 2 000
11	€ 1 800
12	€ 1 600
13	€ 1 400
14	€ 1 200
15	€ 1 000
16	€ 500
	€ 83 000

Special Prizes – 5 000 Euro (Under – 14, 16, 18)

Rank	U - 14	U - 16	U - 18
1	400	800	1 000
2	250	600	800
3	150	400	600

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than April 1st, 2011.

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 national federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the Registration Form to the Organizer's e-mail address **before 1st April 2011**. After this date, the official hotels rates may be changed.

Late registrations have to be confirmed by ECU.

10. Lodging and meals

Official Hotels: All players, guests and extra participants are invited to stay in official hotels on following conditions:

In Hotel "**Sheraton Metechi Palace**" ***** (In "Sheraton" will be playing hall) accommodation with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner) for per person per day costs :

Double	78 EURO
Single	106 EURO

Number of rooms in "Sheraton" is limited. So, to get rooms in "Sheraton" make an early registration.

Web: www.sheraton.com/tbilisi

In Hotel "**Bazaleti Palace**" **** (2.5 km from hotel "Sheraton") accommodation with FB (breakfast, lunch & dinner) for per person per day costs :

Double	55 EURO
Single	70 EURO

Web : www.bazaletipalace.ge

All players staying out of the official hotels are responsible for zero-tolerance rule as being late to playing venue. For the players stay in official hotels, organizers will provide proper scheduled shuttle service to be at the right time in playing venue.

Reservations and payments for hotels must be made **before 1st April 2011**. Payments in advance must be transferred to the bank account given in chapter 13.

11. 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.

12. Registration fee

The registration fee of 70 € must be paid by all participants. The registration fee includes:

- Transfer from Tbilisi airport to the hotels and back.
- Free water for all participants during the round.

13. Bank account for accommodation and registration

Bank Account:

INTERMEDIARY : COMMERZBANK
60261, FRANKFURT DEUTSCHLAND
SWIFT: COBADEFF
TBC BANK's Correspondent Account: #400886868900

BENEFICIARY'S BANK : HEAD OFFICE SWIFT:TBCBGE22
TBC – Bank Kutaisi Branch
SWIFT : TBCBGE22888

BEN'S ACCOUNT : GE73 TB03 1393 6180 1000 03
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All bank commissions should be paid by sender. If a participant after paying this fee withdraws from event, it will not be reimbursed.

14. 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

15. Medical Care

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

16. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Georgia is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is the Georgian Lari. 1EUR = 2,40 Lari 1USD = 1,8 Lari

17. Travel and Visas

The Organizer will provide transport services of all participants from Tbilisi International Airport to the hotels – on May 6th, as well as the departure transfer - on May 19th. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition the same service will be provided.

The EU, Turkey, Israel, former SU and most European countries citizens do not need Georgian visas. They will get free of charge stamp in Tbilisi airport. The citizens of Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR of Macedonia will get Georgian visa easily in Tbilisi Airport. The cost of visa is about 23 Euro.

18. Contact information

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