



XVII EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVI SAD (SERBIA), 21 – 31. OCTOBER 2009.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

European Chess Union and Serbia Chess Federation are pleased to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate at the 17th European Team Chess Championship. The Championship will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, (located 80 km northwest from the capital Belgrade and 280 km south from Budapest) The dates are October 21st (day of arrival) until October 31st 2009 (day of departure).

2. Participation

Each federation shall have the right to be represented by an open team of four players and one reserve, also by a women's team of four players and one reserve.

3. ECU fees

3.1. In accordance with ECU regulations an entry fee of 260 EUR is required for each open national team and another 260 EUR for each women's national team.

3.2. 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 by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

4. Application, registration

4.1 Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office not later than **September 4th**, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation, also by official E Mail. This date is the registration deadline.

4.2 The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Federation.

4.3 Teams will not be paired until all their registration details have been fulfilled.

4.4 Not later than **September 21st**, each participating federation shall confirm the exact team lists together with any changes.

5. Travel details

5.1. For all participants, accompanying persons and journalists, the organizer will provide transfer from Belgrade (Airport and railway station) to Novi Sad. The price for a return ticket is 50 Euro.

5.2. These transport services will be available on October 21 (arrival) and on October 31st (departure). If the organizer is able he will accept special requests from Federations regarding transfer dates, as well as the possible transfer from Budapest airport (Hungary) to Novi Sad.

5.3. Players and accompanying persons who make private transport arrangements should clearly indicate this in writing 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.

5.4 The Organizer is recommending to participants and guests of the Championship to use the services of the official carrier of the Championship "JAT Airlines" Flight schedules and all information's regarding reservation and ticket purchase can be found on following web site: <http://www.jat.com/>

6. Payment

6.1 At the time of registration all costs should be transferred to the following account:

INTERMEDIARY, Field 56A:	COBADEFF COMMERZBANK AG FRANKFURT AM MAIN
ACC.WITH INSTITUTION, Field 57A:	/400/8768913/01 AGRLRSBG AGRICULTURAL BANK AGROBANKA AD, BEOGRAD
BENEFICIARY, Field 59:	RS35245007080000157790 ŠAHOVSKI SAVEZ VOJVODINE MASARIKOVA 25 21000 NOVI SAD, SRBIJA

6.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by sender. If it is not paid, the organizers will charge the respective participants by an invoice, which must be paid in full before the end of the second round.

7. Lodging and meals

7.1. Accommodation and meals for players and accompanying persons will be at the following official hotels suggested by organizer:

Hotel "Park", Novi Sad *****

(180 rooms are allocated)

Single room with full board:

99 Euro

Double room with full board:

79 Euro per person

Hotel "Leopold", Petrovaradin tower, Novi Sad *****

(30 rooms are allocated)

Single room with full board:

99 Euro

Double room with full board:

79 Euro per person

Hotel "Novi Sad", Novi Sad ****(60 rooms are allocated)*

Single room with full board:

69 Euro

Double room with full board:

55 Euro per person

7.2. In case a participating Federation does not wish to use an official hotel for their members, an additional payment of 150Euro per person who requires accreditation must be included with the registration.

7.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE!

7.3.1. The organizer can only guaranty accommodation for a specific hotel when the reservation and payment has been made on time. From July 1st the official tournament website will publish the accommodation disposal. Regarding this we are asking all Federations to make all necessary reservations and payments on time.

7.3.2. If the number of reserved places in hotel will be more than 400, the organizer will provide an additional hotel. If it is necessary this information will be published on the official web site.

8. Tournament hall

The Championships will be held in the Big Hall of Sports Business Centre "Vojvodina".

This was the venue for the 1990, XXIX Chess Olympiad.

Distance of playing hall from hotels:

Hotel "Park": 2 km

Hotel "Novi Sad": 2,2 km

Hotel "Leopold": 5 km

Organizer will provide bus transfer from mentioned hotels to the playing hall as follows

- before the start of each round (except the last round) between 2.00 p.m. to 2. 30 p.m.
- the return to hotel circuit will be every 30 minutes starting from 5 p.m.

9. Schedule

Wednesday	October 21th		Arrival of participants
		20.00	Opening ceremony
		22.30	Technical meeting
Thursday	October 22th	15.00	1st Round
Friday	October 23th	15.00	2nd Round
Saturday	October 24th	15.00	3rd Round
Sunday	October 25th	15.00	4th Round
Monday	October 26th	15.00	5th Round
Tuesday	October 27th	15.00	6th Round
Wednesday	October 28th	15.00	7th Round
Thursday	October 29th	15.00	8th Round
Friday	October 30th	13.00	9th Round
		21.00	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	October 31th		Departure of participants

Teams of Federation's who are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired according to the decision of ECU Board.

10. Basic competition rules

10.1. The championship will be 9 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

10.2. According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control 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.

11. Additional competition rules

11.1. Important: in these championships the new regulation 6.6a of the FIDE Laws of chess will be used. „Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the session shall lose the game“.

11.2. Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall

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

11.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the playing session

11.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

11.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.

11.7. 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.

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

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

12. Arbiters and Appeals Committee

Names of the Chief Arbiter and the members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than September 1, 2009.

13. Information

Tournament bulletin will be on CD and it will be free for all participating Federations. Each team will receive two CD.

Before the tournament, information will be available on the Internet at

<http://www.eurons2009.com>

On this site will be published entry forms for registration.

14. Information about visa

Participants who have passport of Albania, Turkey, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan and Armenia are in a need of entry visa for Serbia. Also, entry visa is necessary for the citizens of some non European country who are the members of European Chess Federations.

Organizer will give full support to assist participants to receive entry visas due to speed up procedure in Embassies and Consulates of Serbia or at the border upon their arrival in Serbia.

Visa's costs will depend on the valid laws at that moment.

15. Prizes

15.1. The first three teams will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

15.2. For the best placed teams and for the individual results for the best board result, the organizer will provide prizes to the value of 60.000 Euro.

Prizes will be in goods and services of real worth. The content of each prize will be published not later than October 1, 2009.

15.3. Prize value of 60.000 Euro is disposed as follows:

15.3.1. Team prizes

	<u>MAN TEAMS</u>	<u>WOMEN TEAMS</u>
1st place	10.000 Euro	7.000 Euro
2nd place	7.500 Euro	5.000 Euro
3rd place	5.500 Euro	3.000 Euro

15.3.2. Individual prizes (the best board results)

	<u>MAN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
1st place	1.000 Euro	1.000 Euro
2nd place	700 Euro	700 Euro
3rd place	500 Euro	500 Euro

15.3.3. Standings for the best board results will be calculated according to ECU Tournament rules.

15.3.4. Prizes for the team results are property of Federations, and individual prizes are property of players.

16. Currency

The local currency is Dinar (RSD).

Organizer will publish on the official web site valid currency rate.

17. Medical care

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

18. Electricity

The voltage in Serbia is 220 Volts.

19. Tournament office

All necessary information can be seen on the official tournament web-site <http://www.eurons2009.com> or by mail: eurons2009@yahoo.com, as well as in the tournament office.

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