



**27th European Club Cup for Men
16th European Club Cup for Women
ROGASKA SLATINA (SLOVENIA), SEPTEMBER 24. – OCTOBER 02. 2011**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

European Chess Union, Slovenian Chess Federation and Sahohlacnik Maribor (technical organizer) are pleased to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate at the 27th European Club Cup for Men and 16th European Club Cup for Women. The Championship will be held in Rogaska Slatina, famous spa in Slovenia, located about 100 km from the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, about 100 km from the Croatian capital Zagreb and about 100 km from Graz, the second largest city in Austria. The dates are September 24th (day of arrival) until October 2nd 2011 (day of departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed are the "ECU Tournament Rules" approved by the General Assembly of the European Chess Union. Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the Rules for the European Club Cup participation is open to:

- Ekonomist SGSEU Saratov (Russia), the current cup holder in the men's competition.
- Cercle d'Echecs de Monte Carlo, the current cup holder in the women's competition.
- Two clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organised one club per federation in which no national team championship is organised.
- Third club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organised provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE-rating over 2600 have participated in this national team championship.
- One additional club (only in man competition) for the federations which are ranked in the first five places of the federation ranking list. For the competition 2011 the federations are Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Germany, Israel.

3. ECU fees

3.1. In accordance with ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 EUR for the participating club for the men's competition and 200 € per participating club for the women's competition.

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. Every federation that intends to participate with one or more teams must inform the organizing committee before Jun 30, 2011 of its acceptance of the invitation specifying the number of the teams.

4.2. Entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office not later than August 1st, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation, also by official e-Mail. This date is the registration deadline. In entry form basic team composition must be written.

4.3. 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 Club.

4.4. Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to: to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder (e-mail: ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be).

4.5. All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted!

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

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COMPETITION

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes that are not in accordance with the ECU Club Cup Tournament Rules each federation has to send a copy of the club list(s) as entered for the respective national team competition to the Tournament Director.

5. Travel details

5.1. For all participants, accompanying persons and journalists, the organizer will provide transfer from Ljubljana (100 km), Zagreb (Croatia – 100 km) or Graz (Austria – 100 km) airport (70 € return ticket per person).

5.2. These transport services will be available on September 24th (arrival) and on October 2nd (departure). If the organizer is able he will accept special requests from Clubs regarding transfer dates.

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.

6. Payment

6.1 At the time of registration (August 1st) all costs should be transferred to the following account:

SAHOHLACNIK d.o.o.

Istrska ulica 60 g

Maribor 2000, Slovenia, EU

Nova kreditna banka Maribor

IBAN: SI56 0451 5000 0634 791

SWIFT: KBMASI2X

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 all players and accompanying persons, will be at:

Grand Hotel Rogaška Slatina **+** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 90 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Sava Superior **+** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 90 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Sava Standard **** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Styria **** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Strossmayr **** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Slovenia **** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 75 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Hotel Zagreb **-** (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 55 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Single room: 69 Euro, VAT included, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All hotels and tournament halls are within 3 min walking distance.

7.2. In case a participating team does not wish to use an official hotel for their members, an additional payment of 100 Euro per person who requires accreditation must be included with the registration.

8. Tournament hall

The Championship will be held in Grand Hotel Rogaska Slatina (Crystal hall and Music hall) and in Convention Center of hotel Sava Rogaška Slatina.

9. Schedule

Saturday,	September 24th		Arrival of participants
Saturday,	September 24th,	21.00	Opening ceremony
Saturday,	September 24th,	22.30	Captain's meeting
Sunday,	September, 25th,	15.00	1st Round
Monday,	September 26th,	15.00	2nd Round
Tuesday,	September 27th,	15.00	3rd Round
Wednesday,	September 28th,	15.00	4th Round
Thursday,	September 29th,	15.00	5th Round
Friday,	September 30st,	15.00	6th Round
Saturday,	October 1st,	15.00	7th Round
Saturday,	October 1st,	22.00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday,	October 2nd,		Departure of participants

Teams 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 7 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 Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F1.2 will be followed strictly.

11.8.1 The teams shall be composed of six players all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized.

11.8.2 If a participating club wants to include a player who does not fulfill the

requirements of article 1.2 the club has to pay an amount of 2500 Euro (1000 Euro for the women's event) to ECU. These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of teams and the extra fee has to be paid to ECU before start of the competition. In the open competition no more than two players, in the women's competition no more than one female player, may be replaced.

11.8.3 Players, who are considered as foreigners according to F.1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.

11.9 Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.

11.10 No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.

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

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

12. Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2011 will be IGM Adrian Mikhalchishin. The Chief Arbitrer of the competition will be IA Dirk de Ridder (Belgium).

The president and the members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than September 1st, 2011.

13. Information

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

<http://ecc2011.sahohlacnik.com>

On this site will be published entry forms for registration and all necessary information about accomodation, visas, transfers etc.

14. Information about visa

Organizer will give full support to assist participants to receive entry visas due to speed up procedure in Embassies and Consulates of Slovenia.

Every registered player, who needs entry visa for Slovenia, has to send scanned passport, together with his registration form and in any case not later than August 1st.

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 in the men competition, the organizer will provide prizes to the value of 40.000 Euro. For the best placed teams and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, the organizer will provide prizes to the value of 10.000 Euro.

15.3. Prize value of 50.000 Euro is disposed as follows:

15.3.1. Team prizes (will be transferred by ECU)

	CLUB CUP (31.000)	WOMEN (8.000)
1st place	12.400 Euro	4.000 Euro
2nd place	6.200 Euro	2.000 Euro
3rd place	4.650 Euro	1.200 Euro
4th place	3.100 Euro	800 Euro
5th place	3.100 Euro	
6th place	1.550 Euro	

15.3.2. Individual prizes (the best board results, will be transferred by organizer)

	CLUB CUP (9.000)	WOMEN (2.000)
1st place	700 Euro	250 Euro

2nd place	500 Euro	150 Euro
3rd place	300 Euro	100 Euro

Prizes will be paid by Bank transfer. Players are kindly requested to provide an IBAN (International Bank Account Number) and a BIC (Bank Identifier Code) to receive their money prize money transfer from the organizer. Winners are to give their IBAN and BIC to the organizer during the closing ceremony, with their written acceptance for the prize money. If a winning player cannot provide the requested data in Rogaska Slatina, he can send them later by an email to the organizer.

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

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

15.4. Individual prizes will be reduced with a tax of 10% according to Slovenian law.

16. Currency

The local currency is Euro.

17. Medical care

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

18. Electricity

The voltage is 220 (V).

19. Tournament office

All necessary information can be seen on the official tournament web-site

<http://ecc2011.sahohlacnik.com>

or by e-mail:

ecc@sahohlacnik.com