



# **EUROPEAN CLUB CUP 2010**

## **26<sup>th</sup> European Club Cup for Men**

## **15<sup>th</sup> European Club Cup for Women**

*PLOVDIV (BULGARIA), OCTOBER 16 – 24, 2010*

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### 1. Invitation

European Chess Union and Bulgarian Chess Federation are pleased to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate at the 26<sup>th</sup> European Club Cup for Men and 15<sup>th</sup> European Club Cup for Women. The Championship will be held in Plovdiv (located 130 km south-east from the capital Sofia). The dates are October 16<sup>th</sup> (day of arrival) until October 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 (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
- Spartak Vidnoe (Russia), 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 2010 the federations are Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Germany, Czech republic.

### 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 July 31, 2010 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 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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:

for the men's competition to Tournament Director Dirk De Ridder (e-mail: [ECU\\_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be](mailto:ECU_DirkDeRidder@skynet.be)), for the women's competition to Werner Stubenvoll (e-mail: [werner.stubenvoll@liwest.at](mailto:werner.stubenvoll@liwest.at))

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 Sofia airport (80 " return ticket per person).

5.2. These transport services will be available on October 16<sup>th</sup> (arrival) and on October 24<sup>th</sup> (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 (September 11<sup>th</sup>) all costs should be transferred to the following account:

<p align="center"> <b>Bulgarian Chess Federation</b>  <b>P.O. Box 927, Sofia 1000, Bulgaria, EU</b>  <b>First Investment Bank - Sofia</b>  <b>SWIFT: FINVBGSF</b>  <b>IBAN: BG05FINV915010EUR01EGA</b> </p>
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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:

Hotel "Novotel" \*\*\*\*\* (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 69 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Single room: 89 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Surcharge for full board . 12 Euro.

Hotel ~~%Maritsa+~~\*\*\*\* (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Single room: 79 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Surcharge for full board . 9 Euro.

Hotel ~~%Sankt Peterburg+~~\*\*\*\* (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Single room: 79 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Surcharge for full board . 9 Euro.

Hotel ~~%Dedeman Trimontium Princess+~~\*\*\*\* (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 59 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Single room: 79 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Surcharge for full board . 9 Euro.

Hotel ~~%Expo+~~\*\*\* (official hotel suggested by organizer):

Double room: 49 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Single room: 69 Euro, VAT included, per person and day, half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner).

Surcharge for full board . 7 Euro.

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 Hotel "Novotel" (~~%Blodiv+~~ and ~~%Moscow-Paris+~~ halls)

### 9. Schedule

Saturday	October 16 <sup>th</sup>		Arrival of participants
		20.00	Opening ceremony
		22.30	Captain's meeting
Sunday	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	1st Round
Monday	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	2nd Round
Tuesday	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	3rd Round
Wednesday	October 20 <sup>th</sup>	15.00	4th Round

Thursday	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	15.00	5th Round
Friday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	15.00	6th Round
Saturday	October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	15.00	7th Round
		22.00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	October 24 <sup>th</sup>		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%o

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 donq 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 womenq 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 womenq 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. Arbiters and Appeals Committee

Names of the Chief Arbiter and the members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than September 1, 2010.

## 13. Information

Before the tournament, information will be available on the Internet at <http://www.ecc2010.info> On this site will be published entry forms for registration.

## 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 Republic of Bulgaria.

Visas 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 34.000 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 16.000 Euro.

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

15.3.1. Team prizes

	<u>CLUB CUP</u>	<u>CLUB CUP FOR WOMEN</u>
1st place	10.000 Euro	6.000 Euro
2nd place	5.000 Euro	3.000 Euro
3rd place	3.750 Euro	1.800 Euro
4th place	2.500 Euro	1.200 Euro
5th place	2.500 Euro	
6th place	1.250 Euro	

15.3.2. Individual prizes (the best board results)

	<u>CLUB CUP</u>	<u>CLUB CUP FOR WOMEN</u>
1st place	800 Euro	350 Euro
2nd place	600 Euro	250 Euro
3rd place	400 Euro	200 Euro

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. Prizes will be reduced with a tax of 10% according to Bulgarian law.

16. Currency

The local currency is Bulgarian Lev (BGN).

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://www.ecc2010.info> or by e-mail: [eclubcup@yahoo.com](mailto:eclubcup@yahoo.com)