

European Individual Chess Championship

Minsk, Belarus 29th May - 11th June 2017

Organizers

Belarus Chess Federation



National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus

Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus

Minsk City Executive Committee

Under the auspices of

ECU (European Chess Union)



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REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Organizers of the Championship are the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk City Executive Committee and Belarus Chess Federation under the auspices of the ECU (European Chess Union).

2. Date and venue

Minsk, Belarus from 29th May to 11th June 2017, Sports Palace, Pr. Pobeditelei, 4, Minsk, Belarus.

Venue's website: www.sportpalace.by

3. Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Program
Monday	29.05.2017		Arrival
Monday	29.05.2017	20.00	Opening ceremony
Monday	29.05.2017	22.00	Technical Meeting
Tuesday	30.05.2017	15.30	Round 1
Wednesday	31.05.2017	15.30	Round 2
Thursday	01.06.2017	15.30	Round 3
Friday	02.06.2017	15.30	Round 4
Saturday	03.06.2017	15.30	Round 5
Sunday	04.06.2017		Free day
Monday	05.06.2017	15.30	Round 6
Tuesday	06.06.2017	15.30	Round 7
Wednesday	07.06.2017	15.30	Round 8
Thursday	08.06.2017	15.30	Round 9
Friday	09.06.2017	15.30	Round 10
Saturday	10.06.2017	11.00	Round 11
Saturday	10.06.2017	20.00	Closing ceremony
Sunday	11.06.2017		Departure

4. Conditions of participation

The European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members, regardless of their title and rating. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation. However, applications have to be sent by the national federations only.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send the application of participation only individually, through the ECU secretariat (ecu.secretariat@gmail.com) and play under the FIDE or ECU flag.

By the registration each player confirms that he/she will participate in the 2017 European Open Individual Chess Championship, part of the World Championship Cycle and has in consultation with his/her national federation acquainted himself/ herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, and accept the conditions relating to his/ her participation as describing in the General Regulations of the Championship.

5. System and rate of play

The championship is organized in 11-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules. The rate of play 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.

Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

6. Tie- breaking system

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) (c) Buchholz,
- (d) (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) (e) The Greater number of wins.

7. Qualifications

The European Individual Championship 2017 is a qualification event for the next World Cup. According to FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 22 players will qualify. In case of equal score the qualification will be determined according to article 6.

8. 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 area of the top boards during the last three rounds, if they don't play there themselves.
- The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for all the European Championships. (Article B.3.4)

9. Arbiters

The Arbiters will be announced at the end of March 2017.

10. Appeals committee

The Appeals Committee Chairman and the Deputy members will be announced before the start of the championship.

11. Appeals procedure

Appeals against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, within one hour after completion of the round.

The appeal must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, as a deposit of the appellant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman or a member of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, 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.

12. Prizes

The prize fund is **100 000 EUR** (including special prizes, see below)

Main prizes

1.	20000€
2.	15000€
3.	10000€
4.	7000€
5.	6000€
6.	5000€
7.	4000€
8.	3000€
9.	2500€
10.	2500€
11.	2000€
12.	2000€
13.	1500€
14.	1500€
15.	1000€
16.	1000€
17.	1000€
18.	1000€
19.	1000€
20.	1000€

Special prizes (Best male and female junior player under 18 years old, born till 1999 or later)

1.	1000€
2.	600€
3.	400€

Special prizes (seniors born before 31.12.1967)

1.	1000€
2.	600€
3.	400€

Special prizes (Best female player)

1.	1000€
2.	600€
3.	400€

Special Prize (ACP)

According to the agreement between ACP and O.C there will be 6 additional prizes (1000 Euro each prize, 6000 euros in total) for the 6 highest-placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the EICC.

A player can get one prize only. According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

According to Article B.14.1.1 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 €.

The money prizes will be transferred to the ECU bank account by Belarus Chess Federation free of any local taxes and then ECU will transfer to the award players' bank accounts.

13. Applications, registration of participants

Registration of participants will be done online.

Entry form of the championship must be filled out and sent not later than 1st May 2017. This date is the registration deadline. After this date entry fee is doubled.

14. ECU fee

In accordance with the ECU regulations, titled players GMs, IMs, FMs (as well as WGMs, WIMs, WFM) are required to pay a fee of 65 € per person. Other players' fee is 130 € per person. ECU issues invoices only to the National Chess Federations for the participants.

According to the ECU regulations (art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU Bank account, before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid until the end of round 2, these participants will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

15. Organization fee

The organization fee is 100 € for participants. In case the participant registered after the deadline, which is the 1st of May, entry fee is 200 €.

The Organizers provide free transfer from «Minsk» national airport and Belarusian Railway to tournament official hotel «Belarus Hotel» (roundtrip), free Wi-Fi in tournament official hotel, water, coffee and tea for the participants in the playing hall during the rounds. The organization fee is to be paid before the deadline for registration, which is May 1st 2017.

16. Accommodation

Tournament official hotel:

Belarus Hotel, Ul. Storozhovskaya, 15, Minsk;

Website: <http://www.belarus-hotel.by/>

Distance from the playing hall: 500 m

- a) single room: EUR 52
- b) 1 bed in twin room: EUR 35
- c) 1 bed in double room: EUR 35
- d) Family suite (3 persons in room): EUR 116 (total price)
- e) King size (1 person in room): EUR 72 (total price)
- f) King size (2 persons in room): EUR 88
- g) Lux (1 person in room): EUR 78
- g) Lux (2 persons in room): EUR 94 (total price)

Breakfast (open-buffet) is included.

The hotel provides lunch and dinner which can be paid on arrival, for a special price:

lunch: 9 euros;

dinner: 9 euros;

Reservation for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank account of Belarus Chess Federation.

17. Transfer

The Organizers provide free transfer from «Minsk» national airport and Belarusian Railway to tournament official hotel «Belarus Hotel» (roundtrip).

Transport service will be available on May 29 and 30 (arrival) and on June 10 and 11 (departure). If it is necessary, the organizer can accept special request from Federations for other dates.

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

18. Payments

European Chess Union

ECU fees must be paid to the following account:

Bank: Credit Suisse

Postfach 357

CH-6301 Zug

Account: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

Belarus Chess Federation

Organization fees and accommodation payments shall reach the below bank account no later than 1st May 2017:

Bank details (for payments in EUR):

Correspondent Bank: DEUTSCHE BANK AG

Theodor-Heuss-Allee 70

60486, Frankfurt-am-Main

SWIFT: DEUTDEFF

Account with Correspondent Bank: № 100-9478058-00EUR

Beneficiary`s Bank: BSB Bank

SWIFT: UNBS BY 2X

Beneficiary`s Account: Account number with BSB Bank:

3015003290011

Beneficiary`s name: Belarus Chess Federation

Please state names of the players concerned.

Bank details (for payments in Belarusian rubbles):

Public Association «Belarus Chess Federation»

220030 Minsk, ul. Karl Marx, 10

UNP 100376428

Account number 3015003291007 - currently in Belarusian rubbles

ZAO «BSB Bank» Bank Identification Code 153001175

In case of a non-cash form of payment the commission is paid by the sender!

19. Visas

Participants who need visa will be exempt from visa fees.

Persons wishing to obtain a Letter of Invitation from the organizers for visa purposes shall stay at the tournament official hotel.

The Organizers will not be responsible for issuing the Letter of Invitation for visa purposes in case the necessary information (1. A surname (as specified in the passport). 2. A proper name, other names (as specified in the passport), 3. Nationality, 4. State of full-time residence, 6. Number of the passport, 7. Date of issue and period of validity of the passport, 8. Place of work, 9. Position, 10. Primary activity of the foreign organization. 11. Border crossing (chose): National airport "Minsk»/ car or bus) is submitted later than 1st May 2017.

Persons who need visa support are requested to contact Alena Artsiukhova to the official mail of the tournament e-mail: chessminsk2017@yandex.ru

No visa invitations will be made until the payment is done.

20. Medical care

During the rounds there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations. Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

21. Electricity

The standard voltage in Belarus is 220 Volts.

22. Currency

The local currency is the Belarusian ruble (BYN).

23. Tournament office

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24. Final interpretation of these regulations belongs to the European Chess Union and the tournament director.