



European Individual Chess Championship 2021

August 26th – September 5th, Reykjavík, Iceland

Part of the **Reykjavik Open Festival** sponsored by **Kvika bank**

REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

The Icelandic Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The tournament will be held in Reykjavík from August 25th (arrival day) until September 6th, 2021 (departure day). The playing venue will be Hotel Natura, Reykjavík.

Wednesday	August 25		Arrival day
Wednesday	August 25	18:00	Opening Party (Casual)
Wednesday	August 25	21:00	Technical meeting
Thursday	August 26	14:30	Opening ceremony
Thursday	August 26	15:00	Round 1
Friday	August 27	15:00	Round 2
Saturday	August 28	15:00	Round 3
Sunday	August 29	15:00	Round 4
Monday	August 30	15:00	Round 5
Tuesday	August 31	15:00	Round 6

Wednesday	September 1	15:00	Round 7
Thursday	September 2	15:00	Round 8
Friday	September 3	15:00	Round 9
Saturday	September 4	15:00	Round 10
Sunday	September 5	13:00	Round 11
Sunday	September 5	20:00	Closing ceremony
Monday	September 6		Departure day

3. Participation

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

4. Registration

- The registration deadline is July 15th. Prolongation of the registration deadline may be possible for some federations if a very special reason is presented as a justification for the delay.
- To ensure proper tournament standards, only ECU member-federations may present a complete official registration form (see website) and send it to the contact person before the registration deadline on July 15th. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- Once the registration deadline expires, organizers reserve the right to refuse late registrations, or, in case of availability, a penalty fee of 100€ will be charged for each late registration.
- **Each player shall pay the amount of 100€ at the moment of their registration before July 15th.** This registration fee is compulsory and is considered as confirmation of participation. If the amount is not paid the registration will be considered invalid and will not be accepted. This payment includes covering the expenses of transport from Keflavik International Airport to Hotel Natura or Reykjavík city center and back to the airport, accreditation, identification badges, refreshments for participants and other organization costs.
- Each coach or accompanying person has to pay the registration fee of 50€ if he or she wishes to receive the transportation services and the accreditation badges necessary for the playing halls and ceremonies.

5. ECU Fee

According to the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65€/person, while other players have to pay 130€/person as the entry fee. ECU issues invoices only to national federations.

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by 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. The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

6. Travel Information

The organizer will provide transport services for all participants from Keflavík (KEF) International Airport to the official hotels – on August 25th as well as the departure transfer – on September 6th free of charge. All travel information must be sent by e-mail on ecreykjavik2021@gmail.com not later than August 1st.

Players and accompanying persons who prefer a private transport arrangement should indicate this at the time of registration. They will be fully responsible for any problems that may arise during their arrival or departure.

7. Hotel and Meals

- The reservation will be done on a “first come, first served” basis.
- All players and accompanying persons, including coaches, are welcome to stay in the official hotels of the European Individual Chess Championship.
- All reservations and payments for the official hotels must be made before **July 15th** (registration deadline) and only via the organizer.
- Accommodation with benefits such as the use of relaxing thermal swimming pool, fitness studio and other organized activities, per person per day costs:

Rates per person (in Euros including all taxes)	Single Room	Double Room
Hotel Natura (playing venue) ****	160 FB	130 FB
Center Hotel Plaza ***	95 BB	55 BB
Center Hotel Arnarhvoll ***		

FB: Full board

BB: Bed and breakfast

Hotel Natura: <https://www.icelandairhotels.com/en/hotels/reykjavik/reykjavik-natura>

Center Hotels: <https://www.centerhotels.com/en>

All hotels are located within walking distance of the playing hall.

Free bus transportation will be provided to reach the venue (Hotel Natura) from Center Hotels.

More accommodation options may be added later.

Food coupons at discount prizes will be available for several restaurants. More info will be added later.

8. Payments

- After the registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- The sender must pay all bank commissions.
- **Players must pay the amount of 100€ at the moment of their registration before July 15th, transport fee and payments for the official hotels must be transferred before July 15th, to the following account:**

Bank: Landsbankinn, Austurstraeti

Holder: The Icelandic Chess Federation (Skáksamband Íslands), Faxafeni 12, 108 Reykjavík

IBAN Code: IS44 0133 3871 0117 5802 6954 09

SWIFT code (BIC): NBIISRE

Once the bank transfer is validated, the Organizing Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the rooms.

9. Qualifying & Prizes

- The European Individual Chess Championship 2021 is a qualifying event for the **FIDE World Cup 2023**. According to FIDE regulations for World Cup and the ECU Board decision, 23 players will qualify*. In case of a tie, the qualification will be determined according to Article 10.
- The total prize fund is 100,000€.

General Standings

Rank	Prizes in Euros
1	20,000
2	15,000
3	10,000
4	7,000
5	6,000
6	5,000
7	4,000
8	3,000
9	2,500
10	2,500
11	2,000
12	2,000
13	1,500
14	1,500
15	1,400
16	1,300
17	1,200
18	1,100
19	1,000
20	1,000

Special prizes

Best junior players under 18 years old, born 2003 or later.

Rank	Prizes in Euros
1	1,000
2	600
3	400

Seniors born before 31.12. 1971

Rank	Prizes in Euros
1	1,000
2	600
3	400

Best Female Player

Rank	Prizes in Euros
1	1,000
2	600
3	400

Special Prize (ACP)

According to the agreement between ACP and the Organizing Committee, there will be 5 additional prizes (1,000€ each, 5,000€ in total) for the 5 highest placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the Championship.

Distribution of Prizes

- A player can win one prize only, the highest one available.
- According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, the prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score for the general standings' prizes.
- The special prizes will not be shared but will be awarded according to the tie-breaking criteria.
- The prizes will be transferred to the ECU bank account by the Chess Federation of Iceland and then the ECU will transfer the funds to the awarded players' bank accounts.

*Under the current FIDE World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for the qualification spots.

10. Tie-Break System

Ranking & Tie-Break System

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the tie-breaking criteria according to the FIDE World Cup 2023 regulations <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/WorldCup2023Regulations.pdf> (Annex 2, Article 3).

In case the Championship is stopped by, or following national or local authorities' decisions in regard to pandemic situation, or by some extreme circumstances decided by the ECU together with the organizers, the final outcome of the event is the following:

If the event is interrupted with 8 or less rounds completed, the event will be rescheduled till completed at least 9 rounds in a hybrid mode.

If the event is interrupted with 9 or more rounds completed, the Championship is considered completed, and the final ranking after the 7th round shall be valid.

11. System & Rate of Play

The Championship will be played according to the Swiss system according to the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. 11 rounds. 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. The default time is 15 minutes for each round.

12. Additional Regulations

Flash photography may only be taken in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed access to the actual playing area.

Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards unless they are playing there themselves. As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

The [ECU Dress Code](#) is obligatory as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sunglasses, hats (except for religious reasons) etc. are not allowed).

The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the FIDE Code of Ethics and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organizers & participants shall follow these regulations.

13. Appeals Procedure

Protests against the Chief Arbiter's decisions must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.

The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200€ as a deposit from the signatory.

If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit will be forfeited to the European Chess Union. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The Appeals Committee's decisions are final.

14. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The names of the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiters and the Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced by the ECU.

15. Medical Service

During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to the ECU Tournament Regulations.

All participants and technical staff will observe sanitary rules and will behave to minimizing the infection risks. Sanitary measures will be set up in accordance with the Icelandic legislation and ECU norms.

Upon the arrival in Reykjavik all the players, accompanying persons and staff members shall present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.

Further provisions regarding pandemic safety conditions, including entry to Iceland for vaccinated participants, the possibility of having rapid Covid-19 tests (in organization expense) during the Event, will be issued by the 10th of July. Specific regulations regarding safety measures applied during the Event, will be issued before the start of the Event with the possibility of updating them during the Event.

16. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Iceland is 220 Volts with Euro plugs.
- The local currency is ISK.

17. Visa Information

Iceland is a member of the Schengen Agreement.

A list of countries **whose citizens do not need a visa** can be found here:

<http://www.utl.is/index.php/en/who-does-not-need-a-visa>

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The organizers will not be responsible for issuing an invitation for visa purpose if the necessary information (last name, first name, passport number, date of issue and validity) and a scanned copy of the passport are submitted after July 1st and payments are not completed.

Player requiring visas are requested to contact the organizers at: ecreykjavik2021@gmail.com

18. Contact information

Contact person: Gunnar Björnsson

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Official web site: www.reykjavikopen.com