



EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Petrovac, Montenegro
7th November – 20th November 2024



OFFICIAL INVITATION

1. INVITATION

Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF) in cooperation with **European Chess Union (ECU)** have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union and eligible players to the **EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024**. The championship will be organized in Petrovac, Montenegro from 7th November (arrival) to 20th November (departure).

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 European Individual Chess Championship 2024 is open for all players from National Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union (ECU) without rating or title limitations and according to the decisions of ECU Board and General Assembly. There is no limit of number of participants per federation, but applications can only be sent by national chess federations.

2.2 By registering, each player confirms that he will participate in the EICC 2024, part of the World Championship Cycle and has acquainted himself with the applicable ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations. Guidelines and conditions of participation are described in the ECU General Regulations of the Championship.

2.3 Players registered before to Belarus Chess Federation and transferred to FIDE flag can participate according to the special FIDE status.

2.4. By accepting the current invitation and registering for the championship, players recognise and agree to all conditions of the official invitation and the ECU rules and regulations.

3. ECU ENTRY FEE

In accordance with ECU regulations titled players GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM, players shall pay the ECU entry fee of **65 EUR**, while other players shall pay **130 EUR**. ECU is invoicing national chess federations for the participants. The ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the championship. If the ECU entry fee for a player is not paid until the end of the 2nd round, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU entry fee must be paid to the account of the ECU:

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

4. REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is **100 EUR** for each player and accredited person. Deadline for registration is **16th September 2024**. In case of a late registration an extra fee in the amount of **100 EUR** will be charged.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 **All players shall register until the 16th September 2024** (application deadline). The official registration form shall be filled in and sent to official email of the championship not later than application deadline **16th September 2024**.

5.2 At the latest by the **16th September 2024** the complete amount of fees + 30% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred to the bank account of the Technical Organizer: **Lalatovic Travel D.O.O. Budva**. Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed no later than **21st October 2024**.



Incoming Payment Instruction

Field 56 - Intermediary bank:

Swift Address	DEUTDEFF
Name	Deutsche Bank AG Frankfurt

Field 57 - Account with Institution:

Party Identifier	100 9363045 0000
Swift Address	CKBCMEPG
Name	CRNOGORSKA KOMERCIJALNA BANKA AD PODGORICA

Field 59 - Beneficiary Customer:

IBAN	ME25510000000002650953
Name & Address	LALATOVIC TRAVEL D.O.O. BUDVA ZRTAVA FASIZMA BR.50 85310, Budva, MONTENEGRO

5.3. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.

6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

6.1 Tournament will be played according to the Swiss System, 11 rounds. Tournament rules for the ECU European Individual Championships are applied.

6.2 Rate of play is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1. Default time 15 minutes.

7. RANKING AND TIE-BREAKING CRITERIA

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by applying tie-breaking criteria according to the [ECU Scoring and tie-breaking system](#):

1. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other);
2. Buchholz Cut 1;
3. Buchholz;
4. The greater number of games played with black;
5. The greater number of wins.

8. PRIZES AND QUALIFICATION

8.1 The European Individual Chess Championship 2024 is a qualifying event for the FIDE World Cup.

According to the FIDE regulations for World Cup and the ECU Board decision, **20 players*** will qualify. In case of a tie, the qualification will be determined according to Article 7.

According to Article 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, if one of the prize winners was absent during the closing ceremony, his/her prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 EUR.

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

8.2 Prize fund in total amount of **100.000 EUR** is divided as follows:

General prizes: **92,000.00 EUR** and special prizes: **8,000.00 EUR**

GENERAL PRIZES: 92,000.00 EUR					
Place	Prize	Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	20,000 €	9	2,500 €	17	1,200 €
2	15,000 €	10	2,500 €	18	1,100 €
3	10,000 €	11	2,000 €	19	1,000 €
4	7,000 €	12	2,000 €	20	1,000 €
5	6,000 €	13	1,500 €	21	1,000 €
6	5,000 €	14	1,500 €	22	1,000 €
7	4,000 €	15	1,400 €	23	1,000 €
8	3,000 €	16	1,300 €		

SPECIAL PRIZES: 8,000.00 EUR			
Rank	Best female players	Best juniors U18	Best veteran S50+
1	1,200 €	1,000 €	1,000 €
2	900 €	600 €	600 €
3	700 €	400 €	400 €
4	500 €		
5	400 €		
6	300 €		
	4,000 €	2,000 €	2,000 €

8.3 Distribution of Prizes

A player can win **only one money prize** (general standings or special prize), 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 standing's prizes.

The special prizes will not be shared and will be awarded according to the tie-break criteria.

Montenegro Chess Federation will transfer the Prize fund to the ECU bank account. Prizes will be sent to the winners by bank transfers.

9. SCHEDULE

The championship will be held from 7th to 20th November 2024 in Petrovac. Playing hall will be situated at the Hotel "Palas" in Petrovac.

Thursday	07.11.2024	Arrival of Participants	
Friday	08.11.2024	Technical meeting - Pairings	11:00
		Opening ceremony	14:00
		Round 1	15:00
Saturday	09.11.2024	Round 2	15:00
Sunday	10.11.2024	Round 3	15:00
Monday	11.11.2024	Round 4	15:00
Tuesday	12.11.2024	Round 5	15:00
Wednesday	13.11.2024	Round 6	15:00
Thursday	14.11.2024	Rest day, excursion	
Friday	15.11.2024	Round 7	15:00
Saturday	16.11.2024	Round 8	15:00
Sunday	17.11.2024	Round 9	15:00
Monday	18.11.2024	Round 10	15:00
Tuesday	19.11.2024	Round 11	13:00
		Closing ceremony	20:00
Wednesday	20.11.2024	Departure	

10. ARBITERS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

Chief, Deputy Arbiters and Appeals Committee will be appointed by European Chess Union. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee not later than 1 hour after the end of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of **200 EUR** as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum will be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the ECU. The appeal must be lodged by the player. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

11. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and full board will be provided at the Hotel "Palas" 4*.

*Hotel "Palas" 4**

Room type	Price per day
Single room	96 €
Double room	80 € per person

*Hotel "Palas Lux" 4**

Room type	Price per day
Single room	108 €
Double room	90 € per person

*All listed prices are based on the full board and include all hotel benefits.



12. VISA INFORMATION

Players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee and apply on time to Montenegrin Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

13. TRANSPORT

The organizer will arrange transfers between the airports (Podgorica or Tivat) and the hotel. Transfer is free for all players and accredited accompanying persons on the first day (7th November) and the last day (20th November). On other days transfer can be ordered for 30 EUR per person one-way.

14. ADDITIONAL RULES

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

14.2 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.

14.3 In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed. The access of accredited persons will be specified by the Chief Arbiter. Flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes after the start of the round.

14.4 Awarded players will give interviews and photo sessions for at least 15 minutes after the last round and after the awarding ceremony.

14.5 During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to FIDE and ECU rules.

14.6. Accepting the current invitation, and registering to the Championship players are acknowledge and agree with all terms of the official invitation and the ECU Rulebook.



15. CONTACT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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