



EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Iasi, Romania, 8 (arrival) – 21 (departure) August

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Romanian Chess Federation and Universul Chess Club, under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The Championship will be held in Iasi, Romania, from 8th of August (arrival day) until 21st of August (departure day). The playing venue and the accommodation are in **UNIREA Hotel****** located in the city of Iasi.

Schedule of the tournament is the following:

Sunday	8 August		Arrival day
Monday	9 August	10:00	Technical meeting
Monday	9 August	14:30	Opening ceremony
Monday	9 August	15:00	Round I
Tuesday	10 August	15:00	Round II
Wednesady	11 August	15:00	Round III
Thursday	12 August	15:00	Round IV
Friday	13 August	15:00	Round V
Saturday	14 August	15:00	Round VI
Sunday	15 August	Free day	
Monday	16 August	15:00	Round VII
Tuesady	17 August	15:00	Round VIII
Wednesady	18 August	15:00	Round IX
Thursday	19 August	15:00	Round X
Friday	20 August	14:00	Round XI
Friday	20 August	20:30	Awarding ceremony
Saturday	21 August		Departure day

3. Participation

3.1 The 21st European Individual Chess Championship for women is open for all players representing the Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union, regardless of their title or rating. Applications are to be sent by national federations. There is no limit of participants per federation.

By the registration, each player confirms that she will participate in the 21st edition of EIWCC 2021, part of the World Championship Cycle and has acquainted herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating

Guidelines and accept the conditions relating to her participation as described in the General Regulations of the Championship.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send applications of participation and play under the ECU flag.

3.2 Medical protocol

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 Romanian legislation and ECU norms.

Upon the arrival in Iasi, 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**. This condition is obligatory for accommodating in the official hotel and for attending the 1st round.

Further provisions regarding pandemic safety conditions, including the possibility of having rapid Covid-19 tests (in organisation expense) during the Event, will be issued by the 1st 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.

4. System & Rate of Play

The Championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time is 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 after the start of each round.

5. Ranking & Tie-Break System

5.1. The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the tie-breaking criteria according the FIDE Women's World Cup regulations <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/WWorldCup2022Regulations.pdf> (Annex 2, Article) applying for all qualification events for World Championship Cycle.

5.2. 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:

- a) If the event is interrupted with 6 or less rounds completed, the event will be rescheduled till completed at least 9 rounds in a hybrid mode.

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

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 21st EIWCC is a qualification event for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2022 or 2023. According to the FIDE regulations and the ECU Board decision, 10 at least players will qualify. The number of qualification spots may be increased with a decision prior to the start of the Championship.

6.1. Total money prizes fund is **60.000 Euro** and is awarded as follows:

A. Final standings:

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	10.000	11	1.900
2	8.000	12	1.800
3	6.000	13	1.700
4	4.000	14	1.600
5	3.000	15	1.500
6	2.600	16	1.400
7	2.300	17	1.300
8	2.200	18	1.200
9	2.100	19	1.100
10	2.000	20	1.000

B. Special Prizes ACP - Association of Chess Professionals:

There are 4 additional prizes (800€ each, 3200€ in total) for the 4 highest placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the Championship.

6.2. Distribution of Prizes

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.

According to Article B.14.1.1 of the ECU TRR, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, her money prize will be reduced by 20%, with a minimum of 100€.

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced in due time.

8. Appeals Procedure

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after 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 granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the ECU. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

9. Registration

Application, the registration fee of 100€ and minimum 30% of the hotel accommodation costs shall be submitted for every participant (players and accredited persons) before **20th June 2021** - registration deadline. Late registrations submitted after 20th of June, can be accepted by the organizers upon availability and an additional 100€ Late Registration fee may be applied.

10. ECU Entry Fee

In accordance with ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM are required to pay an entry fee of 65 EUR/person, while other players have to pay 130 EUR/person as entry fee. ECU is invoicing national chess federations for the participants. The ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU Bank account before or at the start of the competition. If the entry for a player is not paid until the end of 2nd round, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds. The ECU 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

11. Accommodation

All players and accompanying persons shall be accommodated in the official ****UNIREA Hotel due to the special sanitary measures for the conduct of the championship.

Accommodation costs (lodging and full board buffet/day) are:

Price per person (Euro)	Single	Place in double
4*UNIREA HOTEL	75	59

A minimum of 30% of hotel accommodation (lodging and board) must be transferred before 20th June 2021. The amount is non-refundable.

Full payment for the hotel accommodation must be completed no later than 20 July.

12. Payments for accommodation and registration

Payments for accommodation and registration must be transferred as follows:

Bank: Alpha Bank, Romania

BIC: BUCUROBU

IBAN: **RO88BUCU1031304257075EUR**

Beneficiary: **SAH CLUB UNIVERSUL**

Fiscal code: 42292300

Beneficiary address: Strada Stefan cel Mare nr. 8, Ciofliceni, Snagov, Romania.

Sender should pay all the bank commissions.

13. Others

The ECU dress code, FIDE and ECU anti-cheating rules, FIDE Code of Ethics and ECU Fair play code are applicable in the Championship.

Flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes of the rounds. In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed (including commentators, photographs), Chief Arbiter can give special permission to third persons' access.

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

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

14. Travel and Visa Information

Organizers provide free transfer from Iasi Airport, railway station and central bus station for players and registered persons.

Players and registered persons needing visa are requested to contact organizers before 15th June 2021, the organizers will provide invitations for visa only after necessary payments.

Schengen visa are valid in Romania.

15. Championship office

Official information can be found at: www.ecuwomen2021.ro, email: ecuwomen2021@gmail.com

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