



23rd EUROPEAN WOMEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Petrovac, Montenegro
17th March – 30th March 2023**

GENERAL REGULATION

1. INVITATION

Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF) under the auspices of **European Chess Union (ECU)** have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union and eligible players to the **23rd EUROPEAN WOMEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP** organized in Petrovac, Montenegro from 17th March (arrival) to 30th March (departure).

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 European Women Chess Championship is open for all women 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.

2.2 By registering, each player confirms that she will participate in the 23rd edition of EWCC 2023, 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 regulations. Guidelines and conditions of participation are described in the ECU General Regulations of the Championship.

2.3 Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send direct the applications of participation. Players registered to FIDE flag can participate according to the special status for transfer to the FIDE flag for players registered before to Russian and Belarus Chess federations.

3. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

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

3.2 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.

4. 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:

<https://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/general-tournament-regulations/b-6-%20scoring-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.

5. PRIZES AND QUALIFICATION

5.1 23rd European Women Championship implies the qualification for the World Women Championship in 2023. According to FIDE regulations and decision of the ECU Board, at least 9 players will qualify.

5.2 Prize fund in total amount of **60.000 EUR** is divided as follows:

Place	PRIZE	Place	PRIZE
1	10,000 €	11	1,500 €
2	8,000 €	12	1,500 €
3	7,000 €	13	1,000 €
4	6,000 €	14	1,000 €
5	5,000 €	15	1,000 €
6	4,000 €	16	1,000 €
7	3,000 €	17	1,000 €
8	2,500 €	18	1,000 €
9	2,000 €	19	1,000 €
10	1,500 €	20	1,000 €

Montenegro Chess Federation will transfer the Prize fund to ECU and after the tournament the prizes will be sent to the winners by bank transfers.

5.3 Distribution of prizes

According to the 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.

According to the Article B.14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, her money prize will be reduced by 20%.



6. SCHEDULE

The championship will be held from 17th March to 30th March 2023 in Petrovac. Playing hall will be situated at the Hotel "Palas" in Petrovac.

Friday	17.03.2023.	Arrival of Participants	
Saturday	18.03.2023.	Technical meeting	11:00
		Opening ceremony	14:30
		Round 1	15:00
Sunday	19.03.2023.	Round 2	15:00
Monday	20.03.2023.	Round 3	15:00
Tuesday	21.03.2023.	Round 4	15:00
Wednesday	22.03.2023.	Round 5	15:00
Thursday	23.03.2023.	Round 6	15:00
Friday	24.03.2023.	Rest day, excursion, rapid	
Saturday	25.03.2023.	Round 7	15:00
Sunday	26.03.2023.	Round 8	15:00
Monday	27.03.2023.	Round 9	15:00
Tuesday	28.03.2023.	Round 10	15:00
Wednesday	29.03.2023.	Round 11	13:00
		Closing ceremony	20:00
Thursday	30.03.2023.	Departure	

7. ARBITERS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

Chief and 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.

8. ECU ENTRY FEE

In accordance with ECU regulations GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM players pay the ECU entry fee of **65 EUR**, while other players 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

9. ENTRY FEE

The registration fee is **100 EUR** for each player and accredited person. Deadline for registration is **1st February 2023**. In case of a late registration an extra fee in the amount of **100 EUR** will be charged.

10. REGISTRATION

9.1 All players shall register until the 1st February 2023 (application deadline). The application form shall be filled in at the official website of the championship.

9.2 All players and accredited persons is strongly recommended to be accommodated at the official hotel through the organizer due to the epidemic measures.

9.3 At the latest by the **1st February 2023** 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 **1st March 2023**.



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

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

11. ACCOMMODATION

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

5.2 Prices

*Hotel "Palas" 4**

Room type	Price per day
Single room	85 €
Double room	65 € per person

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



12. COVID 19 – MEASURES

Health protection measures will be applied according to instructions from Montenegro institutions and will be valid during the tournament duration.

13. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or 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.

14. 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 (17th March) and the last day (30th March). On other days transfer can be ordered for 30 EUR per person one-way.

15. OTHERS

12.1 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).

12.2 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.

12.3 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.

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

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

16. CONTACT AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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