



## **24<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN WOMEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Rhodes, Greece**

**18 - 30 April 2024**

### **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Invitation**

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations who are members of the European Chess Union (ECU) and for all women players, without rating or title limitations, who are members of the above national chess federations integral to ECU. Players with Bulgarian FIDE ID are also eligible to participate. The championship will be held in Rhodes Island, from 18 to 30 April 2024 in the 5-star "Rodos Palace" Conference hotel.

#### **2. Participation**

By registering, each player confirms that she will participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Women's Chess Championship ("EWCC 2024"), 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 rules.

#### **3. Schedule**

The championship will be held from 18 to 30 April 2024 in Rhodes.

The playing hall and accommodation will be situated at the 5-star Rodos Palace conference hotel, Leoforos Iraklion, Ixia, 85100 Rhodes.

Thursday	18 April	12:00 - 22:00	Arrivals / Personal presence of participants
Friday	19 April	08:00 - 10:00	Personal presence of participants

		11:00	Technical meeting
		14:30	Opening ceremony
		15:00	Round 1
Saturday	20 April	15:00	Round 2
Sunday	21 April	15:00	Round 3
Monday	22 April	15:00	Round 4
Tuesday	23 April	15:00	Round 5
Wednesday	24 April		Free Day
Thursday	25 April	15:00	Round 6
Friday	26 April	15:00	Round 7
Saturday	27 April	15:00	Round 8
Sunday	28 April	15:00	Round 9
Monday	29 April	13:00	Round 10
		20:00	Closing ceremony
Tuesday	30 April	11:00	Departure day

#### **4. Tournament System**

Tournament rules for the ECU European Individual Championships are applied.

Swiss system, 10 rounds, rate of play 2x 1.5h/40 + 30min + 30s/move. Default time 15 minutes.

#### **5. Ranking and Tie-Break 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-scoring-and-tie-breaking-system/> :

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

## **6. Prizes and Qualification**

The 24<sup>th</sup> European Women's Championship gives qualification spots for the FIDE Women's World Cup. According to the decision of the ECU at least 10 players will qualify\*.

\*Under the current FIDE Women's World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for rules of FIDE Women's World Cup the qualification spots.

Prize fund in total amount of **60.000 EUR (sixty thousand euros)** is divided as follows:

### ***Overall ranking***

<b>Place</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Prize</b>
<b>1</b>	10.000	<b>11</b>	1.500
<b>2</b>	8.000	<b>12</b>	1.000
<b>3</b>	7.000	<b>13</b>	1.000
<b>4</b>	6.000	<b>14</b>	1.000
<b>5</b>	5.000	<b>15</b>	1.000
<b>6</b>	4.000	<b>16</b>	1.000
<b>7</b>	3.000	<b>17</b>	1.000
<b>8</b>	2.000	<b>18</b>	1.000
<b>9</b>	1.500	<b>19</b>	1.000
<b>10</b>	1.500	<b>20</b>	1.000

## **Special Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> Greek Player – 1000 euros

2<sup>nd</sup> Greek Player - 500 euros

## ***Distribution of prizes***

A player can take only one money prize the highest.

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 standing's 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%.

ECU will send prizes to the winners by bank transfers after the tournament.

## **7. Registration fee**

The registration fee is 100 euros for each player and accredited/accompanying person.

## **8. Accommodation**

OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star RODOS PALACE (\*\*\*\*\*)

### Price in single room

105 euros per day per person

### Price in double room

74 euros per day per person

Prices includes (per person):

- Accommodation in single or double room
- Full board included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily.
- Soft Drinks/Beer/Wine/Water during meals in restaurant (semi/All Inclusive).
- Transportation from and to Rhodes airport on 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- Free Wi-Fi, use of swimming pools and parking.
- All taxes included (VAT, Municipality Tax and State Tourism Tax).

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **19 February 2024**, together with a 30% deposit for the selected accommodation package + 100 euros registration fee.

## **9. ECU Entry Fee**

In accordance with ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM players pay the ECU entry fee of 65 EUR/person, while other players pay 130 EUR/person.

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 bank account of ECU:***

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

Bank BIC/Swift: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN account No.: CH3604835183510542000

## **10. Registration, accommodation orders and payments**

All players shall register until **19 February 2024** (application deadline). The application form can be downloaded at the official website of the championship.

Entering the playing area will be allowed only to persons accredited by the organizer. Beside the written application players are obliged to attend the official registration at the venue before the start of the tournament, i.e. on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April at 12:00 - 22:00 and on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April at 8:00 - 10:00 am.

At the latest by the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, the minimum amount of 30% deposit for the selected accommodation package + 100 euros registration fee, free from bank transfer fees shall be sent to the organizing agency's bank account. Bank account details of the organizing agency will be provided with confirmed application.

Full payment for the hotel accommodation of participants and accompanying persons must be completed no later than 31 March 2024.

## **11. Transfers from Rhodes airport and back**

The organizer will arrange transfers between the airport of Rhodes and the Rodos Palace conference hotel. Transfer is included for players and accompanying / accredited persons on the arrival day (18<sup>th</sup> April) and the departure day (30<sup>th</sup> April).

## **12. Others**

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).

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, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations.

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.

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

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

## **13. Appeals Procedure**

Protests decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee 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.

## **14. Tournament Office**

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