



EUROPEAN WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Riga - Latvia, 10th – 23th April, 2017

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

Latvian Chess Federation, under the auspices of European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Riga, Latvia from 10th of April (day of arrival) until 23rd of April 2017 (day of departure). The venue of the tournament will be 4* Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, which is located in the city center (55 Elizabetes Street, Riga, Latvia). Schedule of tournament is the following:

Monday	10 th of April		Arrival day
		17:00	Technical meeting
		19:00	Opening ceremony
Tuesday	11 th of April	15:00	1 st round
Wednesday	12 th of April	15:00	2 nd round
Thursday	13 th of April	15:00	3 rd round
Friday	14 th of April	15:00	4 th round
Saturday	15 th of April	15:00	5 th round
Sunday	16 th of April	15:00	6 th round
Monday	17 th of April	15:00	7 th round
Tuesday	18 th of April		Free day
Wednesday	19 th of April	15:00	8 th round

Thursday	20 th of April	15:00	9 th round
Friday	21 st of April	15:00	10 th round
Saturday	22 nd of April	11:00	11 th round
		20:00	Closing ceremony
Sunday	23 rd of April		Departure day

3. Participation

The 18th European individual chess championship for women is open to all players representing the Chess Federations members of the European Chess Union, regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of participants per federation. However, the National federations shall send the applications.

Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send the application of participation only individually, through the ECU secretariat (ecu.secretariat@gmail.com) and play under the FIDE or ECU flag.

By the registration each player confirms that she will participate in the 18th European Women's Individual Chess Championship 2017, part the World Championship Cycle and has in consultation with her national federation acquainted herself with the applicable ECU Tournament Regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics and FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, and accept the conditions relating to her participation as described in the General Regulations of the Championship.

4. System & Rate of Play

The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. 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. Default time is 15 minutes after the start of each round.

5. Ranking & Tie-Break System

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1
- (c) Buchholz

(d) The greater average ELO rating of the opponents

(e) The greater number of wins.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

6. Qualifying & Prizes

The 18th Individual European Chess Championship for women is qualification event for the next World Women Championship. According to current FIDE regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 14 players will qualify.

Money prizes will be awarded as following:

Rank	Prize (EUR)
1	12.000
2	10.000
3	8.000
4	6.300
5	4.800
6	3.700
7	3.100
8	2.800
9	2.500
10	2.200
11	2.000
12	1.800
13	1.700
14	1.600
15	1.500
16	1.400
17	1.300
18	1.200
19	1.100
20	1.000
Total	70000 euros

According the agreement between ACP and O.C there will be 5 additional prizes (1000 Euro each prize, 5000 euros in total) for the 5 highest-placed ACP Premium Members, who did not win a higher prize in the EIWCC.

According to Article D.4.4 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. According to Article B. 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, his money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 €. The prizes will be transferred into the award winning players' bank accounts no later than 15th of May 2017.

7. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The name of the Chief Arbiter and Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced not later than February 1st, 2017.

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 with 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 European Chess Union. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

9. Registration

The registration fee of 100 € must be paid by all players before 1st of March 2017 (registration deadline) and includes: official accreditation, free transfer from Riga International Airport, Riga International Coach Terminal or Railway Station, coffee, tea, water and sweets during rounds.

10. ECU fee

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65 EUR/person, while other players have to pay 130 EUR/person as the entry fee. ECU is invoicing only the National Chess federations for the participants.

According to the ECU regulations, the ECU fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU Bank account before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid for a player until the end of 2nd round, 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

11.Lodging and Meals

All players, guests and extra participants are invited to stay in the official 4* Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija. Accommodation price includes full board, free Wi-Fi and access to gym at ESPA Riga Spa Centre. Accommodation per person per day costs:

Single	79 EUR
Double	55 EUR

Reservations and an amount of 30% for hotel accommodation (lodging and meals) must be made before 1st of March 2017 (registration deadline). This amount is non-refundable. Full payment for hotel accommodation (lodging and meals) must be completed before 15th of March 2017.

12.Bank account for accommodation and registration

Bank: AS „Citadele banka”

Bank Account IBAN: LV76PARX0000245131011

SWIFT: PARXLV22

Holder: biedrība „LATVIJAS ŠAHA FEDERĀCIJA”

Registration number: 50008022351

Address: Brīvostas iela 14a, Liepāja LV-3405

Sender should pay all bank commissions.

13. Additional Regulations

- Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- Awarded players will offer interviews and photo session for minimum 15 minutes after the last round and after closing ceremony.

- The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for all the European Championships. (Article B.3.4) <http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=53&view=category>
- During European Women Championship random AC inspections are possible.

14. Medical care

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services according to the ECU and FIDE Tournament Regulations.

15. Local Information

The standard voltage in Latvia is 220 Volts.

The local currency is EURO.

16. Travel and Visas

Organizers provide transfer at arrival and departure from/to:

- Riga International Airport (10,2 km from playing venue)
- Riga International Coach Terminal (1,3 km from playing venue)
- Riga Central Railway Station (1 km from playing venue)

Latvia is a member of EU and Schengen area with no visa regime with most of the European countries. Organizers will provide easy visa procedure for representatives of countries that need Schengen visas.

17. Contact information

All necessary information can be found on the official tournament website:

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