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Subject: 13th International Youth ChessMates™ Tournament – MONACO 2026

Monaco November 16, 2025

Honorable Members of ChessMates,

We are delighted to invite you to the 13th ChessMates International Youth Chess Teams Tournament that will take place in Monaco.

The 2026 edition is organized by the Federation Monegasque des Echecs under the patronage of ChessMates International and sponsored by the city of Monaco.

Please be informed of the following:

- Event: 13th International Youth ChessMates Tournament
- Date: 19 – 21 March 2026
- Tournament Venue (Thursday-Saturday): Casa di Soci, 2 bis promenade Honoré II, 98000 Monaco
- Blitz and ChessFriends Diner Venue (Saturday evening): Novotel Monaco, 16 BD Princesse Charlotte, 98000, Monaco

1) Transport

The teams will plan, manage and pay for their own transport to the venue and back to their homeland.

The closest airport to the venue is Nice international Airport. From Nice Airport the teams can reach Monaco with the tram + train or bus in about 1 hour. A tramway will take you free of charge from the airport terminals to train Station (Nice) Saint Augustin and from there is a direct train to Monaco for about 7 Euros. From Monaco train station to Palais Josephine (accommodation) is about a 10-15 minutes walk.

2) Accommodation

For each team, we have pre-booked 1 studio and two apartments per travelling team for three nights from Thursday 19 until Sunday 22 March included (departure on Sunday the 22th) at Adagio Appartement Hotel, *Palais Joséphine*:

- 1 studio for a maximum of 3 people (1 double bed and 1 single sofa bed)
- 1 apartment for a maximum of 4/5 people: 1 bedroom and 1 living room (living room with 2 sofa beds, bedroom with 1 single bed and one double bed)
- 1 apartment for a maximum of 6 people: 2 bedrooms and 1 living room (living room with 2 sofa beds, each bedroom with 2 single beds)

The Palais Joséphine is located at 2A, Rue des Martyrs de la Résistance, 06240 Beausoleil, France. For more information, you can visit their website: www.adagio-city.com/fr/hotel-6798-aparthotel-adagio-monaco-palais-josephine/index.shtml.

All studios and apartments have a kitchenette.

Breakfast is not included but is available at a rate of €18 p/p. Tourist tax has to be paid on location for those over 16 years old (€5.36 per night per person).

We recommend having breakfast at the Beausoleil Market, located just below the Palais Joséphine, or at the "boulangerie Grillotine."

The Palais Joséphine is located in the heart of Beausoleil, with many very affordable restaurants, bakeries, and the markets of Beausoleil and Monte-Carlo nearby.

Palais Josephine is also at walking distance from the playing venue and the blitz + diner venue.

For additional reservations or inquiries regarding Palais Joséphine, you can contact them by phone at +33 4 92 10 52 50 or by email at palais.josephine@residence.com.

For a more luxurious hotel you may contact Novotel Monte-Carlo. The address is 16 Boulevard Princesse Charlotte, 98000 Monaco. For reservations or inquiries, you can reach them by phone at +377 99 99 83 00 or by email at H5275@accor.com.

3) Heads Of Delegation Dinner

The traditional Heads of Delegation dinner will be organized by ChessMates on Friday evening in 20 March at a venue to be announced later.

4) Blitz and ChessFriends dinner

The traditional ChessFriends dinner and Blitz event will be held on Saturday evening 21 March following the prize-giving ceremony and will take place at the Novotel Monte-Carlo Hotel.

5) Costs

The Federation Monegasque des Echecs offers a package for accommodation and the ChessFriends closing dinner.

The closing dinner at the Novotel Monte-Carlo is included for up to 12 participants per team. For each additional team member, there will be a supplementary charge of €60 per. Please make sure you inform us about any requests for additional seats and ensure payment prior to 28 February 2026.

The total package for accommodation, as referred to above, the Blitz tournament and the ChessFriends closing dinner is €1,960 per team.

Each ChessMates Member will be granted a 1,000-euro gift from ChessMates International, which will be deducted from the accommodation costs.

Payment of the net package fee (€960) should be made by bank transfer to the Monaco Chess Federation no later than January 12, 2026:

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6) Time Control and Programme

Time Control: The tournament will follow the Swiss system, with each player having 1 hour and 30 minutes plus a 30-second increment per move. The event will be FIDE rated.

Schedule:

- Thursday, 19 March: Round 1 at 4:00 PM
- Friday, 20 March: Round 2 at 10:00 AM, Round 3 at 3:00 PM
- Saturday, 21 March: Round 4 at 09:00 AM, Round 5 at 2:00 PM
- Saturday, 21 March: Closing ceremony, dinner, and Blitz tournament from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM at the Novotel Monte-Carlo Hotel

7) Teams

Teams will be composed of 10 players, with 5 age categories and 2 players per category. Each team will at least have one girl and 1 boy:

- Boards 1&2: born in 2006 or younger (U20)
- Boards 3&4: born in 2008 or younger (U18)
- Boards 5&6: born in 2010 or younger (U16)
- Boards 7&8: born in 2012 or younger (U14)
- Boards 9&10: born in 2014 or younger (U12)

Invited Teams:

- Monaco
- Rotterdam RSB (Netherlands)
- Iceland Youth Team (Iceland)
- Sachsen-Anhalt Youth Chess Team (Germany) – *Defending Champion*
- Ireland Youth Chess Team (Ireland)
- English Youth Squad (England)
- Estonian Youth Team (Estonia)
- Additional Team

On or before February 19, 2026 each Team must provide us with the following information:

- name and initials of the Chief of Delegation + email and mobile number (for WhatsApp)
- name and initials of the Team captain
- name of each Team member (one first name in full, initials of additional first names, surname)
- FIDE rating of Team members (according to the most recent FIDE rating list)
- Details of your flight schedule and total number of people of your party.

8) Miscellaneous

The rules apply as per the 2025 version of the ChessMates Rules attached hereto.

In addition, article B12.4.2 Team Captains of the European Chess Union will apply.

<https://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/general-tournament-regulations/b-12-team-captains/>

No reserves will be allowed, unless in case of Force Majeure (sickness for example) by decision of the bureau of ChessMates.

We would appreciate it if you could confirm participation in writing as soon as possible at the latest by December 20, 2025, so that we can start working out the details.

You are kindly requested to bring a team shirt and wear them at least at the opening ceremony, the final round and closing ceremony. On the back of the Team Shirts the ChessMates Logo shall be printed.

WE ARE ALL CHESSMATES!

Finally, please provide us with the logo of your team and organization for marketing purposes.

We look forward to receiving confirmation of your participation so that we will jointly turn the 5th edition of the International ChessMates Tournament into another great success!

Yours sincerely,

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