

The European Chess Union (ECU)
The Czech Chess Federation
AVE CHESS z.s. Pardubice

EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP U12 & U18

25th July – 2nd August 2026, Pardubice, Czech Republic



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

AVE CHESS z.s. (the organizer of Czech Open Chess Festival and Czech Tour Chess Festivals Series, the organizer from now), the Czech Chess Federation and the European Chess Union have the honour to invite all European Chess Federations and the European Chess Union (ECU) to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP organised in Pardubice, Czech Republic from 25th July (arrival) to 2nd August (departure) 2026.

2. Participation

2.1 The European Youth Team Chess Championships (EYTCC) will include four (4) separate competitions, an open competition and a girl's competition in both categories U12 and U18. The playing members of the teams shall not have reached the age of 12 or 18, depending on category, by 1st January 2026:

- Players U12 should have a birth date of 1st January 2014 and after.
- Players U18 should have a birth date of 1st January 2008 and after.

2.2 The organising chess federation may decide to enter more than one team or to invite more than one team from the same federation, but finally the number of participating teams shall be an even number. These teams may represent the national federation, a region, a city, a club, or a school.

3. ECU entry fee

3.1. In accordance with the ECU regulations the entry fee of 100 EUR is required for each team.

3.2. According to the ECU regulations, federations are obliged to make the payment of the ECU fee on the ECU bank account before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU bank account by the end of the second round, these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid on the account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: UBS Group AG
Bahnhofstrasse 45
Postfach – 8098 Zürich
Account: 1835105-42
Holder: European Chess Union
BIC: UBSWCHZH80A
IBAN Code: CH03 0024 6246 1903 5360 X

4. Registration and travel conditions

4.1 Entry forms must be filled in and sent to the Tournament office not later than May 31st 2026. If the registration form is not completed by the federation, a copy must be sent to the national federation.

4.2. A complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number or identity card number of each player, captain and each accompanying person. It also must include the name and telephone/e-mail/ of the chief of delegation.

4.3. There is a very good and cheap railway connection between Prague and Pardubice. The organisation committee can arrange the transfer from Prague airport to Pardubice. The cost of bus transportation from Prague airport to Pardubice (July 25) with return on the departure day (August 2) is free. Transportation on other days is 60 EUR per person (30 EUR one way).

4.4 At the moment of the registration (until 31st May 2026) the amount of 50% of the total cost must be transferred. The rest of the payment is to be transferred no later than 30th June 2026. Send it to the following bank account of the organizing committee for each participant or accompanying person:

Bank: Komerční banka, a.s., náměstí Republiky 222, 530 78 Pardubice, Czech Republic
Holder: AVE CHESS z.s., Příčná 1892/4, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic
IBAN: CZ96 0100 0001 2372 9323 0257
SWIFT: KOMBCZPPXXX

4.5. Bank charges shall be covered by the sender.

4.6. Once the bank transfer is validated, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the rooms.

5. Lodging and boarding

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation for 8 nights
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily including potable water
- Soft Drinks/Tea/Coffee in playing hall
- Transportation from and to Prague airport on 25th July and 2nd August
- Registration fees
- Badges for all participants, captains and accompanying person
- All taxes (including VAT and Municipality Tax)

Lodging and boarding for all accredited participants will be provided in these official hotels:

5.1. Lodging and boarding will be provided at the **Labe hotel *****, Masarykovo náměstí 2633, Pardubice. WiFi is free of charge.

1-bed rooms 850 euros per person
2-bed rooms 650 euros per person
3-bed rooms 600 euros per person
1-bed newly reconstructed rooms 1000 euros per person
2-bed newly reconstructed rooms 800 euros per person

5.2. Lodging and boarding will be provided at the **Zlatá Štika ***+**, Štrossova 127, Pardubice. WiFi is free of charge

1-bed rooms 900 euros per person
2-bed rooms 750 euros per person
3-bed rooms 700 euros per person

5.3. Lodging and boarding will be provided at the **Euro hotel ******, Jiraskova 2781, Pardubice. Air-conditioning and WiFi is free of charge.

1-bed rooms 1200 euros per person
2-bed rooms 850 euros per person
3-bed rooms 800 euros per person

6. Playing hall

The playing hall is the multi-purpose "Enteria Arena" (ice hockey stadium) at the distance of 300 m from the Labe hotel, 1200 m from the hotel Zlatá Štika and 1400 m from the Euro hotel.

The address is Sukova trida 1735, Pardubice.

Connection from the railway station by No. 3 trolley bus or by No. 10, 16 and 17 bus (4th stop).

7. Tournament schedule

Saturday	25 th July	18:00 – 21:00	registration
Sunday	26 th July	09:00 – 10:30	registration
Sunday	26 th July	11:00	captains meeting
Sunday	26 th July	14:45	opening ceremony
Sunday	26 th July	15:00	1 st round
Monday	27 th July	15:00	2 nd round
Tuesday	28 th July	15:00	3 rd round
Wednesday	29 th July	15:00	4 th round
Thursday	30 th July	15:00	5 th round
Friday	31 th July	15:00	6 th round
Saturday	1 st August	13:00	7 th round
Saturday	1 st August	20:00	closing ceremony
Sunday	2 nd August		departure

8. System and rate of game

8.1 The European Youth Team Championship shall be held according to Swiss system in 7 rounds, with two open sections and two sections for the girls' teams, considered as separate competitions. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 min. + 30 sec. increment for every move played starting from move 1. If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case, the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

8.2 Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

8.3 Default time for all rounds is 15 minutes.

9. Anti-Cheating guidelines

The ECU anti-cheating guidelines, the FIDE Code of Ethics and the ECU Fair Play Code are valid. Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present passports for verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, with a hand held metal detector, can be performed by the arbiter(s) to players, before or during the games

10. Tie-break system

10.1 The ranking will be made according to match points. The team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition.

10.2 The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from A to B to C to D to the extent required:
A. by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of match points the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded;

- B. by the number of board points won, the highest number wins
- C. by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins
- D. by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

The result of the unplayed match is as follows:

In open category – 2 match points and 4 game points in case of an unplayed win, 1 match point and 2 game points in case of a bye, 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss. In girls category – 2 match points and 2 game points in case of an unplayed win, 1 match point and 1 game point in case of a bye, 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss.

11. Appeals procedure

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 the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 euros, 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 or the captain of the team. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

12. Visa information

The federations, players and accompanying people needing visa are requested to contact the organizer by 31st May 2026. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. Schengen visas are valid in the Czech Republic.

13. Prizes

13.1 The winning team of the open competition receives the title "European Youth Team Champion 2026" in its respective age category.

13.2 The winning team of the girls competition receives the title "European Youth Team Champion for Girls 2026" in its respective age category.

13.3 The winning team of the combined age category of the competition (sum of the match points from both tournaments open & girls, then, if equal, sum of the game points) receives the title "Absolute European Youth Team Champion 2026" in its respective age category.

13.4 The first three (3) teams in each competition will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserve and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the 2nd and 3rd placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

14. Tournament office

AVE-CHESS z.s., Příkladná 1892/4, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic

Tournament Director: IO Dr. Jan Mazuch

phone: +420 466 535 200, mobile phone + 420 608 203 007

e-mail: office@avechess.cz website: <https://www.czechopen.net/en/chess/eytcc-2026>