



16th European Senior Chess Championship

4-14 June 2016 Yerevan – Armenia



1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the European Senior Individual Chess Championships for Men and Women (Fide zones 1.1 to 1.10)

2. Venue

The European Senior Chess Championship will be held in Yerevan, Armenia from June 4 (day of arrival) until 14 June (day of departure) 2016. The tournament will be held in Chess House after Tigran Petrosian.

3. Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Program
June 4	Saturday		Arrival
June 5	Sunday	10.00	Technical Meeting
June 5	Sunday	14.30	Opening Ceremony
June 5	Sunday	15.00	Round 1
June 6	Monday	15.00	Round 2
June 7	Tuesday	15.00	Round 3
June 8	Wednesday	15.00	Round 4
June 9	Thursday	15.00	Round 5

June 10	Friday	15.00	Round 6
June 11	Saturday	15.00	Round 7
June 12	Sunday	15.00	Round 8
June 13	Monday	15.00	Round 9
June 13	Monday	20.00	Closing Ceremony
June 14	Tuesday		Departure

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

4. Participation

4.1 The European Senior Chess Championship is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federations which comprise European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10) who have been born in the year 1966 or earlier, regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation. Applications have to be sent by the National federations or to be approved by the National federations.

4.2 In accordance with the ECU tournament rule the Championship will be played in two categories: one for those who shall have reached the age of 50 (category SENIOR 50+), and one for those who shall have reached the age of 65 (category SENIOR 65+).

4.3 Players who shall have reached the age of 65 by the 31st December 2016 are allowed to participate in the category SENIOR 50+ if they request it. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organized. There is also no limit of participants per federation.

5. System and rate of play

5.1. 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.

5.2. Women tournament will be played separately. If in total the women participants are less than nine they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

5.3. In case of tiebreak ECU tournament regulations are valid

5.4. Default time at the start of all rounds will be 15 minutes.

6. 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 number of games played with black,

(e) The greater number of wins.

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

7. Chief Arbiter – Appeals

7.1 The Chief Arbiter will be announced before 1 April 2016.

7.2 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. 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 decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

8. Prizes

8.1. The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2016 +50”.

8.2. The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+65 receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2016 +65”.

8.3. The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2016 +50”.

8.4. The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+65 receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2016 +65”.

8.5. Money prizes

Rank	ESCC – Open Senior 50+	ESCC – Open Senior 65+	ESCC Women Senior 50+	ESCC Women Senior 65+
1	1000 €	1000 €	650 €	650 €
2	750 €	750 €	450 €	450 €
3	600 €	600 €	300 €	300 €
4	450 €	450 €		
5	350 €	350 €		
6	250 €	250 €		
7	200 €	200 €		

Total Prize fund: 10.000 EUR

A player can get one prize only. According to the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then: his money prize will be reduced by 20 % with a minimum of 100 € any other prize (medal, trophy ...) will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100€ has not been paid. The money will be forfeited to ECU.

8.6 The first 3 places will be awarded with cups and medals. Prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

9. Organization fee

The organization fee for European Senior Chess Championship is 50 EUR for all the participants.

Organization fee includes:

- transfer from and to Zvartnots Airport

- free water, coffee and tea for players in the playing hall during the rounds and excursions;
- accreditation.

In accordance with ECU regulations, a 20 EUR ECU entry fee is required for each player for European Senior Chess Championship. The payment of fees can be done to the ECU account by federations.

10. Accommodation

To be booked through the Organizing Committee.
4 Star "Ani Plaza Hotel"

Room	Price per night
Single + breakfast & dinner	40 €
Double + breakfast & dinner	25 € (per one person)
Ani King + breakfast & dinner	56 €

The hotel is located in the center of Yerevan, the distance between the hotel and the playing venue is 550 meters.

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after all costs are paid to the bank account of the Armenian Chess Federation.

Accommodation fees must be transferred not later than 25 of April 2016.

11. Payment

ECU fees must be paid to the following account:

European Chess Union

Bank: Credit Suisse

Postfach 357

CH-6301 Zug

Account: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

Accommodation fees must be transferred to the following account not later than 25 of April 2016.
Bank details of Armenian Chess Federation for EUR

**CORRESPONDENT BANK: COMMERZBANK AG,
KASERPLATZ, 60261 FRANKFURT AM MAIN
SWIFT: COBADEFF
ACCOUNT NO. 400886704600**

**BENEFICIARY'S BANK: ARARATBANK OJSC,
ADDR. 19 PUSHKIN STR.
YEREVAN, ARMENIA
SWIFT: ARMCAM22**

**BENEFICIARY CUSTOMER NAME: ARMENIAN CHESS FEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1510002020290149**

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

12. Visas

The citizens of the following countries are exempt from requirement to obtain a visa to enter the Republic of Armenia.

Principality of Andorra, Russian Federation, Republic of Austria, Kingdom of Belgium, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Kingdom of Denmark, Republic of Estonia, Republic of Finland, Republic of France, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Republic of Ireland, Republic of Italy, Republic of Latvia, The Principality of Liechtenstein, Republic of Lithuania, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Republic of Malta, Principality of Monaco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Kingdom of Norway, Republic of Poland, Republic of Portugal, Republic of Romania, Republic of San Marino, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia, Kingdom of Spain, Kingdom of Sweden, Swiss Confederation, Azerbaijan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine.

Citizens of the following countries can get Armenian entry visa upon their arrival at Yerevan airport.

Republic of Albania, Republic of Turkey, Israel, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Holders of all other national passports and travel documents, including UN Laissez-Passer, are required to obtain an entry visa.

13. Contact information

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14. Local Currency

Local currency is Armenian dram. 1 EUR is approximately 550 Armenian drams.