

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 10/12/14/16/18 *SIBENIK (CROATIA) 2007*

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The Croatian Chess Federation (from now on CCF) has the honor to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE to participate at the European Youth Chess Championship for 2007, *and the 2007 European under-16 and under-18 Chess Championship in Sibenik (Croatia) from the 13th September (arrival) to 24 September 2007. (departures).*

Sibenik, the oldest Croatian town on the Adriatic coast, is situated in well protected natural port, in the middle of east Adriatic coast, ancient Mare Adriaticum, at the estuarium of river Krka, at the spring of the rich Croatian history, probably at the place where some of the first pilgrim Croats have seen a blue sea, misterius and beautiful, which protected, fed and guarded them for centuries. Sibenik is situated 310 km from Zagreb and about 80 km from Split and Zadar.

Today, Sibenik is cultural, educational, secretarial and economic center of Šibenik-Knin county that has 51.553 citizens.

2. Participation

2.1. Each federation can register one (1) player in each of the under 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (boys and girls) categories, totaling a maximum of ten (10) players.

2.2. The players placed 1-3 in the previous European Youth Championship will have the personal right to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfill the conditions that they didn't reached the age of 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1st of the year in which the tournament will commence. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

2.3. According to tournament rules one player to ten federations they finished at top ten in previous year have the extra right to participate. These Federations are:

1) *Russia*; 2) *Poland*; 3) *Georgia*; 4) *Ukraine*; 5) *France*; 6) *Azerbaijan*; 7) *Serbia*; 8) *Romania*; 9) *Hungary*; 10) *Armenia*;

In order to ensure proper tournament standards, all invited players and extra players must submit their registrations through their national federations in order to reach to CCF before **August 3, 2007** (registration deadline). Entry form is attached. It should be filled and sent back to organization.

3. ECU Fees

3.1. In accordance with ECU regulations, a 65 € entry fee is required for each invited player. After the championship the national federations will receive an invoice and should not transfer any fee in advance. This amount must be sent directly to ECU by their National Federation after the tournament completed.

3.2. In accordance with ECU regulations, a 130 € entry fee is required for each extra player (those who play as "open" participants). This amount must be sent directly to ECU by their National Federation.

4. Registration and travel conditions

4.1 Entry forms must be filled and returned to the CCF not later than August 3, by fax, stamped by the Federation or by official mail. This date is the registration deadline.

4.2 The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Delegation chief and of the person in charge in the Federation.

4.3 Players will not be paired until all their payments have been fulfilled.

4.4 Travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation as following:

a) *Pleso (Zagreb) airport – Sibenik (by bus, 300 km, approximately 3,5 hours), price 70 Euro (two ways)*

b) *Zemunik (Zadar) airport – Sibenik (by bus, 70 km, approximately 1 hour), price 30 Euro two ways*

c) *Resnik (Split) airport – Sibenik (by bus, 70 km, approximately 1 hour), price 30 Euro two ways*

d) *Cilipi (Dubrovnik) airport – Sibenik (by bus, 350 km, approximately 4,5 hours), price 80 Euro two ways*

4.5 These transport services will be available on September 13th, 2007 (arrival) and on September 24th, 2007 (departure). If it will be necessary organizer will accept special request of Federations.

4.6. Players, who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in writing at the time of registration, will be fully responsible for any problems they experience or arrival or departure. The participants, who pay the expenses of organized transport till August 3, will have organizers help in getting the visa, under the most optimal conditions.

4.7. At the moment of registration this amount must be transferred to the following account of

Account holder:	Hrvatski sahovski savez
Bank:	Kreditna banka Zagreb
Account number:	7001 - 3205541
SWIFT:	KREZHR2X
IBAN:	HR78 2481 0001 1200 1124 0

5. Lodging and meals

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided in hotels of Solaris Holiday Resort in Sibenik.

Solaris Holiday Resort is made up of five hotels with 1300 comfortably furnished rooms. All facilities within the complex are located about 50 meters from the sea, along the beach itself which extends 4 kilometers suiting everyone's taste, including Dalmatian decorations and a walkway (Lungo Mare).

Reservations and payments for these hotels must be made not later than **August 3**.

Players whose have free board and accommodations are obligated to pay compensation of 100 Euros, not later than August 3. Reservation is considered to be made when compensation will be made. Hotels will be reserved according to the order of payment. Invited players and players nominated by personal right which will be registered after August 3 will pay extra charge of 100 Euro.

All payments mention above (5.1) are non refundable if reservation cancelled.

5.2 Free board and room will be provided for nominated players and players with personal rights from the September 13th, (dinner) to September 24th (lunch).

5.3 One coach per delegation: Price 20% under prices in article 5.6.

5.4 Every participant accepted as an extra player will be obliged to lodge at the organization's hotels in Sibenik.

5.5. Hotel payments must be paid in Euro. The CCF will not accept any promise for payment of Hotel bills at a future date.

5.6 Accommodation and meals for extra players and accompanying persons will be in the official hotel hotels of Solaris Holiday Resort in Sibenik where the tournament will be held. Lodging will cost per person FB (include breakfast & lunch & diner):

	EXTRA PLAYERS	ACC. PERSONS
SINGLE	-----	69 EUR
DOUBLE	54 EUR	58 EUR

Rooms have air-conditioning, direct telephone line, SAT-TV (with special canal on which will be possible to follow results, standings and pairings of the tournament), toilet/shower, hair-drier, mini bar and balcony.

Participants can use free wireless internet in the halls of five hotels of "Solaris Holiday Resort".

5.7 Payments in advance for accompanying persons and extra players must be transferred to the account as in article 4.7.

6. Tournament hall

Playing hall is located in Hotel "Andrija" (Solaris Holiday Resort)

7. Schedule

Thursday	September 13		Arrival of Delegations
		8.00 PM	Opening ceremony
Friday	September 14	11.00 AM	Delegates Meeting
		3.00 PM	1 st Round
Saturday	September 15	3.00 PM	2 nd Round
Sunday	September 16	3.00 PM	3 rd Round
Monday	September 17 th	3.00 PM	4 th Round
Tuesday	September 18 th	3.00 PM	5 th Round
Wednesday	September 19 th	3.00 PM	6 th Round
Thursday	September 20 th	3.00 PM	7 th Round
Friday	September 21 st	2.00 PM	8 th Round
Saturday	September 22 nd	Free day	
Sunday	September 23 rd	1.00 PM	9 th Round
		8.00 PM	Closing ceremony
Monday	September 24 th		Departure

A player of Federation's which representative will not be present in delegates meeting will not be paired according to the decision of ECU Board.

8. Rules and regulations

The tournament will be played by a 9-round Swiss System. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the parings. Playing rates will be according to FIDE regulations: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes until the end of the game followed with additional of 30 sec per move started from move one.

9. Information

Each Federation is entitled to one free bulletin per round. Additional bulletins will be on sale. Before the tournament, information will be available on the Internet at www.euroyouth2007.hr

On this site will be entry forms for registration participants, accompanying persons and journalists.

10. Prizes

10.1 The first three players of each group will be awarded with medals. The first five will be awarded with trophies and the first ten players in each group and categories will be awarded with diplomas.

10.2 The first five players of each group will be awarded with special awards (chess software, chess books, chess sets) in total amount for all prizes 10.000 euros.

10.3 Each participant will receive presents in total amount for all 10.000 euros.

10.4. SPECIAL PRIZE!!!

The University of Texas at Dallas gives two four years Academic Honors Scholarships at the EYCC 2007. One will go to winner of the Boys U-16 Section; one will go to winner of the Girls U-16 Section. These two scholarships have a combined value of \$80.000 USD!

11. Tournament office

All necessary information's participants can get by official tournament web-site www.euroyouth2007.com or by mail: euroyouth2007@yahoo.com

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