

EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 October - 7 November 2007
CRETA MARIS Conference Hotel*****
Heraklion, Crete - GREECE

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation / Dates

The European Chess Union, the Greek Chess Federation, Athens CC, Heraklio CC and Maris Hotels Crete SA have the honour of inviting all European Chess Federations affiliated to ECU & FIDE to participate in the 2007 European Team Chess Championships for Men and Women in Heraklion, on the northern coast of Crete island, from 27 October (arrival) to 7 November (departure).

2. Participation

2.1 Each National Federation affiliated to the European Chess Union (ECU) can enter a national team of four (4) players and one (1) reserve. For the Women's event, each federation can enter another team of four (4) women players and one (1) reserve.

2.2 In order to ensure proper tournament standards and possible visa invitations, all European federations must submit their registrations and hotel bookings to the Organising Committee one month before the event, by 27 September 2007 (registration deadline).

3. ECU entry fees

3.1 In accordance with ECU regulations an entry fee of 260 EUR is required for each national team and another 260 EUR for each women's national team.

3.2 The entry fees shall be paid directly to ECU. The invoices will be sent to each federation immediately after the championship.

4. Registration and Travel conditions

4.1 Entry forms must be filled from the National Federations and returned to the Organising Committee not later than 27 September 2007. This date is the registration deadline. All registrations and bookings should be made through the form provided by the organisers. Any correction on the basic list of players can be made until the Captain's Meeting.

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

4.3 All travel and accommodation expenses of the teams must be paid by their National Federation.

5. Hotel - Playing Hall

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided in the official hotel of the event Creta Maris, a 5-star conference hotel leased by the Organising Committee, on the beach 23 km east of Heraklion airport, which will also be the tournament venue. The playing hall's capacity (2800 sq. m.) will be for 900 players and spectators.

5.2 Hotel payments in full for all players and accompanying persons must be made on arrival in Heraklio or in advance to the bank account of the Organising Committee. All bills of hotel accommodation should be settled and paid before the start of the 1st round.

5.3 All teams and participants shall make use of the official hotel for their accommodation (ECU GA 2003).

5.4 Lodging for all players and accompanying persons in the 5-star Creta Maris Hotel will cost:

- a. in double rooms: 69 EUR per person per day, full board included,
- b. in single rooms: 89 EUR per person per day, full board included.

5.5 Every team has to pay to the Organising Committee the registration cost of 35 EUR for each participant / coach / accompanying person which includes free transfer from and to the Heraklio airport at arrival and departure dates. This payment is obligatory for all and should be paid by the registration deadline of 27 September. Its prepayment represents a confirmation of participation.

5.6 At the moment of registration (until 27 September) the above amount of 35 EUR per person must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organising Committee:

Bank: EUROBANK

Bank BIC / Swift: EFGBGRAA

Account number (IBAN): GR06 0260 0280 0008 1010 0528 175

Account holder: GEORGE MASTROKOUKOS

Bank address: 8 Othonos Str., 10557 Athens - Greece.

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5.7 Once the transfer has been confirmed, the Organising Committee will send to the Chess Federation the assigned booking confirmation for all the hotel reservations.

6. Schedule

27 October: Arrival of Delegations

27 October: Captain's Meeting - 22:00

28 October: Opening Ceremony - 15:00

28 October: Round 1 - 15:30

29 October: Round 2 - 15:30

30 October: Round 3 - 15:30

31 October: Round 4 - 15:30

1 November: Round 5 - 15:30

2 November: Free Day

3 November: Round 6 - 15:30

4 November: Round 7 - 15:30

5 November: Round 8 - 15:30

6 November: Round 9 - 11:00

6 November: Closing Ceremony – 20:00

7 November: Departure of delegations

7. System of play

The European Team Championship shall be held on the Swiss system in 9 rounds, with one general section and one section for the women's teams, considered as separate competitions. According to FIDE regulations, the time control will be 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

8. Tournament bulletin

Each federation is entitled to three (3) free bulletins per round. Additional bulletins will be on sale.

9. Contact the Organising Committee

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