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Novi Sad 2016**

**32nd European Chess Club Cup
21st European Chess Club Cup for Women
Novi Sad, 5-13 November 2016**

REGULATIONS

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1. Invitation

Serbian Chess Federation invites all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 32nd European Club Cup and the 21st European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia. The dates are 5th November (arrival and opening) to 13th November 2016 (departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup are the “ECU Tournament Rules”. For the European Women’s Club Cup 2016, the ECU Board waives a number of restrictions. See <http://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/european-club-cup-and-european-club-cup-for-women/f-1-participation/> for the full regulations.

Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- SIBERIA, Russia, the current cup holder in the open competition.
- Three (3) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or two (2) clubs per federation in which no national team championship is organized.
- A fourth club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organized, provided that at least 10 teams, 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE rating over 2600 have participated in the most recent national team championship.
- One additional club (only in the open competition) for the European federations which are ranked in the first five places of the Federation ranking list. These federations are: Czech Republic, Azerbaijan, Russia, Italy and Israel.
- Any additional request for participation should be examined by the ECU Board
- **In the Women competition all Clubs, members of ECU Federations, are allowed to participate. Clubs shall be registered only through the National Chess Federations.**

3 ECU Fees

- In accordance with ECU regulations, each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 Euros per participating club of the open competition and 200 Euros per participating club of the women competition, to the ECU bank account.
- According to ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1), the entry fee to ECU shall be paid by the federations before or at the start of the competition to the ECU Bank account. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of round 2, the related teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.
- If a participating club wants to include a player in the open competition who does not fulfil the requirements of the ECU Tournament Regulations, Article F.1.2, the club has to pay an amount to ECU according to the player’s FIDE classical rating (rating list of July 2016):

Rating 2600 and more	2500 EURO
Rating 2500 – 2599	1500 EURO
Rating 2400 – 2499	1000 EURO
Rating 2300 – 2399	500 EURO
Rating 2200 – 2299	250 EURO
Rating 2199 and below	free

For the European Club Cup for Women this fee is waived for all the ECU Chess Federations where a National Team women Championship is organised. **For clubs which play in an ECU Chess Federation in which no national team championship is organised for foreigner players the club has to pay an amount to ECU of 500 euros per women player over 2300 FIDE rating.**

These fees must be paid to the ECU bank account before the start of the event.

See also **article 12 – Additional Competition Rules.**

- The ECU account is as follows:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

4 Application, Registration

- Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee before **August 15, 2016** of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of its clubs participating. A copy should be sent to the Tournament Director Mr. **Petr Pisk**, e-mail: petr.pisk@centrum.cz
- Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament Office, email: clubcup2016@gmail.com, no later than **01 September 2016**, by fax or mail stamped by the Federation or by official email. The date of **01 September 2016** is the registration deadline. In the entry form, the basic team composition must be included.
- The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, ID number, FIDE rating and title, as well as passport number of each player. It must also include the name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation, as well as of the person in charge of the Club. The Organizing Committee will contact each of the Clubs to confirm registration and booking.
- Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to the Tournament Director as well.

- All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation; entries not approved by the federation will not be accepted.
- A registration fee of **100 Euros** for each participant and accompanying person will be charged; this includes accreditation, badges, two-way transfer from Belgrade airport to the official hotels & venue, coffee, tea and water in the playing venue, and administrative costs of accommodation booking. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.
- Any other person (neither player nor captain) who wants to be transferred from the airport to the hotels and/or wants help finding accommodation will also have to pay the registration fee of 100 Euros.

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes that are not in accordance with the ECU Club Cup Tournament Rules, each federation has to send a copy of the club list(s), as entered for the respective national team competition, to the Tournament Director, Mr. **Petr Pisk**.

5 Travel Details

Transfer from Belgrade “Nikola Tesla” airport to Novi Sad, the official hotels & venue will be organized by the Organizing Committee. These transport services will be available on 04-05 November (arrival) and on 13 November (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

6 Lodging and Meals

Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the Organizing Committee. Please, see article 16 Official Hotels.

All clubs representing “Small Nations” federations, consisting mostly of players from the club’s federation (>50%), will receive free full-board accommodation for two (2) players in double room.

7 Payments

By the deadline of registration (no later than **01 September 2016**), the registration fee of 100 Euros per person, plus a non-refundable deposit of 50% for all costs of each club, should be transferred to the following bank account, to confirm registrations and bookings. The full amount of all costs must be paid before 01 November 2016:

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Sahovski Savez Srbije

Address: Milentija Popovica 7B, Beograd, Serbia

Bank Swift code (BIC): DBDBRSBG

Bank name: Banca Intesa AD, Beograd

IBAN: RS35160005080003775935

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.

8 Trophies and Prize Fund

- The first 3 teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning club (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.
- For the best placed clubs and best board in the open competition, prizes to the value of 22.500 Euros will be provided. For the best-placed clubs and best board in the women competition, prizes to the value of 13.000 Euros will be provided.
- The total prize fund of **35.500 Euros** will be distributed as follows:

	OPEN (22.500 EUR)	WOMEN (13.000 EUR)
1st place	8.000 EUR	5.000 EUR
2nd place	4.000 EUR	3.000 EUR
3rd place	3.000 EUR	2.000 EUR
4th place	2.000 EUR	1.000 EUR
5th place	1.500 EUR	
6th place	1.000 EUR	
INDIVIDUAL PRIZES		
1st Board	500 EUR	500 EUR
2nd Board	500 EUR	500 EUR
3rd Board	500 EUR	500 EUR
4th Board	500 EUR	500 EUR
5th Board	500 EUR	
6th Board	500 EUR	

Money prizes are distributed equally among teams and players with the same points.

For the individual prizes the players performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 70% of the rounds (for basic players) or 50% of the rounds (for reserve players). The reserve players are competing in the 6th Board in Open and in the 4th Board in Women Club Cup.

9 Playing Venue

The event will be held in the Ballroom of the **5* Hotel Park, Novi Sad.**

10 Schedule

The schedule for the event is as follows:

Date	Hours	Activity
Saturday 05 November		Arrivals
Saturday 05 November	19:30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday 05 November	21:00	Technical Meeting
Sunday 06 November	15:00	1 st round
Monday 07 November	15:00	2 nd round
Tuesday 08 November	15:00	3 rd round
Wednesday 09 November	15:00	4 th round
Thursday 10 November	15:00	5 th round
Friday 11 November	15:00	6 th round
Saturday 12 November	15:00	7 th round
Saturday 12 November	22:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday 13 November		Departures

Teams that are not represented at the technical meeting will not be paired, in accordance with the decisions of the ECU Board.

11 Basic Competition Rules

- The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played under the Swiss system, in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.
- According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control 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.
- 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/she should inform an arbiter. His/her opponent shall be punished for distraction, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12 Additional Competition Rules

- The default time is 15 minutes.
- Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall.
- During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analysis room or to the press center.
- Flash photography may be used only in the first ten (10) minutes of the playing session.
- Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

- Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.
- As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F.1.2 will be followed strictly:
 - The teams shall be composed of six (6) players and two (2) reserves all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized.
 - **If a participating club wants to include a player who does not fulfill the requirements of article F.1.2 the club has to pay an amount to ECU** according to the player's FIDE classical rating on the July 2016 rating list (**see article 3 – ECU Fees**). These players have to be announced to the Tournament Director before the deadline for nomination of teams, and the extra fee has to be paid to ECU bank account before the start of the competition. In the open competition, no more than two players may be replaced.
 - Players who are considered as foreigners according to F.1.2, and who have been playing at least three times for the same club in previous European Club Cup competitions, are exempted from the obligation to play at least two games in the championship of the federation for this club.
 - For the women competition the teams shall be composed for four (4) players and (1) reserve. All players must fulfill the conditions stipulated in F.1.2.
 - Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.
 - No teams of federations that are in financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition
 - The ECU Rule related to dress code - Chapter B Article 13 - will be applied at this competition
 - It is assumed that all players have read the Tournament Regulations and accept to conform to them.
 - The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

13 Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2016 is Mr. **Petr Pisk** (CZE). The Chairman of Appeals Committee and the Chief Arbiter of the competition will be announced no later than 1st September 2016. Four members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting by the team captains.

14 Entry visa to Serbia

Most European countries do not require entry visas to Serbia. Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 1st September 2016 and apply on time to the respective Serbian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

15 Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2016 is <http://euroclubcup2016.com>

Contact information: **Serbian Chess Federation**

Address: Nusiceva 25/II, Beograd 11000, Serbia

Tournament Manager, Goran Urosevic, email: clubcup2016@gmail.com

Serbian Chess Federation, Dusan Radovanovic, email: serbiacf@verat.net tel: +381644040119

16 Official Hotels

Rates per person · Full Board (in €)		Single Room	Double Room
Hotel Park	5 stars	95	75
Hotel Novi Sad	4 stars	73	59
Hotel Aurora	3 stars	59	49
Hotel Vojvodina	3 stars	59	49

Buffet menu will be served in all official hotels for breakfast, lunch and dinner. All official hotels will provide free internet access.