



OFFICIAL INVITATION BY THE SERBIAN CHESS FEDERATION

**16th EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ
U-8,10,12,14,16,18 CHAMPIONSHIP
Novi Sad, Serbia, 26-30th December, 2016**

REGULATIONS

Invitation:

Serbian Chess Federation and European Chess Union have the honour to invite all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 16th European Youth Rapid & Blitz U-8,10,12,14,16,18 Championship.

The event will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia. The dates are 26th December (arrival) to 30th December 2015 (departure).

Participation:

The Championship is open to all players from European Chess Federations that meet the age requirements of respective sections.

Deadline for registration is 10th December, 2016. The registration form is posted on the official website of the tournament.

According to the ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1) for youth tournaments the players are obliged to stay in the official hotels.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to persons accredited by the organizer.

Travel Details:

Transfer for all participants from Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" airport to Novi Sad (75 km) will be provided by the Organizing Committee. The transport services will be available on 25-26th December, 2016 (arrival) and 30-31st December, 2016 (departure). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from guests regarding transfer dates.

The transfer cost is 40 EUR per person (both ways).

It is also possible to organize transport from Budapest airport to Novi Sad, upon a special request made to the organizers.

The participants are responsible for their own travel costs to "Nikola Tesla" airport or Novi Sad.

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be provided on the full board basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner) in Hotel "Novi Sad" (4*) from 26th December to 31st December, and the rates (full board, per person) are:

Hotel	Room type	Price per person/day
Novi Sad 4*	Double room	45 €
	Single room	59 €

Accommodation for all players and accompanying persons must be paid before the start of the tournament. Payment must be made in euros (€) to the account of Chess Federation of Serbia:

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Sahovski Savez Srbije
Address: Milentija Popovica 7B, Beograd, Serbia
Bank Swift code (BIC): DBDBR SBG
Bank name: Banca Intesa AD, Beograd
IBAN: RS35160005080003775935

Playing venue:

The tournament hall will be Master Centre of Novi Sad Fair or SPENS Sports Centre.

Schedule:

26 th December		Arrival of participants
27 th December	09.30	Opening ceremony
	10.00 – 13.30	Rapid ind. (Round 1-3)
	16.30 – 20.00	Rapid ind. (Round 4-6)
28 th December	09.30 – 13.00	Rapid ind. (Round 7-9)
	16.00 – 21.00	Superfinal (1/8, 1/4, 1/2, final)
29 th December	09.30 – 11.30	Solving problems
	15.00 – 20.00	Rapid team (Round 1-7)
30 th December	09.30 – 12.30	Blitz tournament
		Departure of participants
31 st December		Departure of participants

Competitions:

- (1) 16th INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP – RAPID
- 9 rounds according to the Swiss System, 15 minutes + 10 sec per player
- Categories: boys and girls U8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

- Entry fee: 30 EUR per participant (20 EUR to the organizer, 10 EUR to the ECU)
- Prizes: The three best players in each category will win cups and medals
- The five best players will be also awarded prizes in different items in goods.

NOTE: If some of the categories lack the needed number of participants, the organizer has the right to merge two categories or change the competition system.

(2) 15th EUROPEAN RAPID CUP – RAPID SUPERFINAL

- Two categories, boys and girls
- The best players in each category of (1) 16th Individual European Championship – Rapid 2016 may enter the Rapid Super Final (three best players in each of the categories – 14, 16 and 18, two best players in each of the categories – 8, 10 and 12, as well as the representative of the organizer)
- These players (altogether 16) – separate boys and girls, will play matches in 4 rounds (knock-out system) according to special regulations
- Prizes in cash: 1. = 300 €, 2. = 200 €, 3. = 100 €, 4. = 50 €.

(3) 16th TEAM EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – RAPID

- Three categories: U10, U14 and U18
- Teams are composed of 4 players (3 boys + 1 girl and there are no limits for reserve players)
- One team may have players from maximum **three** National Federations
- 7 rounds played according to the Swiss System, 10 minutes + 5 sec per player
- Entry fee: 5 EUR per participant
- Prizes: The three best teams in all categories will win cups and medals, and will be awarded different prizes in goods.

(4) 16th INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – BLITZ

- Three categories: under 10, under 14 and under 18 separately for boys and girls
- 9 rounds played according to the Swiss System, 3 minutes + 2 sec per player
- Entry fee: 5 EUR per participant
- Prizes: The three best players in each category will win cups and medals
- The three best players will be awarded different prizes in goods.

(5) 15th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOLVING CHESS PROBLEMS

- Three categories: boys and girls U10, U14 and U18
- The three best players in each category will win cups and medals
- The three best players will be awarded different prizes in goods.

The total prize fund for all events is 8.000 EUR in goods, and 1.300 EUR in cash.

Entry visa to Serbia:

Most European countries do not require entry visas to Serbia. Participants needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 15th November 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.

Contact / Information

The official website of the European Youth Rapid & Blitz Championship is novisad2016.com

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