



**34th European Club Cup
23rd European Club Cup for Women
Porto Carras (Greece), 11 - 19 October 2018**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 34th European Club Cup and the 23th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Porto Carras, the famous Greek seaside resort in Halkidiki. The dates are 11th October (day of arrival) to 19th October 2018 (day of departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup (open & women) are the "ECU Tournament Rules" approved by the General Assembly of the European Chess Union. Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- Globus, 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: Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Russia, Israel and Italy.
- 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

3.1. 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.

3.2. According to the 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. If the end of round 2 does not pay the entry fee these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

3.3. 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 August 2018):

- 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 organized, the club has to pay an amount to ECU of 500 euros per foreign woman player over 2300 FIDE rating.

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

3.4. The ECU Bank account

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

4.1. Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organising Committee before 30th of June 2018 of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying also the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to Tournament Director Mr. Petr Pisk, e-mail: petr.pisk@chess.cz

4.2. Afterwards, the entry forms must be completed and returned to the Tournament office email: chess.at.holidays@gmail.com no later than **Friday 10th August 2018**. The date of 10th August 2018 is the registration deadline. In the entry form, the basic team composition must be written.

4.3. 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 Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club.

4.4. Copies of the basic team compositions should at the same time be sent to Tournament Director Petr Pisk, e-mail: petr.pisk@chess.cz. Basic players' list can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a fee of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding confirmed in written form health problems or force majeure.

4.5. All entry forms have to be put forward by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.

4.6. A registration fee of 100 euros for each player, captain and accompanying person will be charged which includes accreditation, badges and transfer from Thessaloniki airport to the 5-star Sithonia Hotel of Porto Carras, the official hotel & venue. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE OPEN COMPETITION

In order to avoid the problem of last-minute team changes, which 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.

5. Travel details

5.1. Transfer from Thessaloniki airport to the official hotel & venue, Porto Carras (100 km) will be offered by the Organising Committee.

5.2. The official transport services will be available on 10th and 11th October (arrival) and on 19th October (departure). The Organising Committee will accept group special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

6. Lodging and meals

6.1. According the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU tournament regulations, the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel for the championship “Sithonia Hotel”, Porto Carras (*****). Registrations and bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee

6.2. Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organiser with the following rates (all taxes included) per day and per person at the official hotel & venue, the 5-star Sithonia Hotel of Porto Carras:

- a) in double room: 63 euros per person, all taxes and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- b) in single room: 89 euros per person, all taxes and full board included (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

6.3. Clubs from the European Small Nations (FIDE Zone 10.1) have a 10% discount of the above rates.

7. Payments

7.1 By the deadline of registration (no later than 10 August 2018), the registration fee of 100 euros per person plus a non-refundable deposit of 30% for all costs of each club should be transferred to the following bank account to confirm registrations and bookings:

Account beneficiary holder: AT HOLIDAYS SMPC

Account holder address: Apollonos 4, Athens 10557, Greece

IBAN account number: CY74 0020 0195 0000 3570 2279 5355

Bank name & address: Bank of Cyprus, Esperidon 12, Nicosia 1087

BIC/SWIFT code: BCYPCY2N

7.2. 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

8.1 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.

8.2 For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the open competition, prizes to the value of 25.000 euros will be provided. For the best-placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, prizes to the value of 15.000 euros will be provided. In addition, an individual prize of 500 euros will be given to the player with the best performance from a “small nations” club.

8.3 The total prizes value of 40.000 euros will be distributed as follows:

8.3.1. CLUB PRIZES

	CLUB CUP (22.000 euros)	WOMEN (13.000 euros)
1st club	8.000 euros	6.000 euros
2nd club	5.000 euros	4.000 euros
3rd club	3.500 euros	2.000 euros
4th club	2.500 euros	1.000 euros
5th club	2.000 euros	
6th club	1.000 euros	

8.3.2. INDIVIDUAL PRIZES (the best board results)

	CLUB CUP (3.000 euros)	WOMEN (2.000 euros)
1st place per board	6 boards x 500 euros	4 boards x 500 euros

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

8.3.4 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. Tournament Hall

The event will be held in the Congress Center of the Porto Carras Grand Resort. Accredited spectators will be allowed in the tournament hall to watch the games.

10. Schedule

Thursday	11 October		Arrivals
Thursday	11 October	21.00	Opening ceremony
Thursday	11 October	22.00	Captain's meeting
Friday	12 October	15.00	1st Round
Saturday	13 October	15.00	2nd Round
Sunday	14 October	15.00	3rd Round
Monday	15 October	15.00	4th Round
Tuesday	16 October	15.00	5th Round
Wednesday	17 October	15.00	6th Round
Thursday	18 October	15.00	7th Round
Thursday	18 October	21.00	Closing Ceremony
Friday	19 October		Departures

11. Basic competition rules

11.1 The championships will be held in 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

If there are 9-12 teams in a competition, the competition will be played by a combined system according the ECU Regulations.

11.2 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.

11.3. 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 should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12. Additional competition rules

- The default time is 15 minutes.
- 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, captains 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 fulfil 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 August 2018 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

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 **one (1)** reserve.

- 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 Rules for dress code](#) is valid for all the European Championships
- The European Anti-Cheating rules are valid for all the European Championships. (Article Q of of the ECU Tournament Rules).
- 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. Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Chairman and 2 members of the Appeals Committee, the Chief Arbiter and Deputy Arbiters of the competition will be announced no later than 1st September 2018. Two reserve members of the Appeals Committee will be elected in the captains meeting by the team captains.

14. Entry visa to Greece

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 10th of August 2018 and apply on time to the respective Greek embassy. The Organising 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 not complete applications.

15. Contact / Information

The official website of the European Club Cup 2018 is <http://eurochess2018.com>

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