



28th European Club Cup for Men 17th European Club Cup for Women EILAT (ISRAEL), OCTOBER 10th – OCTOBER 18th 2012

Dear Chess Friends,

The European Chess Union and the Israel Chess Federation are cordially inviting all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate at the 28th European Club Cup for Men and the 17th European Club Cup for Women.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The Tournament will be held in Eilat, the southern city of Israel, from Wednesday, October 10th 2012 (day of arrival) until Thursday, October 18th 2012 (day of departure).

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed 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 Rules for the European Club Cup participation is open to:

- Saint-Petersburg Chess Federation (Russia), the current cup holder in the men's competition.
- AVS (Russia), the current cup holder in the women's competition.
- Two clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized. One club per federation in which no national team championship is organized.
- Third club is allowed to that federation(s) in which a national team championship is organized provided that at least 20 grandmasters and/or players with a FIDE-rating over 2600 have participated in this national team championship.
- One additional club (only in the men's competition) for the federations which are ranked in the first five places of the federation ranking list. For the competition of 2012 the federations are: Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Germany.

3. ECU Fees

3.1. In accordance with the ECU regulations each federation should pay an entry fee of 300 EUR for the each participating club in the men's competition and 200 EUR for each participating club in the women's competition.

3.2. According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to the ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of the second round, these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

4. Application, Registration

4.1. Every federation that intends to participate shall inform the organizing committee by June 30th, 2012 of its acceptance of the invitation specifying the number of the teams.

4.2 Every federation that will inform the organizers the acceptance of the invitation, will receive (in a separate E-mail) a User Name and a Password.

4.3 The Entry form should be filled at the official website of the tournament by the national federation not later than August 10th. This date is the registration deadline. After that, federations will not be able to register or modify any registrations, unless confirmed by the ECU.

4.4 Teams will not be paired until all their registration details have been fulfilled.

5. Travel Details

5.1. **The organizing committee is strongly recommending to book air-tickets as soon as possible.**

5.2. For all participants, accompanying persons and journalists, the organizer will provide transfer from Eilat airport to the hotels, free of charge.

5.2. These transport services will be available on October 10th (arrival) and on October 18th (departure). If the organizer is able he will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates.

6. Payments

6.1 At the time of registration (August 10th) all payments should be transferred to the following account:

<p>The Israel Chess Federation Bank Mizrahi-Tefahot Ltd. Ramat Aviv Branch (493) 38, Tagore St., Tel Aviv Account No. 216998 IBAN: IL61 0204 9300 0000 0216 998 SWIFT: MIZBILIT</p>
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6.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by sender. If it is not paid, the organizers will charge the respective participants by an invoice, which must be paid in full before the end of the second round.

7. Lodging and Meals

7.1. Accommodation and meals for all the players and the accompanying persons, will be at these official hotels:

All the prices are per 1 person for 1 night.

7.1.1 4* Hotels

Rimonim Central Park Hotel Eilat. 90 rooms are available.

www.rimonim.com/?RefFrom=GoogleAds_US_Eilat&utm_source=Google&utm_me

Double room: 53 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 68 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner) .

Additional meal: 12 Euro.

Hotel Lagoon. 75 rooms are available.

www.isrotel.com/lagoon

Double room: 75 Euro, All Included.

Single room: 95 Euro, All Included.

Meals, drinks, ice-cream, cakes and treats by the pool – all free and unlimited

7.1.2 **5* Hotels**

King Solomon Hotel. 150 rooms are available.

www.isrotel.com/king_solomon

Double room: 68 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 88 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Additional meal: 12 Euro.

Hotel Royal Tulip. 50 rooms are available.

www.fattal-hotels.com/HotelLtr.aspx?ResortID=21&LangID=2

Double room: 68 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 97 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Hotel Magic Palace. 50 rooms are available.

www.fattal-hotels.com/GeneralLtr.aspx?CatID=934

Double room: 71 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 108 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Hotel Sport. 75 rooms are available.

www.isrotel.com/sport_club

Double room: 85 Euro, All Included.

Single room: 105 Euro, All Included.

Three meals a day, soft drinks, popsicles and ice-cream, snacks, fruit, alcoholic drinks and beer, gym, sauna and sport facilities – no extra charge

7.1.3 **Delux Hotels**

Hotel Le Meridien. 50 suites are available

www.fattal-hotels.com/GeneralLtr.aspx?CatID=933

Double room: 103 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 174 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Royal Beach Hotel. 100 rooms are available

www.isrotel.com/royal_beach

Double room: 156 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 275 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Hilton Hotel Eilat Queen of Sheba Resort. 80 rooms are available.

<http://www.queeneilathotel.co.il>

Double room: 156 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

Single room: 275 Euro, half board (breakfast, lunch or dinner).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All hotels and tournament halls are within 10 min walking distance.

7.2. In case that a participating team does not wish to use an official hotel for their members, an additional payment of 100 Euro per person who requires accreditation must be included with the registration.

8. Tournament Hall

The event will be held in the Royal Beach Hotel.

9. Schedule

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	October 10 th		Arrival
Wednesday	October 10 th	22:30	Technical Meeting
Thursday	October 11 th	14:30	Opening Ceremony
Thursday	October 11 th	15:00	1 st Round
Friday	October 12 th	15:00	2 nd Round
Saturday	October 13 th	15:00	3 rd Round
Sunday	October 14 th	15:00	4 th Round
Monday	October 15 th	15:00	5 th Round
Tuesday	October 16 th	15:00	6 th Round
Wednesday	October 17 th	10:30	7 th Round
Wednesday	October 17 th	18:00	Closing Ceremony
Thursday	October 18 th		Departure

Teams who will not be represented at the technical meeting will not be paired, according to the decision of ECU Board.

10. Basic Competition Rules

10.1. The championship will have 7 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

10.2. 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. Additional Competition Rules

11.1. Article 6.6a of the FIDE Laws of chess will be valid: "Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the session shall lose the game".

11.2 According to article 3.2 of the ECU Tournament Rules communication between players (the offer of a draw) is forbidden until the 40th move has been played.

11.3 Article 13 of the ECU Tournament Rules (Dress Code) will be implemented in this tournament.

11.4. Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall

11.5. During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

11.6. Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the playing session.

11.7. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed to stay in the actual playing area, except with the explicit permission of the Chief Arbiter.

11.8. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.

11.9. 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.

11.10 Regarding foreigners, ECU Tournament Regulations F1.2 will be followed strictly.

11.11 Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on 7 games.

11.12 No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.

11.13. We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to follow them.

11.14. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

12. Tournament Director, Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Tournament Director of the European Club Cup 2012 will be IA Malkiel Peretz. The Chief Arbiter of the competition will be IA Almog Burstein (ISR).

The Deputy Chief Arbiter of the competition will be IA Ashot Vardapetyan (ARM).

The Pairing Arbiter will be the ECU Tournament Director, IA Dr. Dirk De Ridder.

The Chairman of the Appeal Committee will be Mr. Jean-Michel Rapaire (MNC).

13. Information

Before the tournament, information will be available on the Internet site:

www.ecc2012-chesseilat.com

All necessary information about accommodation, visas, transfers etc. will be available in this website.

The organizer will offer a variety of attractions in Eilat, as well as excursions in Israel, which will appear in the tournament web site.

14. Information about Visa

The organizers will give full support to assist participants to receive entry visas due to speed up procedure in Embassies and Consulates of Israel.

Every registered player, who needs an entry visa to Israel, has to send scanned passport to office@ecc2012-chesseilat.com, not later than August 1st.

Visa's costs will depend on the valid laws at that moment. For more details look at "Transfer and Visas" in the official web site. A Visit Visa Table can be found in the site of the ministry of foreign affairs: http://www.mfa.gov.il/NR/rdonlyres/F062828D-B5A6-42CE-BC04-90BEA48EA7DC/0/tavlat_ashrot.pdf

15. Prizes

15.1. The first three teams will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

15.2. For the best placed teams and for the best individual results on each board in the men's competition, the organizer will provide prizes to the value of 40,000 Euro. For the best placed teams and for the best individual results on each board in the women's competition, the organizer will provide prizes to the value of 9,000 Euro.

15.3. Prize value of 60,000 Euro is disposed as follows:

15.3.1. Team prizes will be transferred by ECU.

	CLUB CUP (40,000)	WOMEN (9,000)
1st place	16,000 Euro	4,500 Euro
2nd place	8,000 Euro	2,250 Euro
3rd place	6,000 Euro	1,350 Euro
4th place	4,000 Euro	900 Euro
5th place	4,000 Euro	
6th place	2,000 Euro	

15.3.2. Individual prizes (the best board results, will be transferred by the organizer)

All the prizes are in EUR:

Bd	Club Cup			Women		
	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
1	900	750	500	400	200	100
2	750	600	400	250	200	100
3	650	500	350	200	150	100
4	600	450	300	100	100	100
5	550	400	250			
6	500	350	200			

Prizes will be paid by Bank transfer. Players are kindly requested to provide an IBAN (International Bank Account Number) and a BIC (Bank Identifier Code) to receive their transfer from the organizer. Winners are kindly asked to give their IBAN and BIC to the organizer during the closing ceremony, with their written acceptance for the prize money. If a winning player cannot provide the requested data in Eilat, he can send them later by an email to the organizer.

15.3.3. Standings for the best board results will be calculated according to ECU Tournament rules.

15.3.4. Prizes for the team results are the property of the clubs, and individual prizes are the property of the players.

16. Currency

The local currency is the Israeli New Sheqel (NIS). The rates on 01/05/2012 were: 1 EUR = 5 NIS, 1 USD = 3.77 NIS.

17. Medical Care

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

18. Electricity used in Israel

The voltage is 220 (V).

19. Tournament Office

All necessary information can be seen on the official tournament web-site

www.ecc2012-chesseilat.com

20. Contact E-mail : office@ecc2012-chesseilat.com

Hoping to see you soon in Israel

With best wishes,

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Chairman of the organizing committee

Chairman of the Israel Chess Federation