



Mediterranean Junior Chess Championships 2015

General Regulations

1. The Tournament

The "Mediterranean Junior Chess Championships 2015", boys & girls under 20, will be held in Chania of Crete Greece from 26th August (arrival) to 3rd September 2015 (departure).

The tournament is being sponsored by KYDON SPORTS CLUB and KROMMYDAKIS GROUP OF COMPANIES, in ATLANTICA CALDERA CRETA PARADISE HOTEL. <http://www.calderagroup.gr/>
More Information about Chania Crete: www.chania.eu/tourism

The co-organizers for this tournament are: MEDITERRANEAN CHESS ASSOCIATION, in conjunction with KYDON SPORTS CLUB, REGION OF CRETE, MUNICIPALITY OF CHANIA, MUNICIPALITY OF PLATANIAS.

2. Participants

One player each for the Boys and Girls Championships nominated by each Mediterranean Federation as listed in the MCA statute. Players born on January 1st, 1995 and after are eligible to participate. If a Federation wishes to have additional players participating, besides those qualified through the normal way and by right, it should apply to the Organizing Committee. A player can participate in the competition only after getting an official consent from the Organizing Federation.

3. Registration

The Registration Form/s shall be submitted to the General Secretary of the Mediterranean Chess Association by e-mail (geoffrey.borg@gmail.com) and to the Tournament Director (skouvatsos11@gmail.com) by not later than 30th July 2015. If participants submit the registration form after the deadline they may have to pay for their accommodation or even be refused entry.

4. Traveling Expenses and Airport Transfers

Traveling expenses shall be covered by the participating Federations. Transportation from the Chania International Airport in Crete to the hotel and back will be managed by organizers for free. Extra players and accompanying persons will pay transportation fee 20€ (from the Chania International Airport in Crete to the hotel and back).

Players and accompanying persons that will arrive to Heraklion international airport in Crete (156km away from Chania) will take care about their own transfer from the airport to hotel.

5. Accommodation

The invited participants, a boy and a girl nominated by each federation, will be hosted by the Organizers with free accommodation (full board), in double or triple rooms, in the hotel organizing the tournament. Any additional participant or accompanying person will have to pay for all their expenses in Chania-Crete.

Hotel of the tournament: CALDERA CRETA PARADISE

www.atlanticahotels.com/en/Hotels/Greece/Atlanticacalderacretaparadise/

The extra players and accompanying persons will pay 50 Euros for registration fee. They can arrange their accommodation in any hotel that they will choose in the area.

6. Entry Visa & Participant Details

All participants are requested to send one passport-size photo (jpeg) of their players and a scan of their passport to the MCA along with the registration form. Please check with your Government or the Greek Embassy in your country on the need or requirements for visas to Greek.

7. Tournament Regulations

7.1 Tournament Venue

In the conference hall to ATLANTICA CALDERA CRETA PARADISE HOTEL, Platanias - Chania, Crete, Greece:

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7.2 Procedure of appeals

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 EUR, as a deposit from the signatory. If the protest is accepted and the decision changed, then the deposit will be returned back to the claimant.

Otherwise money will be transferred to the MCA Treasury or Organising Committee. The Appeals Committee will be selected prior to the first round during the Technical meeting and will be made up of three persons selected by the majority of the players.

7.3 System and rate of play

Boys and girls will participate in one joint tournament. This will give more opportunity for rating and norms. The Championships are organized as per the FIDE Rules in the FIDE Handbook. The events will be conducted according to the Swiss System, 9 rounds. The time limit will be 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for each player. The games will be played using DGT clocks.

7.4 Pairings

Pairings will be made with Swiss Manager Software. Pairings will be announced as soon as possible after each playing round finishes, and will be posted, on the website, in front of the tournament hall and in other key areas.

7.5 Playing Schedule

Wednesday, August 26, 2015	19:00	Arrival Day Technical Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2015	16:30 17:00	Opening Ceremony Round 1
Friday, August 28, 2015	10:00 17:00	Round 2 Round 3
Saturday, August 29, 2015	17:00	Round 4
Sunday, August 30, 2015	10:00 17:00	Round 5 Round 6
Monday, August 31, 2015	17:00	Round 7
Tuesday, September 1, 2015	17:00	Round 8
Wednesday, September 2, 2015	10:00	Round 9
	17:30	Closing Ceremony / Prize Distribution
Thursday, September 3, 2015		Departure

7.5 Ranking and Tie – breaks

For the award of trophies the order of players that finish with the same number of points, shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence proceeding from (a) to (b), to (c), to (d), to (e) and to (f), according to the extent required:

- (a) Direct encounter
- (b) The greater number of wins
- (c) Buchholz Cut 1
- (d) Buchholz
- (e) Sonneborn-Berger
- (f) Tie Break Match (Blitz games 5'+3" incr. per move)

7.6 Prizes

The Championship winners will be awarded trophies and Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals respectively. The organisers are also pleased to announce cash prizes as follows :

The Prizes for Boys:	1st. 300€	2nd. 200€	3rd. 100€
The Prizes for Girls:	1st. 250€	2nd. 100€	3rd. 50€

Cash prizes will be split equally if there is more than one player qualifying for the cash prize. Women players who may rank in the first overall three places will be given a choice as to which prize and trophy they may wish, but no person may win more than one respective prize & trophy.

The organisers will also offer prizes in special categories (Cups and medals for first 3 in categories U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 for boys and girls)

7.7 Additional Rules:

- (a) The players shall take no action that will bring the game of chess into disrepute.
- (b) After each game the players will hand the original scores to the arbiter, signed by both of them.
- (c) Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.
- (d) During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room.
- (e) Players who have finished their games shall be considered to be spectators and are not allowed to stay in the playing area.
- (f) Players are asked not to bring any mobile phone into the playing hall. If it is evident that a player brought such a device into the playing venue, he shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. The arbiter may require the player to allow his clothes, bags or other items to be inspected, in private. The arbiter or a person authorized by the arbiter shall inspect the player and shall be of the same gender as the player. If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9. of the Laws of Chess.
- (g) Flash photography may be used only in the first ten minutes of the games
- (h) We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.
- (i) Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the

express permission of the chief arbiter.

(j) As long as a person's game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

(k) The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

8. Unforeseen Items

Any matter not mentioned in the present Regulations shall be decided by the MCA Council, in conjunction with the organizing committee.

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Registration Form

5TH MEDITERRANEAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
CRETE - GREECE

Federation:

Name	Nationality	Passport No	Issue Date	Expiry Date	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Place of residence	FIDE Title	FIDE Rating

Flight Details

Arrival Date:	Arriving From :	Flight No.:	Time:
Departure Date :	Departing From :	Flight No.:	Time:

Please return this registration form/s with the copy of the passport/s to be addressed to geoffrey.borg@gmail.com