

**European Chess Union
International School Chess Union
Bulgarian Chess Federation
National Children Chess Foundation "Morsko Konche"
Municipality of Varna**

June 20th – 28th 2006, Varna, Bulgaria

FIRST EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournaments for school chess teams in categories U12, U14, U16



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The Bulgarian Chess Federation and the National Children Chess Foundation "Morsko Konche" & Administration of Varna have the honour of inviting National Chess Federations and School Chess Teams to participate in the **FIRST EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** organised in Varna, Bulgaria from **20th June (Arrival) to 28th June (Departure) 2006**.

2. Participation

2.1. Each National Federation may enter an unlimited number of School Chess Teams in each of the 3 grade groups.

2.2. The team composition is four pupils (plus one reserve) from the same school; any combination of boys and girls is possible.

2.3. Each team shall have one Head of Delegation (coach or teacher).

2.4. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age:
! of 12, by 1st January 2006 (date of birth – January 1st, 1994 and after) – Tournament Under 12;
! of 14, by 1st January 2006 (date of birth – January 1st, 1992 and after) – Tournament Under 14;
! of 16, by 1st January 2006 (date of birth – January 1st, 1990 and after) – Tournament Under 16.

2.5. Each team must prove by a document of representation. Each participant must bring a photocopy of his passport or identify card for the Organizing Committee. It must be signed by the School Principal.

2.6. Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the participants, federations, schools and their sponsors.

3. Entry – Registration fees

3.1. Each team must pay **100 EUR** to the Organizing Committee as a registration fee.

4. Registration and Travel conditions

4.1. Entry forms must be filled by the National Federations or the School Chess Teams and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **May 1st 2006**. If the registration form is not filled by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation.

4.2. The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number or identity card number of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number of the Delegation Chief.

4.3. The cost of bus transportation from Varna airport to hotel (June 20th) with return on the departure day (June 28th) is **60 (80) EUR per team + 20 EUR for the Delegation Chief**. Transportation in other days is possible after personal requests.

4.4. At the moment of registration (**until May 1st 2006**) the specified fees (**3.1. and 4.3.**) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person:

BANK: MUNICIPAL BANK PLC BRANCH VARNA
SWIFT: SOMBBGSF
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1410198707
BANK ADDRESS: 53 Preslav Str, Varna, Bulgaria
ACCOUNT HOLDER: NCCF "Morsko konche"

4.5. Once the transfer has been confirmed, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the room reservations.

5. Accommodation – Playing hall

5.1. Accommodation and board will be provided in the **International Press Hotel ***** (Golden Sands). Participants will get 2- and 3-bedrooms. Meals will be served in the hotel's dinner-rooms.

5.1.1. Playing hall is the sport hall of the Palas of Culrure and Sport in Varna. Transfers from the hotel to the Palas will be arranged free of charge by organisation (10-15 minutes by bus).

5.1.2. Every team and accompanying person is obliged to lodge at the official hotel – **International Press Hotel**.

5.2. Hostel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made on arrival or in advance. Hostel payments must be paid in EUR. No later payments of hotel bills will be accepted.

5.3. Accommodation and board:

a) **"Journalist – block 1" **:**

3-bed rooms – Full board – **26 EUR**

b) **"Journalist – block 3" **:**

3-bed rooms – Full board – **23 EUR**

5.4. Participation in the cultural program – visiting the Dolphinarium. Excursions to Varna and Balchik – **20 EUR.**

** The organizers take on a full responsibility for the staying of the participants and guests of the Championship.*

6. Playing schedule

Tue **June 20.** Arrival of the Participants
19:00. Technical Meeting
Wed **June 21,** 15:00. Round 1
Thu **June 22,** 15:00. Round 2
Fri **June 23,** 09:00. Excursion to Balchik
16:00. Round 3
Sat **June 24,** 09:00. Excursion to Varna.
11:00. A performance at the Dolphinarium
15:00. Round 4
Sun **June 25,** 15:00. Round 5
Mon **June 26,** 15:00. Round 6
Tue **June 27,** 15:00. Round 7
20:00. Closing Ceremony
Wed **June 28.** Departure of the Participants

7. Rules and regulations

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 7 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations. The time limit will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

8. Prizes – Awards

8.1. The first team-winner in each age category is the European School Team Champion for 2006 and all of them will be invited for the Second European School Chess Team Championship in 2007 with complimentary hotel & meals.

8.2. Team-winners of the First, Second and Third places in each age category and the members of the teams will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, Diplomas and Special Trophies.

* Material prizes for all participants.

9. Tournament bulletin

Tournament bulletin will be free of charge for each federation delegation and school team. Additional bulletins will be on sale.

10. Parallel & Culture Program

- **Third Open European Festival “Hopes Of The World” – tournaments for school champions U10, U12, U14, U16**
- **Simultaneous with GMs**
- **Seminars for Arbiters (Regulations & Pairings)**
- **Seminar for Teachers and Parents – Open dialogues about School Chess**
- **Excursion to Varna – visiting the Dolphinarium and the Historical-archeological**

museum. Excursion to Balchik

11. Contact the Organising Committee

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12. Visa information

Teams or players needing visa are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before April 1st.
The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments.

13. Honorary Committee

Kiril Jordanov – Mayor of Varna

Stefan Sergiev – President of BCF

Alexander Kostyev – ISCU President

Goran Antunac – ECU Yuth Coordinator

* For any other matter not mentioned in the General Regulations, the Organizing Committee may decide after consultation with ECU.

** *For more information contact the Organizing Committee.*

6 September 2005, Varna-Sofia

Stefan Sergiev
President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation

Boris Hristov
President of the NCCF "Morsko Konche"