



Official Invitation & Regulations

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to ECU to participate in the 40th European Club Cup and the 29th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Rhodes Greece from 18 October (arrival and opening) to 26 October 2025 (departure). The Open event and the Women event will be held in the Rhodes Palace Congress Hall (4000 sm²)

2. Participation

The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup are included in the "ECU Rulebook".

Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:

- Five (5) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or four (4) clubs per federation in which no national team championship is organized. There is no restriction how the clubs will be selected by the National Federations.
- Any additional request for participation should be examined by the ECU Board.
- In the Women competition all the club members of ECU Federations are allowed to participate.

Clubs shall be registered through the National Chess Federations or directly if there is no objection from the National Chess Federation.

3. Teams Composition

The open teams shall be composed of six (6) players plus 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. National Players that competed in the last national team championship with another club are also subject to fees.

If a participating club wants to include a national or foreign player in the open competition who does not fulfil the requirements of article F.1.2. (ECU rules) the club has to pay a reduced player's license fee to ECU according to the player's FIDE classical rating (each year, 1st July rating list):

- Rating 2700 and more 2000 EUR
- Rating 2600 and more 1500 EUR
- Rating 2500 – 2599 1000 EUR

All the other player's license fees are waived for the year 2025.

The women teams shall be composed of four (4) players plus one (1) reserve player. There is no restriction on the composition and all female player's license fees are waived for the year 2025.

4. Applications and Registration

- Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee at the email chess.at.events@gmail.com by **1st August 2025** of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to the ECU Tournament Director Mr. Petr Pisk at the email petr.pisk@centrum.cz

Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and sent to the email chess.at.events@gmail.com no later than Monday **18 August 2025**.

The basic team composition shall be submitted with the entry form.

- The complete registration form must include:
 - SURNAME, FIRST NAME, FIDE ID, FIDE RATING and FIDE TITLE and PASSPORT NUMBER of each player (passport number only for visa purposes).
 - Name and telephone / e-mail / of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club. The Organizing Committee will contact each of the teams to confirm the registration and booking.
- Copies of the basic team composition should at the same time be sent to the ECU Tournament Director Mr. Petr Pisk, e-mail: petr.pisk@centrum.cz who will confirm the eligibility of the players. Basic players' list can be changed no later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a penalty of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding health problems or force majeure, confirmed in written form.
- It is not necessary all the forms to be forwarded by the federations.
- A registration fee of 100 EUR for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes: accreditation, badges and transfer from and to the airport on the official date of arrivals and departures (18 & 26 October).
- Teams must complete all their registration details and payments before the start of 2nd round.

5. Travel details

The organizer will arrange transfers between the international airport of Rhodes (IATA code: RHO) and Rodos Palace conference hotel (25 km). Transfer is included for players and accompanying / accredited persons on the arrival day of 18 October and the departure day of 26 October. Transportation from the organizers in other dates may be possible upon request with an extra charge.

6. ECU Entry and Players license fees

- In accordance with ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1) before or at the start of the competition each federation or club should pay the **ECU entry fee of 300 EUR** per participating club of the open competition and **200 EUR** per participating women's club into the bank account of ECU.
- Player's license fees where applicable shall be paid before the start of the tournament. ECU entry fees and player license fees should be paid directly to ECU's bank account:

BANK DETAILS for ECU entry fees and player license fees:

Beneficiary: European Chess Union

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Bank BIC/SWIFT code: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN account number: CH3604835183510542000

Payment reference: ECCC 2024

All bank charges should be covered by the sender. Payments must be free of any bank charges for ECU.

7. Accommodation

According to the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU Tournament Regulations the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel for the championship. Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.

OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star RODOS PALACE (***)**

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation in single or double occupancy rooms for 8 nights (18 to 26 October)
- Full board included: breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily.
- Soft Drinks/Beer/Wine/Water during meals in restaurant **(semi/all inclusive)**
- Registration and Accreditation fees
- Transportation from / to Rhodes airport and Rodos Palace on 18 and 26 October
- Free Wi-Fi, use of hotel swimming pools and hotel parking.
- All taxes (including Municipality and Tourism Tax).

Price in single occupancy room

1,060 euros per person

Price in double occupancy room

770 euros per person

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **18 August 2025**, together with a 30% deposit for the selected registration & accommodation package. The deposit payments shall be sent to the organizing agency's bank account, free of bank charges. Pro-forma payment instructions, including bank account details of the organizing agency, will be provided upon each confirmed application.

Full payment for the hotel accommodation of participants and accompanying persons must be completed before 15 October 2025.

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

Price per night in a double occupancy room: 84 € per person.

Price per night in a single occupancy room: 120 € per person.

* * * * The ECU entry fees of article 6 are not included in the participation package and shall be paid directly to ECU by the participating clubs.

8. Trophies and Prize Fund

- The first three teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning clubs open & women (players, reserve players and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will receive silver and bronze medals.
- For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the Open competition, prizes to the value of 26.000 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 14.000 Euros will be provided.
- The total prizes value of 40.000 Euros will be distributed as follows:

	OPEN (26.000 EUR)	WOMEN (14.000 EUR)
1 st Place	8.000 EUR	5.500 EUR
2 nd Place	6.000 EUR	3.500 EUR
3 rd Place	4.000 EUR	2.000 EUR
4 th Place	2.500 EUR	1.000 EUR
5 th Place	1.500 EUR	
6 th Place	1.000 EUR	
Individually the best performance per board =500 EUR	In total: 3.000 EUR	In total: 2.000 EUR

- In the case that teams end with the same number of match points, money prizes shall be shared according to the Hort system (among such number of teams which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes).
- 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. Schedule

Day	Date	Hours	Activity
Saturday	18 October		Arrivals
Saturday	18 October	21:00	Opening Ceremony*
Sunday	19 October	15:00	Round 1
Monday	20 October	15:00	Round 2
Tuesday	21 October	15:00	Round 3
Wednesday	22 October	15:00	Round 4
Thursday	23 October	15:00	Round 5
Friday	24 October	15:00	Round 6
Saturday	25 October	14:00	Round 7
Saturday	25 October	21:00	Awarding Ceremony
Saturday	25 October	22:00	Aegean Party
Sunday	26 October		Departure

* The Captain's Meeting will take place 30 minutes after the Opening Ceremony. Teams who are not represented at the meeting will not be paired according to the decision of ECU Board. Teams who can't attend the technical meeting shall inform the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director in advance to confirm their participation.

10. Basic Competition Rules

- The championships will be held in seven 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 to the ECU Rulebook.

- The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:
 - a) by the sum of Sorbonne-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of matches points the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded
 - b) by the number of board points won, the highest number wins.
 - c) by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins
 - d) by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins
- According to 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.
- 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.

11. Additional competition rules

- The default time is 15 minutes.
- Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.
- During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing or to the pressroom.
- Flash photography may be used only in the first ten (10) minutes of the playing session.
- Only the players, captains arbiters, and appeals Committee members, shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the expressed 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.
- During a game a player may talk only to an arbiter or his captain in compliance with the ECU Rulebook. A players may also talk to his opponent within the limitations given by the Laws of Chess".
- **Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on seven games.**
- No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.
- The ECU Rule for dress code is valid for all European Championships.
- The European Anti-Cheating rules are valid for all European Championships (Article Q of the ECU Tournament Rules).
- It is assumed that all the players have read the ECU Rulebook and accept to conform to them.

12. Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee, Chief Arbiter, and two Deputy Arbiters of the competition will be announced by the European Chess Union.

13. Entry visa to Greece

Players and accompanying persons from visa-required countries are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before **18 August 2025** and should apply for a visa at the respective Greek Embassy in good time. To support the visa application the Organizing Committee will provide a letter of invitation and the hotel booking confirmation after payment has been made. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

14. Tournament Office / Contact Information

Contact person: IO Nikos Kalesis

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