



European Amateur Chess Championship 2019

Rhodes (Greece), 05-15 April 2019

Hotel Olympic Palace (***)**

1.VENUE

The European Amateur Chess Championship will be held in the island of Rhodes, Greece, from April 05 (day of arrival) through April 15 (day of departure) 2019. The tournament will be held in the Conference center of Olympic Palace Hotel (*****). The official accommodating hotel will be Olympic Palace Hotel (*****) .

2.PARTICIPATION

The Championships are open tournaments for players registered or approved by their federation. ECU member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish. All players must not hold any title above CM (or WCM for women) in the sections Under-1700 and Under-2000. All players must not hold any title above FM (or WFM for women) in the section Under-2300.

A player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline of the event.

For the Under-2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

For the Under-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

In case a player exceeds the rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play the upper rating category.

3.TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Arrivals / Technical meeting:	Friday	5 April 19:00
Round 1:	Saturday	6 April 15:00
Round 2:	Sunday	7 April 15:00
Round 3:	Monday	8 April 15:00
Round 4:	Tuesday	9 April 15:00
Round 5:	Wednesday	10 April 15:00
Round 6:	Thursday	11 April 15:00
Round 7:	Friday	12 April 15:00
Round 8:	Saturday	13 April 15:00
Round 9:	Sunday	14 April 11:00
Prize Awards:	Sunday	14 April 18:00
Departures:	Monday	15 April By 12:00

4.SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700. In each rating section, a separate championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open). The championship is organized in a 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules. The rate of play 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.

5.TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

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) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

6.APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be elected and/or announced at the technical meeting.

7. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, within one hour after completion or interruption of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, as a deposit of the appellant.

The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union.

The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

8.ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The ECU & FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are valid for European Amateur Chess Championship and random AC inspections are possible. During their games the players are not allowed to go to the analysis room. Photography with flash may be used only during the first ten minutes of each round.

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.

The default arrival time is 15 minutes after the start of the round.

During a game, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. These devices can be stored in a box, at the arbiter desk. The device must be completely switched off. Further instructions regarding this matter will be given during the technical meeting.

9. PRIZES AND TITLES

The prize fund is 4.000EUR as outline below in euros:

RANK	2000-2099 OPEN	1700 - 1999 OPEN	0-1699 OPEN
1	600	350	250
2	400	200	150
3	200	150	150
4	100	100	100

RANK	2000-2099 WOMEN	1700 - 1999 WOMEN	0-1699 WOMEN
1	200	200	150
2	150	150	100
3	100	100	100

- Each player can win only one money prize (the highest). For the players with the same number of points prizes are distributed according the Hort system, among such number of players corresponding to number of advertised prizes.
- The winners of each category receive the relevant title: "European Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300."
The winners of women categories receive the relevant title:
European Women Amateur Chess Champion under 1700 under 2000 and 2300."
- The players taking the first three places in each championship section will be awarded with cups and medals. Trophies and medals will be awarded after applying tie-break criteria.
- The winner of each European Amateur championship section and the winner of each women European Amateur championship section will be personally invited to participate (with free accommodation sharing a double room) in the next World Amateur Championship, (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) and their places cannot be substituted.

10. Accommodation packages in the Olympic Palace Hotel (***) (official hotel)**

All packages includes accommodation for 10 nights per person in the 5-star Olympic Palace, registration fee (40 euros), ECU entry fee (15 euros), daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, transportation from the airport both ways, free Wi-Fi internet access and free use of hotel pools for the following prices:

- 685 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights
- 925 euros total per person in a single room for 10 nights

Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.

11. Registration deadline

Entries must be sent by **20 February 2019** by email to: chess.at.holidays@gmail.com

All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Secretariat and rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of €200 euros per person, free of bank charges, paid to the event's travel agency bank account (AT Holidays Ltd) by the deadline of 20th February 2019. The receipt of

the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organising Committee. The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

12. Rhodes Chess Festival 2019

European Amateur Chess Championship 2019 (EACC 2019) is part of the “**Rhodes Chess Festival 2019**”. By the end of the EACC 2019, in the same 5-star hotel “Olympic Palace”, the World Team Chess Championship 50+ & 65 + (seniors will be held from 15 to 25 April 2019. For participants of EACC 2019 who will decide to stay further in Olympic Palace and participate in **both events** of the Rhodes Chess Festival, the organizers will apply a **discount of 100 euros** in total to each participant and a **city tour in Rhodes** on 15 April, **free of charge**. A unique opportunity for players to combine two chess events in the beautiful island of Rhodes with only one air ticket!

13. Flights / Transportation

The nearest airport is the Rhodes International Airport (IATA code: RHO), 10 km east of Olympic Palace Hotel. Upon request, the organizers can provide bus transportation from Rhodes airport to Olympic Palace Hotel with return included, for the dates 5 April (arrival) and 15 April (departure). Costs are included in the accommodation packages. Such request must be submitted together with the registration of each participant. Organizers can provide private transportation with taxi in any other date, with an additional cost.

14. Side Events / Excursions Program (on request)

- Excursion – city tour to Rhodes
- Half day tour to Lindos

15. More information / Organisers Contacts

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