



**FIDE WORLD SENIOR TEAMS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
STRUGA, NORTH MACEDONIA
18 – 29 SEPTEMBER 2023**

INVITATION

1. Invitation

The FIDE, the Chess Federation of North Macedonia invite all FIDE member federations and eligible teams to participate in the World Senior Teams Chess Championships 2023. The championships will be held at 5* hotel Izgrev in Struga (Ohrid Lake). The dates are 18th of September (arrivals) to 29th of September (departures) 2023.

W E L C O M E



River Drim, Struga



Kalishta Monastery, Struga



Miladinov House, Struga



Hotel Izgrev, Struga

2. Schedule

DAY	DATE	HOURS	Activity
Monday	September 18		Arrival Day
Monday	September 18	20:00	Opening Ceremony/ Cocktail party
Tuesday	September 19	11:00	Captain's Meeting
Tuesday	September 19	15:00	Round 1
Wednesday	September 20	15:00	Round 2
Thursday	September 21	15:00	Round 3
Friday	September 22	15:00	Round 4
Saturday	September 23		Free day / Blitz, Ohrid Cruises, Ohrid visit, and many other options ^{*)}
Saturday	September 23	10:00	Anti-Cheating Seminar ^{*)}
Sunday	September 24	10:00	Anti-Cheating Seminar
Sunday	September 24	15:00	Round 5
Monday	September 25	15:00	Round 6
Tuesday	September 26	15:00	Round 7
Wednesday	September 27	15:00	Round 8
Thursday	September 28	15:00	Round 9
Thursday	September 28		Closing Ceremony
Friday	September 29		Departure

^{*)} details will be announced later on official web site

3. Participation

- There shall be two categories; age 50+ and age 65+ with separate events for women.
- The player must have reached or reach the required age during the year of competition.
- There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least ten teams from at least two continents. Otherwise women's teams play in Open competition
- The Championships are open tournaments for teams registered by their federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many teams as they wish.
- The top 3 teams from the previous edition shall have personal rights to participate.

3.1 Title

- The winning team obtains the title "World Team Champion "age 50+ (or age 65+)".
- The best placed women team obtains the title "World Women Team Champion" age 50+ (or age 65+).

3.2 Financial Regulations

- The Organizing Committee is to provide free board and lodging (2 double rooms and one single room with bath and/or shower per team) for the defending champions.

3.3 Schedule and System

- There shall be a minimum of 9 rounds Swiss System for teams with 5 players (4 boards + 1 optional reserve).
- Time: 90 minutes/40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 sec for each move from the first move.
- Each team shall consist of four players, and in addition one reserve player may be nominated. The substitute is only allowed to play board 4.
- A provisional naming of the players and the substitute has to be submitted together with the registration of the team. Changes in the team can be made until the captains' meeting take place.
- Arbiters team will cover the following languages: ITA, GER, ENG, ESP, FRA, RUS, CRO, SRB, TUR, MKD
- The FIDE Officials (Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiter, Appeals Committee and FIDE Technical Delegate) will be appointed later.

4. Technical Regulations

- The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.
- Swiss System in 9 Rounds for teams, played on 4 boards (4 board players + 1 optional reserve player)
- The time is 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- Default time at the start of all 9 rounds is 30 minutes.
- The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.
- Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be required to present passports for verification of player's age eligibility.
- The final ranking order of the teams is determined by the number of match points scored. Number of match points for win= 2 points, for draw=1 point and for lost game =0 point. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:
 1. Number of game points (score)
 2. Mutual game
 3. Buchholz Cut 1,
 4. Buchholz
 5. Sonneborn -Berger
- The Board prizes are awarded for the best performance rating of players. Eligible for the individual performance awards are players who have played in at least 70% of the rounds (for basic players) or 50% of the rounds (for reserve players). The highest performance rating wins. In case of a tie, it shall be broken in order of priority by:
 - the result(s) of their direct encounter (if all played each other);
 - number of games (the highest number wins);
 - percentage score (the highest number wins);
 - final ranking of a team (the player in the highest ranked team wins)

5. Registration

- The deadline for the registration is **July 31st 2023**.
- The **Registration fee** is 100 EUR (Euros) for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Skopje and Ohrid International airports, accreditation, coffee, tea, mineral water, and other organization costs.
- The Payment deadline is **August 18th 2023**.
- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, **FIDE member federations** must **fully complete** the official registration, accommodation & travel form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **July 31st, 2023**. **Incomplete registrations** will not be accepted. **Individual applications** will not be accepted also.
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations.

6. FIDE Fee

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, there is no entry fee.

7. Visa Information

- **About 100 countries citizens do not need visas to visit North Macedonia**, including the USA, European Union Countries, few other European countries not members of EU, Israel, Turkey, UAE and many others.
- **Persons with valid Schengen visa are allowed to enter in North Macedonia.**
- Visit the following web page to check if you need visa to travel to North Macedonia
<https://www.mfa.gov.mk/en/page/31/do-you-need-a-visa>
- Those who need visas, please contact the organizers the latest on 31 of July 2023. We will be happy to provide assistance, invitation letter and/or guide you through the process of obtaining the visa.

8. Travel from Airports to the Hotel

- The organizer will provide transport services for all participants on **September 18th** as well as the departure transfer on **September 29th**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- Travel from Skopje airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- Travel from Ohrid airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- Assistance will be provided for arrivals from Tirana (Albania) airport. Additional

transportation cost will be determined upon request

- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.

9. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- The reservation will be done on the “**First Come, First Served**” basis.
- Hotel reservation deadline is **July 31st 2023**.
- For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the World Senior Team Championships.
- All players and guests are invited to stay in 5 ***** Hotel Izgrev or 4****Hotel Makpetrol or 4****Hotel Drim with the following prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day 5***** Hotel Izgrev:

Double room	89 EUR
Single Room	119 EUR

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day 4**** Hotel Makpetrol:

Double room	69 EUR
Single Room	89 EUR

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day 4**** Hotel Drim:

Double room	64 EUR
Single Room	84 EUR

- Payment deadline for hotels is **August 18th, 2023**.
- Playing venue is in Hotel Izgrev, Hotel Makpetrol is on walking distance (5 minutes by walk) from the playing venue.

For hotel Drim (15 minutes by bus to the playing venue). Organized transportation will be provided free of charge.

- In some cases, the organizer may make special arrangements and discounts.

10. Payments

- After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and **approved by the organizer**, the national federations will receive **invoices for bank payments**. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is **August 18th, 2023**



- A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

11. Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairmen of the appeals Committee within 1 hour after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

12. Prizes

Prize Fund **(10,000 EUR)**:

Cups for the winners in all categories.

Medals for the Places 1-3 in all categories and individual by boards.

Certificates for all players and special certificates for the places 1-3.

Money Prizes:

Open Senior 50+

1° € 1.200 - trophy and Gold medals

2° € 1.000 - Silver medals

3° € 800 - Bronze medals

4° € 600

5° € 400

6° € 300

Women Senior 50+

1° € 400 - trophy and Gold medals

2° € 200 - Silver medals

3° € 100 - Bronze medals

Open Senior 65+

1° € 1.200 - trophy and Gold medals

2° € 1.000 - Silver medals

3° € 800 - Bronze medals

4° € 600

5° € 400

6° € 300

Women Senior 65+

1° € 400 - trophy and Gold medals

2° € 200 - Silver medals

3° € 100 - Bronze medals

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate and souvenir.



13. Covid and Health Protocol

Currently there are no COVID related restrictions for foreign citizens travelling to North Macedonia.

You can find updated information regarding COVID restrictions on the following link

<https://www.mfa.gov.mk/en/page/1706/protocols-for-north-macedonia>

The organizers and the participants should follow the official FIDE Health Measures.

14. Electricity

The standard voltage in North Macedonia is 220V, electrical socket plug Type C.

15. Weather conditions in September

September is one of the most comfortable times of the year in Struga (Ohrid Lake). The weather is not as hot as in July and August. The average temperature is between **15°C** (59°F) and **25°C** (77°F) but some days may reach **28°C** (82°F).

16. Contact Information

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