



World Team Championships
Categories 50+ and 65+
15 - 25 April 2019
Olympic Palace (***), Rhodes - Greece**

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all national chess federations of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the World Team Championships categories 50+ and 65+ for open and women born in the year 1969 or earlier. The championships will be held in the 5-star Olympic Palace Hotel, in Rhodes, Greece. The dates are 15 April (arrivals, technical meeting) to 25 April 2019 (departures).

2. Playing Venue

The games will take place in the conference center of the 5-star Olympic Palace on the island of Rhodes. Olympic Palace is an excellent holiday destination, in front of a wonderful sandy beach on the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday	15 th April	Arrival of participants
Tuesday	16 th April	10:00 -12:00 Registration
Tuesday	16 th April	13:00 Technical Meeting
Tuesday	16 th April	15:00 1st round
Wednesday	17 th April	15:00 2nd round
Thursday	18 th April	15:00 3rd round
Friday	19 th April	15:00 4th round
Saturday	20 th April	15:00 5 th round
Sunday	21 st April	15:00 6 th round
Monday	22 nd April	15:00 7 th round
Tuesday	23 rd April	15:00 8 th round
Wednesday	24 th April	10:30 9 th round
Wednesday	24 th April	17:00 Closing Ceremony-Prize Giving
Thursday	25 th April	Departures

4. Technical Regulations

4.1. FIDE rated Swiss system in 9 rounds. Each team shall consist of 4 players in fixed order. Additionally, 1 reserve player can be nominated who is only allowed to play on board 4.

Teams from every eligible member federation of FIDE can participate. The teams may represent a national federation or any regional structure of a national federation. All players must be members of the same federation (same FIDE identification, i.e.: GER, NED, GRE, RUS, etc.).

Entitled to participate in the **category 50+** are players who were born in the year **1969 or earlier**.

Entitled to participate in the **category 65+** are players who were born in the year **1954 or earlier**.

4.2. There will be two separate team championships for categories 50+ and 65+.

In each category, a separate championship for women teams shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women teams in each category. Otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open), establishing separate rankings for the women teams within the final standings of the combined event.

4.3. A provisional nomination of the 4 players and the reserve player has to be submitted together with the registration of the team by **20 February 2019**. Changes in the team can be made until the Technical Meeting takes place before the start of the 1st round. The start ranking list will be determined by the average rating (board 1-4) of every team.

4.4. Time limit per player: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 min. for the rest of the game + 30" increment for every move starting from move one. A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his board within 30 minutes after the start of the game.

4.5. The final team standings are based on the number of match points (win = 2 match points, draw = 1 match point, loss = 0 match points). Tie break criteria for team standings in order of priority: a) the greater sum of game points; b) direct encounter of the teams involved in the tie (if all tied teams have played each other); c) Buchholz Cut 1; d) Buchholz; e) the greater sum of Sonneborn-Berger: match points of each opponent team (cut 1) x game points scored against them.

4.6. 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: a) the result(s) of their direct encounter (if all played each other); b) number of games (the highest number wins); c) percentage score (the highest number wins); d) final ranking of a team (the player in the highest ranked team wins).

4.7. The Appeals Committee will be elected during the Technical Meeting of 15 April.

5. Prize Fund (total: 10.000 euros)

50+ category: 1st team: €1.300, 2nd team: €900, 3rd team: €600, 4th team: €500, 5th team: €400.

1st women team: €600, 2nd women: €400, 3rd women: €300.

65+ category: 1st team: €1.300, 2nd team: €900, 3rd team: €600, 4th team: €500, 5th team: €400.

1st women team: €600, 2nd women: €400, 3rd women: €300.

Money prizes will be equally shared, among teams with the same score, only if the teams tie for 1st place. All other money prizes of tied teams will be awarded according to tie-breaks.

Money prizes will be transferred to the respective Chess Federations or to the teams' bank accounts.

Trophies and medals will also be awarded to the 3 top winning teams in each category.

Additional prizes (cups & medals) in each board, for the 3 top individual board winners, will be awarded.

6. Titles - Qualifications

6.1. The winning teams of the World Senior Team Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "World Senior Team Champion 2019".

6.2. The best women teams of the World Senior Team Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "World Senior Women Team Champion 2019".

7. Accommodation packages in the 5-star Olympic Palace Hotel (official hotel)

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 10 nights) for the defending champions. The invited participants have to pay 75 euros fee each for registration and transportation.

According to FIDE regulations, all delegations must be registered and booked in the official hotel through the Organising Committee. All packages includes accommodation for 10 nights per person in the **5-star Olympic Palace Hotel**, registration fee, transportation from/to the airport both ways, daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, free WiFi internet access and free use of hotel pools for the following prices:

- **665 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights**
- **905 euros total per person in a single room for 10 nights**

7.1. Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.

7.2. Every participating team and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee. Registrations and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee. The above offers are guaranteed for registrations and bookings up to **20 February 2019**. After the deadline of 20 February, registrations may be offered at an increased cost and only upon availability.

7.3. The FIDE entry fee of 100 euros per team should be paid directly to FIDE.

8. Rhodes Chess Festival 2019

The World Senior Team Championships 2019 (WSTC 2019) is part of the “**Rhodes Chess Festival 2019**”. Before the start of the WSTC 2019, in the same 5-star hotel “Olympic Palace”, the European Senior Chess Championships and the European Amateur Chess Championships 2019 will be held from 5 to 15 April 2019. The three events of the “Rhodes Chess Festival 2019” will have a **total prize fund of 24.000 euros**. For participants of ESCC 2019 and EACC 2019 who will decide to stay further in Olympic Palace and participate in **WSTC 2019**, the organizers will apply a **cash reward of 100 euros** in total to each participant and a **city tour in Rhodes** on 15 April, **free of charge**. A unique opportunity for senior chess players to combine two chess events in the beautiful island of Rhodes with only one air ticket!

9. Flights / Transportation

The destination airport is Rhodes International Airport (IATA code: RHO). Upon request, the organizers will provide bus transportation from Rhodes airport to Olympic Palace Hotel with return included, for the dates 15 April (arrival) and 25 April (departure). Costs are already included in the accommodation packages. Such request must be submitted together with the team registration of each delegation. At an additional cost, organizers can provide private car transportation for any other date requested.

10. Registration deadline

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

All team entries shall include:

- * Name of the team and the captain (email, telephone number, address)
- * Team order with names, surnames, FIDE-ID, title and FIDE rating
- * Names of accompanying persons
- * Dates of arrival/departure
- * Accommodation packages requested.

All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of €150 euros per person, free of bank charges, paid to the event's travel agency bank account (AT Holidays Ltd) within a week after the deadline of 20 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.

11. Side Events / Excursions Program (on request)

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

12. More information / Organisers Contacts

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