



European Senior Team Championship 2014

SIBENIK, CROATIA (31 March – 10 April 2014)

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZERS, VENUE

The European Chess Union and Croatian Chess Federation are organizing the 13th European Senior Team Championship from 31 March – 10 April 2014 in Sibenik/Croatia in the tourist resort 'Solaris'.

2. PARTICIPATION

Any number of teams from each federation of ECU have the right to participate. The teams may represent a national federation or any regional structure of a national federation. Players having a FIDE rating may only represent a team coming from the federation given in their FIDE rating card (FIDE rating list). All the players must come from the same federation; however, this rule is waived if all the members of the team are unrated. Each team consists of four players; in addition, one reserve player may be nominated. Teams may consist of both men and women. A provisional naming of the players and the substitute has to be given together with the registration of the team. Changes in the team can be made until the captains meeting takes place. Reserve players are only allowed to play board 4.

In the European Senior Team Championship are persons who shall have reached the age of 50 years by December 31st 2014.

Each team will be composed of four or five players (as usual) who shall have reached the age of 50 years by December 31st 2014, but out of whom at least one or two (respectively) shall have reached the age of 65 years by December 31st 2014.

3. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is 40.-€ per named player.

This means a maximum of 200.- € per team. The entry fee shall be paid together with the registration to the following account:

BANK: Kreditna banka Zagreb
BANK ADDRESS: Ulica grada Vukovara 74, 10 000 Zagreb
SWIFT: KREZHR2X
IBAN: HR78 2481 0001 1200 1124 0
ACCOUNT HOLDER: Hrvatski šahovski savez, Trg K. Ćosića 11, Zagreb

In accordance with the ECU regulations, each team is obliged to make the payment of 100 € for the ECU fee.

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations or by the participating teams to the ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid until the end of round 2, these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fee shall be paid to the following account:

European Chess Union
Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug
Holder: European Chess Union
BIC: CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

4. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The Championship shall be played in 9 rounds following the Swiss System. Time control is 40 moves in 90 minutes and 30 minutes to the end of the game. The player will additionally receive 30 seconds for each move starting from the first move. Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the round will lose the game.

5. RANKING AND TIE BREAK SYSTEM

The ranking depends on the number of team points (win = 2 team points, draw = 1 team point, lose = 0 team points). If the number of team points is equal as well the points scored at the individual boards are added up. If further differentiation is needed the 'Buchholz-Wertung' is decisive.

Awarding of the top scorers (at each board): The number of points is decisive for the ranking, should there be equality the better percent result comes first.

At least five games must be played for an award.

6. SCHEDULE

Monday,	31.03.2014		Arrival
Tuesday,	01.04. 2014	10.00 a.m.	Captains meeting

		2.30 p.m.	Opening ceremony
		3.30 p.m.	round 1
Wednesday,	02.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 2
Thursday,	03.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 3
Friday,	04.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 4
Saturday,	05.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 5
Sunday,	06.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 6
Monday,	07.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 7
Tuesday,	08.04. 2014	3.30 p.m.	round 8
Wednesday,	09.04. 2014	2.00 p.m.	round 9
		9.00 p.m.	Closing ceremony
Thursday	10.04. 2014		Departure

7. CHIEF ARBITER

Chief Arbiter will be nominated until 15 February 2014.

8. AWARDS - PRIZES

The prize fund will be 15 000 € (10.000 € in cash and 5.000 € in kinds).

TEAM PRIZES (10.000 € in cash)

- 1st prize: 2.500 €, trophy for the team and medals for the team members
- 2nd prize: 2.000 €, trophy for the team and medals for the team members
- 3rd prize: 1.750 €, trophy for the team and medals for the team members
- 4th prize: 1.500 €
- 5th prize: 1.250 €

The best team consisting exclusively of players who shall have reached the age of 65 years by December 31st 2014 – 1000 € (on condition that at least three such teams are participating).

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES (5000 € in kinds)

The most successful player at every of the four boards will get a prize.

In addition, the most successful player who shall have reached the age of 65 years by December 31st 2014 will get a prize regardless of their board.

9. REGISTRATION

9.1. Entry forms must be sent by email to the Organizing Committee not later than Friday, February 21st 2014.

Late registrations can be accepted only if there are enough hotel rooms and playing facilities.

9.2. The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID

number, FIDE rating and passport number (for visa purpose only) of each player and each accompanying person.

It must also include the name and telephone /e-mail/ fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club.

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9.3. **The transfer is provided for the participants from the following airports:** Zagreb (315 km) – 90 € per person, Split (70 km) – 25 € per person and Zadar (70 km) – 25 € per person for the return ticket.

The service is available on 31st of March (arrival) and 10th of April (departure). For any other dates the service will be available on request and for groups.

9.4. At the time of registration until Friday, February 21st the amount of 50% of the total accommodation cost + organisation fees + transportation costs (if required) or additional payment 100 Euro per person (for using unofficial hotel) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of payments must be made upon arrival (in cash at the Tournament Office – 31st of March) or by bank transfer in advance.

Before the payment of hotel expenses it is necessary to contact the organiser for the confirmation of the amount and proforma invoice.

10. VENUE – ACCOMMODATION

10.1. Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be provided in the hotels of the tourist resort 'Solaris'. Accommodation will be provided on full board basis at the price: 59 € per person per day in a double room and 75 € per person per day in a single room.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Each team consisting of one or more Grandmasters will have the right to free accommodation and full board in a double room for one Grandmaster.

10.2. The players who are not staying in the official hotels recommended by the organizer are obliged to pay an additional fee of 100 €.

10.3 Tournament hall

The Championship will be held in 'Ivan' hotel (Congress hall)

11. INFORMATION

Before the tournament, the information will be available on the Internet at

<http://sent2014.crochess.com>

Entry forms for registration and all necessary information about accommodation, visas, transfers etc. will be published on this website.

12. INFORMATION ABOUT VISA

For the participants and accompanying persons from countries members of Schengen agreement visa is not necessary.

Organizer will give full support to assist participants who need visas to receive them under speed up procedure in Embassies and Consulates of Croatia.

Every registered player who needs entry visa for Croatia has to send scanned passport, together with his registration form and in any case not later than February 1st. Visa costs will depend on the valid laws at that moment.

13. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The organisers will prepare rich social programme in order to make the stay of participants and their accompanying persons in Sibenik as enjoyable as possible.

The programme will consist of several events, including lectures of renowned chess players, tasting of local products and excursions. Most of these events will be free of charge for participants. The final schedule of these events will be published not later than 31st January.

14. CURRENCY

The local currency is Croatian Kuna (1 € = 7,60 HRK).

15. MEDICAL CARE

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

16. ELECTRICITY

The voltage is 220 (V).

17. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

You may get all the necessary information by contacting the organizer:

registration@ECUonline.net