

## 15th EU Youth Chess Championship 2017 Final Report



On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> culminated in Kouty nad Desnou (CZE) fights for winning EU Youth Chess Championship 2017.

The last rounds were full of fights and tension. In category Boys U8 took the first place Kamil Warchol (POL), the second place Alexandru-Mircea Butolo (ROU) and the third Peter Grabs (GER). In category Girls U8 took the first place Karin Novomeska (SVK), the second place Martina Sosovickova (SVK) and the third Iva Fezova (BUL).

Champion EU in category Boys U10 has become Bartosz Fiszer (POL) with 9 points out of 9 rounds! Silver medal took Robert Prieb (GER) and the third place took Nikola Kanov (BUL). In category Girls U10 has won Lucia Kapicakova (SVK), second place took Maria Kovarikova (SVK) and the third place took Adrianna Staniewicz (POL).



In category Boys U12 has won Daniel Dardha (BEL), second place took Tymon Ochedzan (POL) and the third place took Michal Jares (CZE). Champion EU Girls U12 has become Lucia Sevcikova (SVK), the second place took Ema Obada (ROU) and the third place took Nadya Toncheva (BUL).



In category Boys U14 has won Krzysztof Szczurek (POL), the second place took Bence Leszko (HUN) and the third place took Valentin Mitev (BUL). In category Girls U14 Champion EU has become Liwia Jarocka (POL), who won the whole tournament! The second place took Maria Malicka (POL) and the third finished Monika Marcinczyk (POL).

All results you can find at <http://chess-results.com/tnr298526.aspx?lan=5&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES&wi=984>

Players who took first three places in each of categories got a cup and diploma. Every participant of EUYCC got a medal. All eight champions EU are leaving Kouty nad Desnou with a notebook! The next five players in each category also got valuable prizes. Every player got a T-Shirt with logo of EUYCC. The prizes were given by director of the event Mr. Zdenek Fiala together with the tournament director of ECU Mr. Petr Pisk and director of the hotel Dlouhe Strane Ms. Ivena Svedova.



Before Sundays finale there was a rematch simultaneous game with IM Pisk. There was seven players, who had as Petr Pisk 20 minutes on their clocks. The result was 6:1 for IM Pisk (draw was made by Ida Oztuksavul (TUR) and only six years old Vihan Velagapudi (FIN)).

EU Youth Chess Championship 2017 under the patronage of the ECU was organized by Sachovy klub Svetla nad Sazavou in cooperation with the Czech Chess Federation. Boys and girls have played in the same tournament. Eventually boys and girls were evaluated separately. Championship had 119 players from 14 federations. All games were on-line transmitted. Young players have been pleased by awarding best game of each round. Thanks the performance during the round eight to nine these players were rewarded: Jan Tokarcik (SVK), Robert Prieb (GER), Deyan Samuil Kostov (BUL), Valentin Mitev (BUL), Zdenek Taus (CZE), Simona Bochnickova (SVK), Ruben Lutz (GER) and Emilia Dylag (POL).

For all participants and accompanying persons organizers had prepared chess and non-chess leisure time activities (simultaneous games with IM Pisk, blitz tournament). Participants of the championship had available many leisure time activities. In the hotel they could use swimming pool, wellness, sauna, table tennis, bowling, pool, etc. On the official website organizers placed photo gallery from tournament and other activities. Eventually I would like to thank all players for their performance and fair play, all parents and coaches for cooperation, arbiters for running the tournament and all cooperators for their work. Hope you enjoyed together with us this championship and believe to see us again the next year!

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Director of the championship

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