



EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Categories 50+ and 65+

Brežice (Terme Čatež), Slovenia
6–16 May 2024

INVITATION & REGULATIONS



1. INVITATION

The Slovenian Chess Federation and the European Chess Federation (ECU) have the honour to invite all senior players from all over Europe to participate in the EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (categories 50+ and 65+), organised in Brežice (Slovenia), from 6 May (arrival) to 16 May 2024 (departure). The event will be held in the Terme Čatež hotel venue (Terme Čatež d.d., Topliška 35, SI-8250 Brežice, Slovenia) <https://www.terme-catez.si/en/>, <https://www.terme-catez.si/de/>.

2. PARTICIPATION

Each National Federation of the European Chess Union is entitled to register an unlimited number of teams in both categories: Open and Women 50+ & 65+. Each team shall consist of four (4) players and optionally one (1) reserve player. The teams may represent a National Federation or any regional structure of a National Federation (club teams, city teams, regional teams, national teams, or simply friends, etc. - there is no limitation), but all players have to be members of the same federation. Players born in 1974 or earlier are allowed to participate in the 50+ category. Players born in 1959 or earlier are allowed to participate in the 65+ category.

3. COMPETITIONS / TITLES

The Winners of the European Senior Team Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded the title "European Senior Team Champion 2024". The Winners of the European Senior Women Team Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded the title "European Senior Women Team Champion 2024".

Prize fund	ESTCC Open	ESTCC Open	ESTCC-women	ESTCC-women
Rank	category 50+	category 65+	category W50+	category W65+
1	1000 €	1000 €	500 €	500 €
2	700 €	700 €	300 €	300 €
3	500 €	500 €	200 €	200 €
4	300 €	300 €		

The TOP 3 teams in each category will be presented with trophies and medals. Players with the best rating performance on their respective boards shall be awarded gold medals. Silver and bronze medals are to be awarded to players with the second and third-best rating performance on their respective boards. The awards are subject to the ECU rules. Some valuable prizes will also be given to the three best players on individual boards.

4. SCHEDULE

6 May 2024		Arrival of Participants
	21:00	Captain's Meeting
7 May 2024	14:30	Opening Ceremony
	15:00	1 st round
8 May 2024	15:00	2 nd round
9 May 2024	15:00	3 rd round
10 May 2024	15:00	4 th round
11 May 2024	15:00	5 th round
12 May 2024	15:00	6 th round
13 May 2024	15:00	7 th round
14 May 2024	15:00	8 th round
15 May 2024	14:00	9 th round
	21:00	Closing Ceremony
16 May 2024		Departure of Participants

5. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

In accordance with the ECU tournament rules, the European Championship is to be played in four categories: 50+ and 65+ categories in both - the Open and Women section. If there are at least 8 teams in the respective category, there shall be a separate Women's Championship. Otherwise, the Women's Championship shall be merged with the respective Open category. The ECU Tournament Rules shall apply. The Championship will be played in a 9-round Swiss system. The time control is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment for every move played. The default time for all rounds is 15 minutes.

6. ENTRY FEES

ECU ENTRY FEE

Each team shall pay the ECU fee in the amount of **100 EUR** via bank transfer to the following account:

HOLDER: European Chess Union

IBAN CODE: CH3604835183510542000

BIC/SWIFT CODE: CRESCHZZXXX

BANK: Credit Suisse, [Address: Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug]

ORGANISATION FEE

Each player is obliged to pay an organisation fee which is subject to early bird application deadlines:

60 EUR - for players who have registered and paid no later than 6 February (3 months before the ESTCC)

70 EUR - for players who have registered and paid no later than 6 March (2 months before the ESTCC)

80 EUR - for players who have registered and paid no later than 6 April (1 month before the ESTCC)

100 EUR - for players who have registered after 6 April.

The organisation fee shall be paid via bank transfer to the following account:

BANK: Deželna banka Slovenije, Kolodvorska ulica 9, 1000 Ljubljana

HOLDER: Šahovska zveza Slovenije / Slovenian chess Federation, Bravničarjeva ulica 13, 1000 Ljubljana

IBAN CODE: SI56 1910 0001 0000 463

SWIFT CODE (BIC): SZKBSI2X

7. REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Official entry forms are to be filled in and sent to the tournament office no later than **Thursday 6 April**. An organisational fee is subject to an early bird discount. Registration forms shall be sent to the official email address: **estcc24@gmail.com**.
- Please note that the entry form is to be found on the official website: **www.estcc2023.com**

8. AIRPORT TRANSFER

The transfer from/to Zagreb airport shall be arranged by the organiser, on the arrival day (6 May) and on the departure day (16 May). Airport transfer charges: 20 EUR/one-way for participants and their accompanying persons.

9. ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL AND MEALS

- Reservations are made on a “first come, first served” basis.
- All players and accompanying persons, including coaches, are welcome to stay in the official hotels of the European Senior Team Chess Championship, namely, Terme Čatež, Brežice, Slovenia.
- All reservations and 30% payments for the official hotels and organisation fee shall be made no later than 6 April 2024 (registration deadline), and only via the organiser.

Accommodation daily costs per person:

HOTEL	Double FB	Single FB
Hotel TERME **** (Full board) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	83 €	101 €
Hotel TOPLICE **** (Full board) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	83 €	101 €
Hotel ČATEŽ *** (Full board) (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	80 €	98 €
Hotel ČATEŽ *** (Halfboard) (breakfast, dinner)	72 €	90 €
Hotel ČATEŽ *** (breakfast only)	64 €	82 €

All hotels are located within walking distance to the playing hall.



PAYMENTS

- After the registration form has been filled in, sent to the organiser and approved by the organiser, the national federations will receive invoices containing all the necessary bank payment details;
- The sender is required to pay all bank commissions;
- Registration fee, transport fee and 30 % payments for the official hotel shall be transferred no later than 6 April 2024 to the account specified below, while the remaining 70 % amount of the payment covering the official hotel costs is to be paid no later than 22 April 2024 to the same bank account:

BANK: Deželna banka Slovenije, Kolodvorska ulica 9, 1000 Ljubljana

HOLDER: Šahovska zveza Slovenije / Slovenian chess Federation, Bravničarjeva ulica 13, 1000 Ljubljana

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Accommodation can be provided for a longer period of stay (more than 10 nights) on condition that the organiser be notified about such a request in advance. This type of accommodation is to be provided at an extra cost.

10. APPEALS PROCEDURE

An appeal against the Arbiter's decision is to be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 30 minutes after the end of the game. The appeal fee of 200 Euro is to be paid to ECU, and in case the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be refunded. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal has been based on some reasonable grounds.

11. ANTI-CHEATING GUIDELINES

The European Anti Cheating Rules (ECU Tournament Rules, Part Q) and the FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A.10) shall apply. Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present their passports for the verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, performed by means of hand-held metal detectors, may be carried out by arbiter(s), namely before, during or after the games.

12. ARBITERS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The names of the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of the Appeals committee will have been published by 1 April 2024. The names of the Appeals Committee members will be announced during the technical meeting.

13. VISA INFORMATION

- Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Slovenia are requested to contact the organiser prior to the registration deadline – 1 March 2024. Please note that the Republic of Slovenia is part of the Schengen Area.
- Visa invitations are to be provided by the organiser only after the necessary payments have been wired, as described in article 6.

14. TOURNAMENT OFFICE / CONTACT INFORMATION

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