

24th European Union Youth Chess Championship 2026

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EU Youth Chess Championship 2026 is underway. The level of the event is very good - in category U8 is leading Greta Flora Banvolgyi (HUN, 4,5 points out of 5 rounds), in U10 with 4,5 points Stefan Grigorescu (ROU), in U12 Jindrich Trejbal (CZE, 4,5 points) and in U14 Boyd Leenen (NED, 5 points!).



Since beautiful and combative games are seen, the organizers award best games in each category with prize every day. After the first five rounds Artur Zych (POL), Tenuun Enkhbat (CZE), Julia Szczurek (POL), Razvan-George Parvu (ROU), Deniz Olurdjan (CYP), Momchil Kotsev (BUL), Agnieszka Slusarczyk (POL), Eliska Janouskova (CZE), Majus Marcinkevicius (LTU), Martin Kalinak (SVK), Lotti Kiss (HUN), David Krstic (SLO), Ioana Onica (ROU), Stepan Hanyk (CZE), Georgi Koev (BUL), Karolina Gawerska (POL), Daniel Halcin (SVK), Wiktor Mika (POL), Melania-Cristina Grigore (ROU) and Edvard Kolar (CZE) have been awarded.



Additional programme started on Thursday, August 20th, with the simultaneous game against IM Petr Pisk. 16 participants of our championship, including parents, had 35 minutes against 70 minutes on the clocks of IM Pisk. Finally IM Pisk won 14,5-1,5. The draws were made by Sophia Kaliskami, Filippos Borisov (both from GRE) and Emma Bartosova (SVK).



On Saturday, August 22nd, there was a blitz tournament, where 35 players (players of EUYCC, coaches, parents) from 10 countries participated. The winner became Boyd Leenen (NED, 8 points out of 9 rounds) ahead of FM Josef Kratochvil (CZE, 7 points) and Julius Mikolavicius (LTU, 6,5 points). All winners received nice presents.

Among others leisure time activities, participants of this tournament mostly visit and use wellness, playground and enjoying the beauty of the nature in surroundings.

All games are transmitted on-line, so the parents and trainers either at home or present in the hotel can watch their charges.

On the website of Czech Chess Federation we release the news. Among others (results, live games etc.) you can see a rich photo gallery.

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Web of the championship:

<https://www.chess.cz/mistrovstvi-evropske-unie/>

Results:

<https://s2.chess-results.com/tnr1470758.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=5&turdet=YES&flag=30&SNode=S0>