

European Individual Chess Championship 2022



March 26th – April 7th
Brežice – Terme Čatež, Slovenia

REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

The Slovenian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championship will be held in Brežice, Terme Čatež from March 26th (arrival date) until April 7th (departure date) 2022. The playing venue will be in the Sports Hall, next to the official hotels (walking distance).

Saturday	March 26 th	All day	Arrival day	
Saturday	March 26 th	20:00	Opening ceremony	*at Castle Brežice
Saturday	March 26 th	21:00	Technical meeting	*at Castle Brežice
Sunday	March 27 th	15:00	Round 1	
Monday	March 28 th	15:00	Round 2	
Tuesday	March 29 th	15:00	Round 3	
Wednesday	March 30 th	15:00	Round 4	
Thursday	March 31 st	15:00	Round 5	
Friday	April 1 st	15:00	Round 6	
Saturday	April 2 nd	15:00	Round 7	
Sunday	April 3 rd	15:00	Round 8	
Monday	April 4 th	15:00	Round 9	
Tuesday	April 5 th	15:00	Round 10	
Wednesday	April 6 th	15:00	Round 11	
Wednesday	April 6 th	21:00	Closing ceremony	
Thursday	April 7 th	All day	Departure day	

3. Participation

The European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations which are members of the European Chess Union regardless of their title or rating. There is no limit to participants per federation. However, applications can only be sent by national federations. Players with FIDE ID registered in the Bulgarian Chess Federation can send applications of participation and play under the ECU flag.

4. Registration

- The registration deadline is **February 20th, 2022**. Prolongation of the registration deadline may be possible for some federations if a very special reason is presented as a justification for the delay.
- To ensure proper tournament standards, only ECU member-federations may present a complete official registration form (see website) and send it to the contact person before the registration deadline on February 20th, 2022. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- Once the registration deadline expires, organizers reserve the right to refuse late registrations, or, in case of availability, a penalty fee of 100€ will be charged for each late registration.
- **Players must pay the amount of 100€ at the moment of their registration before February 15th, 2022**. This registration fee is compulsory and is considered as confirmation of participation. If the amount is not paid the registration will be considered invalid and will not be accepted. This payment includes, accreditation, refreshments for participants and other organization costs and for all participants accommodating at the official hotels covering the expenses of transport from Zagreb International Airport to the hosting hotels and back to the airport.
- Each coach or accompanying person shall pay the registration fee of 100 € if he or she wishes to receive the transportation services and the accreditation badges necessary for the playing halls and ceremonies.

5. ECU Fee

According to the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM, and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65€/person, while other players have to pay 130€/person as the entry fee. ECU issues invoices only to national federations.

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by federations to ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid for a player until the end of round 2, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds. The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union National

Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

6. Travel Information

The organizer will provide transport services for the participants lodge at the official hotels from Zagreb (CRO) International Airport to the official hotels – on March 26th as well as the departure transfer - on April 7th free of charge. All travel information must be sent by e-mail on euroidividualchess22@gmail.com not later than March 1st, 2022.

7. Hotel and Meals

- The reservation will be done on the “first come, first served” basis.
- All players and accompanying persons, including coaches, are welcome to stay in the official hotels of the European Individual Chess Championship.
- All reservations and payments for the official hotels must be made before February **20th, 2022**. (registration deadline) and only via the organizer.

Daily cost of full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) accommodation, per person:

HOTEL	Double FB	Single FB
Hotel TERME ****	82 €	96 €
Hotel TOPLICE ****	80 €	94 €
Hotel ČATEŽ ***	74 €	89 €

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

8. Payments

- After the registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment;
- The sender must pay all bank commissions.
- **Players must pay the amount of 100€ at the moment of their registration before February 20th, 2022, transport fee and payments for the official hotels must be transferred before February 20th, 2022, 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

Once the bank transfer is validated, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the rooms.

9. Qualifying & Prizes

- The European Individual Chess Championship 2022 is a qualifying event for the FIDE World Cup **2023**. According to FIDE regulations for World Cup and the ECU Board decision, **20 players** will qualify*. In case of a tie the qualification will be determined according to Article 10;
- According to Article 14.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, if one of the prize winners was absent during the closing ceremony, his/her prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum of 100 €;
- The total prize fund is 100.000 €

General Standings

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	20000
2	15000
3	10000
4	7000
5	6000
6	5000
7	4000
8	3000
9	2500
10	2500
11	2000
12	2000
13	1500
14	1500
15	1400
16	1300
17	1200
18	1100
19	1000
20	1000
21	1000
22	1000
23	1000

Special prizes

Best male and female junior players under 18 years old, born 2004 or later.

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1000
2	600
3	400

Seniors born before 31.12.1972

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1000
2	600
3	400

Best Female Player

Rank	Prizes in Euro
1	1000
2	600
3	400

Best ACP* player

1	1000
2	600
3	400

*ACP may increase the prizes in case of high membership participation (of over 20 premium members)

Distribution of Prizes

- A player can win **one money prize only** (general standings or special), the highest one available.
- According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, the prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score for the general standings` prizes.
- The special prizes will not be shared but will be awarded according to the tie-breaking criteria.
- The prizes will be transferred to the ECU bank account by the Chess Federation of Slovenia and then the ECU will transfer the funds to the awarded players` bank accounts.

*Under the current FIDE World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for the qualification spots.

10. Tie-Break System

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the tie-breaking criteria according the FIDE World Cup regulations <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/WorldCup2023Regulations.pdf> (Annex 2, Article 3) applying for all qualification events for World Championship Cycle.

11. System & Rate of Play

The Championship will be played according to the Swiss system according to the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. The default time is 15 minutes for each round.

12. Additional Regulations

Flash photography may only be taken in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed access to the actual playing area.

Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards unless they play there themselves. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

Players are not permitted to eat at the chessboard during the games.

The [ECU Dress Code](#) is obligatory as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sun glasses, hats-except for religious reasons etc. are not allowed).

The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the FIDE Code of Ethics and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organisers & participants shall follow these regulations.

13. Appeals Procedure

Protests against the Chief Arbiter`s decisions must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.

The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200 € as a deposit from the signatory.

If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit will be forfeited to the European Chess Union. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The Appeals Committee`s decisions are final.

14. Arbiters & Appeals Committee

The names of the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiters and the Members of the Appeal Committee will be announced by the ECU.

15. Medical Service

During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to the ECU Tournament Regulations. Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the duration of the Championship.

16. Local Information

- The standard voltage in Slovenia is 220 Volts.
- The local currency is EURO

17. Visa Information

Citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kosovo, Russia and Turkey are required to hold a visa and they are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before February **15th, 2022** and apply on time to the respective Slovenian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide the guarantee list and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications. Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia are exempted from holding a visa if they are holders of biometric passports.

18. COVID Information

The Organizer will take all the necessary measures according to the National and ECU health protocols, valid for the event period, for the Covid19 Pandemic. All the information and details will be submitted later.

Important notice:

All participants and tournament staff are required to take a rapid antigen test by the Organising Committee before the first round on 27 March. Exceptions are those who have a negative test at arrival (antigen or PCR) not older than 48 hours.

Participants arriving on 26 March must present their negative test to the organisers at the reception before check in of the hotel where they are staying. If they do not present a negative test, they must sign up for the next day's testing schedule between 8:00 and 13:00.

Tournament Medical Staff may decide on additional Rapid/PCR test in special cases, symptoms, tracing of close contacts (of a positive case) and according to the Slovenia health legislation.

As of 19 February 2022, restrictions due to Covid-19 no longer apply when entering Slovenia. This means that the RVT (recovered/vaccinated/tested) condition no longer has to be met at the border and travellers will no longer be ordered to quarantine at home.

You can find more information on next website: <https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/border-crossing/>

The recommendation for all participants is to be vaccinated.

19. Contact information

E-mail: euroindividualchess22@gmail.com

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