



**22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ
CHAMPIONSHIP
UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18**

Brežice (Terme Čatež), Slovenia, 27 September - 01 October 2023

INVITATION & REGULATIONS

1. Invitation:

The European Chess Union (ECU) invites all ECU National Chess Federations to participate in the European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2023 for participants aged under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 years. The Championship is to take place between 27 September (arrivals) and 1 October (departures). 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/>

2. Participation:

Chess players representing chess federations which are ECU members have the right to participate. They shall not have reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 by January 1st of the year in which the tournament is held. There is no limit to the number of participants representing each federation.

3. Competitions / Titles:

(A) 22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9 rounds according to the Swiss system (one game per round), rate of play: 15 min. + 10 sec. per player
- Categories (12 in total): open and girls up to 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 years.
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players in each category will be awarded trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(B) 22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9 rounds according to the Swiss system (two games per round), rate of play: 3 min. + 2 sec. per player
- Categories (12): open and girls up to 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 years.
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players in each category will be awarded trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(C) 21st EUROPEAN TEAM YOUTH RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

- Categories (6): open and girls up to 10, 14, and 18 years
- Open teams shall consist of 4 players from the same federation without reserves; girls' teams shall comprise 2 players from the same federation without reserves
- The tournament will be held in 7 rounds, according to the Swiss system, rate of play: 10 min. + 5 sec. per player

- Registration fee is 20 EUR per team
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players in each category will be awarded trophies, medals, and gift prizes

All participants will receive certificates given by the organiser.

The winners of each individual championship shall obtain the following titles corresponding to their different age categories:

- European Youth Rapid Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Girls Rapid Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Blitz Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18
- European Youth Girls Blitz Champion -8, -10, -12, -14, -16 and -18

ECU tiebreak criteria shall apply if two or more players are tied for the same rank; the same criteria shall be used in all other cases where necessary.

4. Schedule:

Wednesday 27 September	All day	Arrival – Technical Meeting
Thursday 28 September	10:30	Opening Ceremony
Thursday 28 September	11:00 – 13:00	Individual Rapid (Rounds 1-2)
Thursday 28 September	16:00 – 20:00	Individual Rapid (Rounds 3-6)
Friday 29 September	10:00 – 13:00	Individual Rapid (Rounds 7-9)
Friday 29 September	15:30 – 20:00	Team Rapid Championship
Saturday 30 September	10:00 - 13:00	Blitz (Rounds 1-5)
Saturday 30 September	17:00 – 20:00	Blitz (Rounds 6-9)
Saturday 30 September	21:00	Closing ceremony
Sunday 1 October	All day	Departure

5. Registration deadline and travel details

5.1 Entry forms must be filled in and sent to the tournament office no later than **Monday 14 August**. If the registration form is not completed by the federation itself, a copy has to be sent to the national federation.

5.2 A complete registration form is to include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number or identity card number of each player, captain, and each accompanying person. It shall also include the name, telephone, and e-mail of the head of the delegation who is required to be an adult person.

5.3 Participants should book their flights to Zagreb International Airport (Zagreb IA) which is located 40 km from the venue. The bus transportation from and to Zagreb IA is included in the organisation package for all participants on the arrival day (27 September) and the departure day (1 October). Transportation from and to Zagreb IA can also be provided on other dates, however, such transportation will be subject to an extra charge.

6. Registration - Accommodation package (4 nights)

6.1 The event will be held in the official hotel complex comprising of the following 3 hotels: Hotel Terme 4*, Hotel Toplice 4* and Hotel Čatež 3*. Reservations will be made on a “first come, first served” basis.

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation for 4 nights (27 September – 1 October)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including potable water (full board) daily
- Free access to the swimming pool and gym during the entire event
- Transportation from and to Zagreb airport on the 27th of September and 1st October
- Registration fees (excluding ECU fee)

Price per person in triple room*

320 euros per person

Price per person in double room

350 euros per person

Price per person in single room

450 euros per person

* Triple room means an extra bed in double room, thus turning a double room into a triple room.

6.2 All National Chess federations shall pay the ECU entry fee to the European Chess Union (ECU) in the amount of 30 EUR per participant, regardless of how many competitions they take part in.

Account holder: European Chess Union, Rainweidstrasse 2, CH-6333 Hunenberg See, Switzerland

Name and address of the bank: Credit Suisse, CH-6301 Zug, Postfach 357

Swift Bank Code (BIC): CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

6.3 A deposit payment of 150 euros of the total due amount shall be paid for each player and accompanying person prior to **14 August 2023**, wherein bank charges shall be covered by the sender. The rest of the payment is to be transferred no later than **14 September**. The payments in question are to be transferred to the following bank 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

6.4 Accommodation can be provided for a longer period of stay (more than 4 nights), however, the organiser shall be notified about such request in advance. This type of accommodation shall be provided at a certain extra cost.

6.5 According to ECU youth tournaments rules (Article B.14.5.1), participants are to be accommodated in the official hotel.

7. Officials

The names of the officials (arbiters and members of the Appeal Committee) will be announced later.

8. 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 passports for the verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, with a hand-held metal detector, can be performed by arbiter(s), namely before or during the games.

9. Visa information

- 9.1 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 - 27 July 2023. Please note that Slovenia is part of the Schengen Area.
- 9.2 The organiser will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments have been wired, as described in articles 5.1 and 5.2 above.

10. Tournament office / Contact Information

E-mail: eyrabchess2023@gmail.com

Official website: www.eyrabchess2023.eu

Venue: <https://www.terme-catez.si/en/>

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