



38th European Chess Club Cup 27th European Chess Club Cup for Women



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1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 38th European Club Cup and the 27th European Club Cup for Women. The events will be held in Durres, Albania from September 30th (arrival and opening) to October 8th 2023 (departure).

2. Participation

- 2.1 The valid regulations to be followed for the European Club Cup are the “ECU Tournament Rules”.
- 2.2 Each European federation is allowed to take part in this competition. According to the regulations, participation is open to:
 - » Five (5) clubs per federation in which a national team championship is organized or four (4) clubs per federation in which no national team championship is organized. There is no restriction how the clubs will be selected by the National Federations.
 - » Any additional request for participation should be examined by the ECU Board.
 - » In the Women competition all the club members of ECU Federations are allowed to participate.
 - » Clubs shall be registered through the National Chess Federations or direct if there is no objection from the National Chess Federation.

3. Teams Composition

- 3.1 The open teams shall be composed of six (6) players plus two (2) reserves all of whom must be members of the club and were entitled to play for the club in the national team championship of the federation, which was organized within one year before the start of the current European Club Cup. However, players who are foreigners to the federation in which the national team championship is organized, must have played at least two games in this championship. Foreigners are defined as those which are either belonging to another federation in the FIDE Rating List valid at the start of the national team championship or have a permanent residence outside the federation in which this national team championship is organized. National Players that competed in the last national

team championship with another club are also subject to fees of paragraph 3.2

- » Rating 2700 and more 2000 EURO*
- » Rating 2600 and more 1500 EURO*
- » Rating 2500 – 2599 1000 EURO*

3.2 If a participating club wants to include a national or foreign player in the open competition who does not fulfil the requirements of article F.1.2. (ECU rules) the club has to pay a reduced player's license fee to ECU according to the player's FIDE classical rating (each year, 1st July rating list):

All the other player's license fees are waived for the year 2023.

3.3 The women teams shall be composed of four (4) players plus one (1) reserve player. There is no restriction on the composition and all female player's license fees are waived for the year 2023.

4. Application, Registration

4.1 Every federation that intends to participate, with one or more clubs, must inform the Organizing Committee before August 1st 2023 of its acceptance of the invitation, specifying the exact number of the clubs participating. A copy should be sent to the **ECU Tournament Director Mr. Petr Pisk** petr.pisk@centrum.cz. Afterwards, entry forms must be completed and sent to the tournament e-mail-account office@clubcup2023.com no later than August 15th 2023. The basic team composition shall be submitted with the entry form.

4.2 The complete registration form must include:

- » SURNAME, FIRST NAME, FIDE ID, FIDE RATING and FIDE TITLE and PASSPORT NUMBER of each player.
- » Name and telephone / e-mail / fax number of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the Club.

The Organizing Committee will contact each of the teams to confirm the registration and booking.

4.3 Copies of the registration forms should at the same time be sent to the **Tournament Manager Mrs. Majlinda Pilinci**, e-mail: mpilinci@clubcup2023.com Basic players' list can be changed not later than one day before the Technical Meeting with a penalty of 200 EUR per player payable to ECU, excluding health problems or force majeure, confirmed in written form.

4.4 All entry forms must be forwarded by the respective federation: entries not supported by the federation will not be accepted.

4.5 A registration fee of 100 EUR for each participant and accompanying person will be charged which includes: accreditation, badges and transfer from and to the airport and administrative costs of accommodation booking. Teams will not be paired until all their registration details and payments have been fulfilled.

5. Travel details

Transfer from “Mother Theresa” Tirana International Airport (TIA) to the official hotel & venue will be arranged by the Organizing Committee. These transport services will be available on 30th September 2023 (*arrival*) and on 7th/8th October 2023 (*departure*). If the Organizing Committee is able, it will accept special requests from clubs regarding transfer dates. Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.

6. Payments

6.1 Payments In accordance with ECU regulations (article B.9.5.1)

- » Before or at the start of the competition each federation or club should pay the **ECU entry fee of 300 EUR** per participating club of the open competition and **200 EUR** per participating club of the women competition into the bank account of ECU.
- » Player’s license fees where applicable shall be paid before the start of the tournament.

Bank details:

Holder: European Chess Union

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

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

Reference: ECCC 2022

IBAN: CH3604835183510542000

Instructions: free of any bank charges for ECU

6.2 By the deadline of registration (no later than 15th August 2023), the **registration fee of 100 Euros** per person plus a non-refundable deposit of **30% for all costs** of each club should be transferred to the following Albanian Chess Federation Bank Account to confirm registrations and bookings.

Account holder name (Beneficiary):

Federata Shqiptare e Shahut

Bank name: Raiffeisen

Reference: ECCC 2023

Account No: 0021050488

IBAN: AL08202110060000000021050488

Swift Code/ BIC: SGSBALTX

With Payment Instructions = OUR

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender.

Please, follow above instruction, If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

7. Lodging and meals

- 7.1 According to the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU Tournament Regulations the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel for the championship. Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.
- 7.2 Accommodation and meals for all players and accompanying persons will be offered by the organizer. Please, see point 15. Official Hotels.

8. Trophies and Prize Fund

- 8.1 The first three teams will receive trophies. Each team member of the winning clubs open & women (players, reserve players and captain) will receive a gold medal. The team members of the 2nd and 3rd placed clubs will receive silver and bronze medals.
- 8.2 For the best placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the Open competition, prizes to the value of 29.000 Euros will be provided.
- 8.3 For the best-placed clubs and for the individual results for the best board result in the women competition, prizes to the value of 15.000 Euros will be provided.
- 8.4 The total prizes value of **45.000 Euros** will be distributed as follows:

	OPEN (29.000 EUR)	WOMEN (15.000 EUR)
1st place	10,000 Euro	6,000 Euro
2nd place	6000 Euro	4,000 Euro
3d place	4000 Euro	2,000 Euro
4th place	3,000 Euro	1,000 Euro
5th place	2,000 Euro	
6th place	1,000 Euro	
Individually the best performance per board =500 EUR	In Total: 3.000 EUR	In Total: 2.000 EUR

In addition, two (2) individual prizes (*1 in Open and 1 in Women*) of **500 EUR**, will be given to the players with the best performance from a “Balkan Chess Federation” member federation club.

- 8.5 Money prizes are distributed equally among teams with the same points.
- 8.6 For the individual prizes the players performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 70% of the rounds (for basic players) or 50% of the rounds (for reserve players). The reserve players are competing in the 6th Board in Open and in the 4th Board in Women Club Cup.

9. Schedule

Day	Date	Hours	Activity
Saturday	30 September		Arrivals
Saturday	30 September	20:00	Opening Ceremony*
Sunday	01 October	15:00	1 st round
Monday	02 October	15:00	2 nd round
Tuesday	03 October	15:00	3 rd round
Wednesday	04 October	15:00	4 th round
Thursday	05 October	15:00	5 th round
Friday	06 October	15:00	6 th round
Saturday	07 October	14:00	7 th round
Saturday	07 October	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	08 October		Departure

*The Captain's Meeting will take place 30 minutes after the Opening Ceremony. Teams who are not represented at the meeting may not be paired according for the 1st round.

10. Tournament Hall

The Open event and the Women event will be held in Grand Blue FAFA Conference Hall 1-2 min walking distance from the Hotel

11. Basic competition rules

11.1 The championships will be held in seven rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules.

If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

If there are 9-12 teams in a competition, the competition will be played by a

combined system according to the ECU Regulations.

11.2 The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:

a. by the sum of Sorbonne-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of matches points the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded

b. by the number of board points won, the highest number wins

c. by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins

d. by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins

11.3 According to FIDE and ECU rules, the time control 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.

11.4 Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

12. Additional competition rules

- ◇ The default time is 15 minutes.
- ◇ Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.
- ◇ During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing or to the pressroom.
- ◇ Flash photography may be used only in the first ten (10) minutes of the playing session.
- ◇ Only the players, captains and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- ◇ Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they don't play there themselves.
- ◇ As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- ◇ **Attention is drawn to the fact that this competition is offering the possibility to achieve GM- or IM-norms based on seven games.**
- ◇ No teams of federations which have financial arrears with respect to the European Chess Union will be allowed to enter the competition.
- ◇ The ECU Rule for dress code is valid for all European Championships.
- ◇ The European Anti-Cheating rules are valid for all European Championships (Article Q of the ECU Tournament Rules).
- ◇ It is assumed that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and accept to conform to them. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

13. Arbiters and Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee and the main Arbiters of the competition will be announced not later than 31st August 2023.

14. Entry visa to Republic of Albania

Players and accompanying persons from [visa-required](#) countries are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 15th of August 2023 and apply on time to the respective Albanian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

15. Official Hotels

15.1 Official Hotels: Grand Blue Fafa Resort/5-star (*****)

<https://www.fafa.al/grand-blue-fafa>

15.2 Accommodation per person: Breakfast, lunch and dinner (full board) daily.

Price in double room	Price in single room
64 Euro per person	89 Euro per person

All taxes (VAT, Municipality Tax and Tourism Tax) are included in the above mention fares.

Tournament office / Contact Information

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