

# 47<sup>th</sup> Ikaros International Chess Tournament 2024

## Aegean Open Championship 2024

(11-18 July 2024, Aghios Kirykos, Ikaria island, GREECE)

### Part of the celebrations for the 100 years of FIDE

**Organizers:** Municipality of Ikaria, Local Committee of Aegean Chess Clubs, Skakistiki Epikinonia of Heraklion-Attika, Ikaria Chess Club

**Under the auspices of :** International Chess Federation (FIDE), Greek Chess Federation (GCF)

**Venue:** Athletic Center of Aghios Kirykos, Ikaria island<sup>1</sup>, Greece

**Dates:** 11-18 July 2024

**Groups:** There will be two (2) groups (playing two separate tournaments)  
**Group A:** Players with FIDE rating  $\geq 1700$  (FIDE list July 2024)  
**Group B:** Players with FIDE rating  $\leq 1800$  (FIDE list July 2024)  
Players with FIDE rating between 1700 and 1800 may choose the group they prefer.

Participants born after 1/1/2012 having FIDE rating  $\geq 1650$  and veterans (S65) having FIDE rating  $\leq 1700$  hold the right to choose the group they prefer.

The organization committee holds the right, in special cases, to accept participants with FIDE rating  $\leq 1700$  to play in Group A.

The organization committee reserves the right to merge the two groups in one. In this case the money prizes of Group B will be awarded to the highest ranked participants (based on final standings) with FIDE rating  $\leq 1750$  (3 prizes for general standings, best female, best veteran S65)

**Playing System:** Nine (9) Rounds Swiss for Group A, Seven (7) Rounds Swiss for Group B. FIDE rules apply.

**Rate of play:** Ninety (90) minutes plus 30 seconds per move (from move 1) for the completion of the game for each player. Players that do not show up for their game after one (1) hour from the official start of a round are forfeited.

<b>Schedule:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Round:	Thursday	11/7	7.00 p.m.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round:	Friday	12/7	7.00 p.m.
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round:	Saturday	13/7	11.00 a.m. (No games for Group B)
	4 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Saturday	13/7	7.00 p.m.
	5 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Sunday	14/7	7.00 p.m.
	6 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Monday	15/7	7.00 p.m.
	7 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Tuesday	16/7	7.00 p.m.
	8 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Wednesday	17/7	7.00 p.m.
	9 <sup>th</sup> Round:	Thursday	18/7	11.00 a.m. (No games for Group B)
	Prize Giving:	Thursday	18/7	3.00 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> Ikaria is an island situated in the eastern Aegean Sea the name of which was inspired by the myth of Ikaros, a young Greek that died in the region in an attempt to fly on wings made from wax fleeing from the Cretan King Minos. For information about Ikaria island see: <http://www.island-ikaria.com>, <http://ikariaki.gr/>, <http://www.radio-ikaria.gr/>, <http://ikarianet.gr>, <http://www.nikaria.gr>, <http://www.ikariamag.gr>, <http://www.visitikaria.gr>

**Departure from Piraeus:** Thursday 11/7, at 07:15 a.m. (arrival at Aghios Kirykos at 2.15 p.m.)

**Departure from Ikaria:** Thursday at 18/7, 6:00 p.m. from Evidilos with F/B Blue Star Myconos (arrival at Piraeus at around 1.00 a.m.)

**Tie-breaks:** 1. Bucholtz, 2. Median Bucholtz ,  
3. Number of wins, 4. Sum of progressive scores

**Prizes:** The prizes will be € 4000 in total and will be shared as follows:

<b>Group A</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Winner	€ 800	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Winner	€ 500	2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 60
3 <sup>rd</sup> Winner	€ 200	3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 40
4 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 160	1 <sup>st</sup> Girl (U25)	€ 50
5 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 130	2 <sup>nd</sup> Girl (U25)	€ 30
6 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 100	3 <sup>rd</sup> Girl (U25)	€ 20
7 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 80	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Player	€ 100
8 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 60	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Lady	€ 50
9 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 50	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Junior (U25)	€ 50
10 <sup>th</sup> Winner	€ 40	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Girl (U25)	€ 30
1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	€ 200	1 <sup>st</sup> Veteran (S50)	€ 100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lady	€ 160	1 <sup>st</sup> Veteran (S65)	€ 100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lady	€ 120		

<b>Group B</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Winner	€ 150	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 50
2 <sup>st</sup> Winner	€ 100	2 <sup>nd</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 30
3 <sup>st</sup> Winner	€ 50	3 <sup>rd</sup> Junior (U25)	€ 20
1 <sup>st</sup> Lady	€ 50	1 <sup>st</sup> Girl (U25)	€ 20
1 <sup>st</sup> Veteran (S50)	€ 50	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Player	€ 50
1 <sup>st</sup> Veteran (S65)	€ 50	1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Lady	€ 25
		1 <sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Junior (U25)	€ 25

Moreover, there will be money prizes for the tournaments: **Aegean Friendship Chess Cup 2024** (€ 200), **Mediterranean Team Open Rapid Tournament "Achilleas Mitsakos" 2024** (€ 200) and **"100 Years of FIDE" Open Blitz Tournament** (€ 100).

**Important Note 1:** The female and veteran players, who are eligible for two money-prizes (general standings and special category), receive both **prizes**, one from the general standings and one from the special category. Cup prizes and medals will be awarded to all winners of the tournament (general standings, ladies, veterans). Medals will also be awarded to the three best juniors and girls in the categories below 20, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 08 years of age.

**Important Note 2:** The money-prizes are divided according to the **Hort system** among the players with the same final score. (With Hort system every player gets first 50% of the prizes according to his rank. The other 50% are distributed uniformly within a scoregroup over the players).

### **Winners of the Aegean Championship:**

The first Greek male and female chess players –members of chess clubs in the Aegean region- in Group A will be declared the Man and Woman Aegean Champion 2024 respectively.

## Entry Fee:

The entry fee for **Group A** of the Aegean Open Championship 2024 is **€ 60** (for players below 20 years of age and Members of chess clubs in the Aegean region **€ 40**), while for **Group B** the entry fee is set at **€ 40** for players below 20 years of age and members of chess clubs in the Aegean region **€ 30**)

This fee does not apply to holders of international titles (GM, IM, WGM, WIM), chess-players that have already qualified, members of the Ikaria Chess Club, members of PAS Ikaros club and Ikarian chess-players regardless of the club they belong to.

## Rapid/Blitz Tournaments and other parallel events of “Ikaros” 2024:

Rapid tournaments, blitz and rapid events (for veterans, ladies and juniors) and other parallel events (e.g., blind rapid, problem solving etc.) like **“100 Years of FIDE” Open Blitz Tournament** the **Aegean Friendship Chess Cup 2024** and the annual **Mediterranean Team Open Rapid Tournament “Achilleas Mitsakos” 2024** will be held during as well as after the main tournament.

## Participation Fees:

As all previous years, the organization committee of Ikaros International Chess Tournament will offer special prices for all participants. The special package offer includes:

1. Accommodation costs (the board (food) expenses, meals, breakfast etc are **NOT** included)
2. Free entry to the tournament (No entry fee).
3. Transportation (by bus) from the Therma and Aghios Kirykos (i.e. the places where participants reside during the tournament) to the playing venue 30 minutes prior the beginning of each round.
4. Transportation (by bus) from and to the port of Evdilos at the day of the scheduled arrival (11/7) and departure (18/7) of the group of chess players from Ikaria in case this is necessary due to the ferry schedule.

Depending on the room type, the price of the special discount offer for the period from the 11<sup>th</sup> until the 18<sup>th</sup> of July is set at:

Double Room: **€ 200 per person**, Triple Room: **€ 180 per person**, 4 bed room: **€ 160 per person**

For **families** (at least 3 members), four-member (at least) **club teams, junior players under the age of 20, natives of the Aegean region** and **unemployed persons** (bearing a valid unemployment card), **students under the age of 25** (bearing a valid University ID card) and **persons with disabilities** the price of the special discount offer for the period from the 11<sup>th</sup> until the 18<sup>th</sup> of July is set at:

Double Room: **€ 175 per person**, Triple Room: **€ 160 per person**, 4 bed room: **€ 145 per person**

Players requesting for some special room conditions or wish to spend some extra days in Ikaria should notify the organizers in advance. Additional fees will be charged according to the conditions requested.

In order for a **reservation to be valid, at least 25% of the total fee should be paid in advance.**

The amount due should be deposited through bank transfer to one of the following accounts:

a) **Piraeus Bank** with IBAN: **GR88 0171 1500 0061 5012 6987 025** (SWIFT CODE (BIC) **PIRBGRAA**) in the name of Skakistikos Omilos Ikarias (Ikaria Chess Club) or

b) **National Bank of Greece** with IBAN: **GR16 0110 1290 0000 1290 9318 888** (SWIFT CODE (BIC) **ETHNGRAA**) in the name of Kosmas Kefalos

Participants should send a copy of their deposit receipt (which should include the name of the participant) to the organization committee by e-mail at [ikaroschess2024@gmail.com](mailto:ikaroschess2024@gmail.com) prior the tournament. **Note:** Any deposit/transfer fees applied by the banks should be paid by the participants

**Note 1:** The above prices apply for the **participants in both groups** and also for the **accompanying persons**, regardless whether they participate in the tournament or not.

**Note 2:** The above prices and conditions apply only for reservations made through the organization committee of the tournament and make use of the special package offer. The organization committee is not responsible for reservations and agreements made directly with hotel/room owners.

**Note 3:** In case of no show (without prior early notification to the organization committee) the amount corresponding to one night will be charged.

### **Conditions to GMs/WGMs, and IMs/WIMs:**

For a limited number of **GMs/WGMs, IMs/WIMs** and the **players that have qualified from preliminary events** the organization committee covers for:

1. Accommodation costs (in double room, the board (food) expenses, meals, breakfast etc are **NOT** included) for the period 11<sup>th</sup> till 18<sup>th</sup> of July
2. Free entry to the tournament (No entry fee).
3. Transportation (by bus) from Therma and Aghios Kirykos (i.e. the places where participants reside during the tournament) to the playing venue 30 minutes prior the beginning of each round.
4. Transportation (by bus) from and to the port of Evidilos at the day of the scheduled arrival (11/7) and departure (18/7) of the group of chess players from Ikaria in case this is necessary due to the ferry schedule.

Additionally **GMs** and **WGMs** will receive **pocket money** to cover for their daily expenses as follows (based on FIDE rating list of July 2024): : Elo 2300-2399: € **100**, Elo 2400-2499: € **140**, Elo 2500-2599: € **210**, Elo 2600 and above: € **280**

### **Transportation to Ikaria:**

Ikaria can be reached either by ferry (from Piraeus, Mykonos or Samos) or by plane (from Athens, Thessaloniki and Heraklion). For details check with your travel agent or contact the organization committee for additional info.

### **Hygienic Protocol:**

The Hygienic Protocol of the Hellenic Chess Federation for Covid-19 pandemic will be strictly observed.

It is the responsibility of the participants to be tested with the Covid-19 antigen tests. The organizing committee will make an effort to facilitate the participants in case a repeat check is required during the games or before their return to Piraeus, if required by the Hygienic Protocols of the Greek Government.

The tournament director reserves the right to expel an athlete who, despite the recommendations, does not comply with the safety measures.

### **Contact Information:**

For more information send an e-mail at: [ikaroschess2024@gmail.com](mailto:ikaroschess2024@gmail.com) or call Mrs. Lemonia Avagianni at: and (+30) 6982-184521.

For possible updates and additional information concerning the Ikaros International Chess Tournament 2024, and the island of Ikaria, you can visit: <http://ikariaki.gr/>, <http://www.radio-ikaria.gr/>, <http://www.island-ikaria.com>, <http://ikarianet.gr>, <http://www.nikaria.gr>, <http://www.ikariamag.gr>, and <http://www.visitikaria.gr>