

EUROPEAN RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Zagreb - Croatia

13 – 17 December 2023



OFFICIAL INVITATION

1. ORGANIZERS

Croatian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. HOST CITY

Zagreb, capital city of Croatia

3. DATE AND VENUE

The Championship will be held from December 13th (day of arrival) until December 17th (day of departure) 2023 at Zagreb Fair, Avenija Dubrovnik 15, 10 000 Zagreb.

14 - 15th of December 2023. - European **Rapid** Chess Championship

16th of December 2023. - European **Blitz** Chess Championship



4. WEBSITE & EMAIL

WEB: <https://hrvatski-sahovski-savez.hr/>

E-MAIL: hss.crochess@gmail.com

5. SYSTEM OF PLAY

- a) The European Individual **Rapid** Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 rounds with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- b) The European Individual **Blitz** Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 13 single rounds, with the time control 3 minutes game + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

6. APPLICATION, REGISTRATIONS

The registration deadline is 13th of November 2023, and players should register by sending an e-mail to the organizer - hss.crochess@gmail.com

The registration must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title of each player.

There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- a) The tournament is played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess, FIDE General Regulations for Competition and ECU Tournament Rules.
- b) Default time - The game is lost by the player who arrives at the chessboard after his flag has fallen (time has run out).
- c) The tournaments are played according to A4 and B4 of the Laws of Chess respectively.
- d) The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:
 - (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other),
 - (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
 - (c) Buchholz,
 - (d) The greater number of games played with black,
 - (e) The Greater number of wins.

8. ORGANIZATION AND ECU ENTRY FEE

- a) Participation is open to all players representing one of the ECU federations (FIDE Zones 1.1 to 1.10), regardless of title and ranking.
- b) Entry fee for **Rapid** Tournament: Entry fee for players will be €45 (€20 fee to the ECU is included). Entry fee for **Blitz** Tournament: Entry fee will be €35 (€10 fee to the ECU is included).

The following categories of players registered not later than 13th of November 2023, shall pay no entry fee:

 - medal winners of respective European Championships (Blitz or Rapid) 2022
 - female players having FIDE rating of 2400 and above,
 - players having FIDE rating of 2600 and above,
- c) The players registered or paid after the mentioned above deadline may be not admitted to the tournament.

At the time of registration the registration fee must be paid to the following account:

Holder: CROATIAN CHESS FEDERATION

Address: Trg Kresimira Cosica 11, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Account number IBAN: HR7824810001120011240

Bank: Agram Banka d.d.

Bank address: Ulica grada Vukovara 74, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

SWIFT code: KREZHR2X

9. SCHEDULE

Rapid		Blitz	
Wednesday, 13.12.2023		Friday, 15.12.2023	
15:00 - 20:00	Arrivals. Registration of players in the game hall.	18:00-21:00	Registration of players in the game hall.
20:00	Technical meeting		
Thursday, 14.12.2023		Saturday 16.12.2023	
14:00	Opening Ceremony Round 1	10:30	Round 1
15:15	Round 2	11:00	Round 2
16:00	Round 3	11:30	Round 3
17:45	Round 4	12:00	Round 4
18:30	Round 5	12:30	Round 5
19:15	Round 6	13:00	Round 6
		15:00	Round 7
		15:30	Round 8
Friday, 15.12.2023		16:00	Round 9
11:00	Round 7	16:30	Round 10
11:45	Round 8	17:00	Round 11
12:30	Round 9	17:30	Round 12
16:30	Round 10	18:00	Round 13
17:15	Round 11	19:00	Closing Ceremony
18:00	Closing Ceremony	Sunday, 17.12.2023	
			Departure day

10. PRIZES

Total prize fund is **45.000 EUR** (rapid 30.000€, blitz 15.000€) as shown in the tables:

RAPID

1 st place	5000	9-10 th place	750
2 nd place	3500	11 -12 th place	600
3 rd place	2000	13 -14 th place	500
4 th place	1550	15 - 17 th place	400
5 -6 th place	1200	18 - 20 th place	300
7 - 8 th place	900	21 - 24 th place	250

Special prizes

Category	1 st place	2 nd place
The best woman player	200	150
The best player 65+	200	150
The best woman player 65+	200	150
The best player U20	200	150
The best woman player U20	200	150
The best player U18	200	150
The best woman player U18	200	150
The best player U14	200	150
The best woman player U14	200	150
The best player with ranking 2500 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 2400 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 2200 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 2000 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 1800 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 1600 or less	200	
The best player with ranking 1400 or less	200	
The best croatian player	200	
The best croatian woman player	200	
The best croatian player 65+	200	
The best croatian woman player 65+	200	
The best croatian player U20	200	
The best croatian woman player U20	200	
The best croatian player U12	200	
The best croatian woman player U12	200	
The best croatian player U16	200	
The best croatian woman player U16	200	
The best croatian player U18	200	
The best croatian woman player U18	200	

BLITZ

1 st place	2500	7 th place	400
2 nd place	1500	8 th place	350
3 rd place	1000	9 th place	300
4 th place	750	10 th place	250
5 th place	600	11 - 15 th place	200
6 th place	500	16 - 20 th place	150

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The best player 65+	150	100
The best woman player 65+	150	100
The best player U20	150	100
The best woman player U20	150	100
The best player U18	150	100
The best woman player U18	150	100
The best player U14	150	100
The best woman player U14	150	100
The best player with ranking 2500 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 2400 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 2200 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 2000 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 1800 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 1600 or less	150	
The best player with ranking 1400 or less	150	
The best croatian player	150	
The best croatian woman player	150	
The best croatian player 65+	150	
The best croatian woman player 65+	150	
The best croatian player U20	150	
The best croatian woman player U20	150	
The best croatian player U12	150	
The best croatian woman player U12	150	
The best croatian player U16	150	
The best croatian woman player U16	150	
The best croatian player U18	150	
The best croatian woman player U18	150	

All prizes in EUR. The main prizes are shared by Hort system and include players in the final ranking in Rapid till 24th place and in Blitz till 20th. The special prizes are not shared. One player can receive one prize – higher. If the prizes are the same amount, the player receives the prize from the highest category (below) in the order:

1. The best female player (starting from the youngest age group),
2. The best player (starting from the youngest age group),
3. The best woman player 65+
4. The best player 65+,
5. The best woman,
6. The best player in the ranking group (starting with the lowest ranking group),
7. The best croatian player/woman player, according to above order.

The players taking the first three places in each championship section will be awarded with cups. Trophies will be awarded after applying tie-break criteria.

11. PLAYING HALL

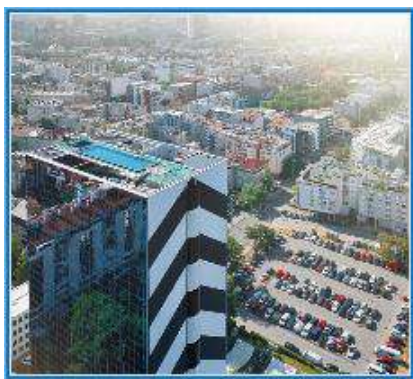
The championship will be held at the Zagreb Fair, pavilion 10a, Avenija Dubrovnik 15, 10000 Zagreb. <https://www.zv.hr/en>



12. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer provides accommodation in:

➤ **Hotel Zonar****** Trg Kresimira Cosica 9, Zagreb



Hotel "Zonar" is located a 20-minute walk from the city center. The hotel is located right next to the public bus stop and is 6 km from the Zagreb Fair. Zagreb Airport is 20 km away.

The hotel was fully renovated in 2023.



The price of accommodation in the hotel for half board is:

- Single room EUR 115.00 per day per person
- Double room EUR 80.00 per day per person

➤ **Hotel Mövenpick Zagreb****** Oreskovicева street 6H/2, Zagreb



Hotel "Mövenpick" is located 3 km from the Zagreb Fair and 6 km from the city center. Zagreb Airport is 9 km away.

All rooms are air-conditioned. The hotel's restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine, seafood and steaks. Vegetarian and gluten-free dishes are available on request.



The price of accommodation in the hotel for half board is:

- Single room EUR 135.00 per day per person
- Double room EUR 90.00 per day per person

➤ **Hotel Laguna Zagreb***** Kranjceviceva 29, Zagreb



Hotel "Laguna" is located a 15-minute walk from the city center. The hotel is located right next to the public tram stop and is 5 km from the Zagreb Fair. Zagreb Airport is 15 km away.

The hotel restaurant offers various Croatian specialties and international dishes, including vegetarian and kosher dishes.



- Single room EUR 94.00 per day per person
- Double room EUR 75.00 per day per person

If necessary, additional hotels will be offered.

The organizer can only guarantee accommodation in the official hotel when reservation and payment has been made on time. Regarding this we are asking all players to make all necessary reservations and payments on time.

Players and accompanying persons who choose a non-official hotel should take care of their own transportation.

People who want to be accommodated in one of the official hotels should inform the organizer.

Players who will be accommodated in the official hotel will be provided transportation to the hall.

The organizer will provide free accommodation for the ten top players. Interested players rated above 2650 rating should send an inquiry through the official email.

13. TRANSFERS

Upon request, the organizer will provide transportation to and from the official hotel from Zagreb airport, "Franjo Tudjman", on December 13 (arrival) and December 17 (departure). The price for transportation on the days of arrival and departure is €40 for a return ticket. Transportation on other days is possible upon personal request.

Shuttle buses to the playing hall will also be organized.

14. INSURANCE

All participants (players, accompanying persons, etc.) have to insure themselves for health and accident risk for the period of the Championship.

15. VISAS

Citizens of the following European countries are not required to be in possession of a visa when entering Croatia for less than 90 days: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina (only for holders of biometric passports), Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia(only for holders of biometric passports), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, North Macedonia, Malta, Moldova(only for holders of biometric passports) Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine (only for holders of biometric passports), United Kingdom.

The organizers will not be responsible for issuing an invitation for visa purpose if necessary information (last name, first name, date of birth of each player, passport number, date of

issue and validity) and scanned copy of the passport are submitted after the registration and payments are not done.

