

1. INVITATION

The Malopolska Chess Association, the Polish Chess Federation, the Community of Krakow, the European Chess Union (ECU), have honour to invite all the Chess Federations, and eligible players to take part in the European School Chess Championship 2018 (open and girls under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 years old) organized in Krakow (<http://www.krakow.pl/panoramy/>), Poland from 29th June to 8th July 2018.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Every National Federation, School Association, School may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the 12 age groups. In case that one girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age open group category.

2.2. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age:
of 7, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2011 and after) - Tournament Under 7,
of 9, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2009 and after) - Tournament Under 9,
of 11, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2007 and after) - Tournament Under 11,
of 13, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2005 and after) - Tournament Under 13,
of 15, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2003 and after) - Tournament Under 15,
of 17, by 1st January 2018 (date of birth - January 1st, 2001 and after) - Tournament Under 17,
Upon arrival chief of delegation, coach or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for the verification of the age eligibility.

2.3. All participants, including parents, coaches, observers and relatives are obliged to stay in official hotels. The access to the playing areas, venues will be allowed only to the organizer accredited people. The booking in the hotels must be done through the organizer.

2.4. Accommodation and travel expenses are covered by the participants, federations, schools or their sponsors. The players delegations must be accompanied at least by one adult (chief, coach or parent), who is responsible for the players. Participants insure themselves on their own.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - FEES, deadline 15th May, 2018

3.1. ECU fee. In accordance with the ECU regulations an entrance ECU fee of 20 EUR is required for each player. Their National Federations must send this amount directly to the ECU account.

3.2. ECU account information

Name	European Chess Union
National Bank Code	4835
Bank	Credit Suisse
Bank address	Postfach 357, CH-6301 Zug
Account number	1835105-42
SWIFT/BIC	CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN CODE	CH3604835183510542000

3.3. Registration fee. Every participant, coach and accompanying person shall pay 100 EUR to the organizer in Krakow as the registration fee. This payment includes transport from Krakow-Balice Airport, accreditation, badge, excursions.

3.4. Organizer account information

Name	Malopolski Zwiasek Szachowy
Address	31-549 Krakow, Aleja Powstania Warszawskiego 6/65, Poland
Bank	Powszechna Kasa Oszczednosci, Bank Polski SA, Oddzial 25 w Krakowie
Bank address	31-072 Krakow, ul. Wielopole 17
SWIFT CODE	BPKOPLPW
Account number	61 1020 2892 0000 5002 0429 6554

4. PAYMENTS - deadline 15th May, 2018

4.1. All payments (hotel, registration fee) made in EUR shall be transferred to the bank account of the organizer.

4.2. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. The players will not be paired until all the payments are effected to the organizer.

4.3. The deadline of all payments is 15th May, 2018.

4.4. That payments are compulsory and represent the confirmation of the participation. The hotel bookings are made only for people who confirm those payments.

5. REGISTRATION - deadline 15th May, 2018

5.1. Chess players can participate in the championships provided an official application is made by his/her National Federation, the School Association, the School on the registration forms.

5.2. The registration must include the Country/Federation, FIDE ID number, surname, first name, international rating and FIDE title, the passport details of every player, every coach and every accompanying person. It must also include the name, phone, email of the Delegation Chief.

5.3. The registration forms and the confirmations of both ECU fee and Registration fee payment must be sent to the organizer by fax +48-12-411-48-01 or by email: jan.kusina@gmail.com before 15th May, 2018.

5.4. An identity photo (2x3 cm) should be send for the badge of the players, coaches and accompanying persons by 15th May by the email: jan.kusina@gmail.com. The photo can be taken on arrival, cost 5 EUR.

6. ACCOMMODATION & FULL BOARD

6.1. The participants (players, coaches, accompanying persons) will stay in 4* stars hotel: Galaxy (8 Gesia st.). The playing hall is in the Galaxy hotel. Galaxy Hotel has 435 beds. After exhausting the Galaxy Hotel, participants will be accommodated at another hotel of the same standard under the same conditions.

6.2. In the hotel there is a free wireless connection in the rooms and in the lobby for all participants.

6.3. The accommodation charges must be paid in advance. The payment must be done in EUR.

6.4. The price includes an accommodation plus three meals per day starting on June 29th (dinner) till 8th July (lunch), 2018. Every person shall pay per day:

85 EUR in a single room 63 EUR in a double room 53 EUR in a triple room

7. VISAS

All participants applying for a visa must sent the copy of the passport before 16th February, 2018 to the Organizer. The Organizer will give full support to assist participants to receive entry visas.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

29 June	Friday	Arrival of Participants
29 June	Friday	20:00 Technical Meeting, Pairings
30 June	Saturday	11:00 Opening Ceremony
30 June	Saturday	15:30 1 Round
1 July	Sunday	9:30 Excursion "Chess in the museums of Krakow"
1 July	Sunday	15:30 2 Round
2 July	Monday	15:30 3 Round
3 July	Tuesday	9:30 4 Round
3 July	Tuesday	15:30 5 Round
4 July	Wednesday	9:30 Sightseeing tour of Krakow
4 July	Wednesday	16:30 School Chess Teachers Seminar
5 July	Thursday	15:30 6 Round
6 July	Friday	9:30 7 Round
6 July	Friday	16:30 Blitz tournament
7 July	Saturday	15:30 8 Round
8 July	Sunday	9:30 9 Round
8 July	Sunday	16:00 Closing Ceremony
9 July	Monday	Departure of Participants

9. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

9.1. The championships will be played under the ECU Tournament Regulations and FIDE Rules and will be FIDE rated. The championships will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 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 1.

9.2. **Tie-Break System.** 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) to the extent required:

(a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equalled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on.)

(b) Buchholz cut-1

(c) Buchholz

(d) The greater number of games played with black

(e) The greater number of wins

9.3. Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

10. PRIZES

10.1. The first winner in each open age category is the European School Champion for 2018. The first girl in each girl age category is the European Girl School Champion for 2018.

10.2. **Qualifications:** The winners of the European Championships 2018 have the right to participate free board and lodging to the World School Championship 2019 in Tunisia.

10.3. **Special offer:** The 6 ECU Champions (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 6 GIRLS ECU Champions (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) will play as personal right players (free stay and accommodation) in the XXIX International Chess Festival "Cracovia 2018" (27.12.2018-04.01.2019) in Krakow, Poland. The invitation is a very kind offer of the Malopolska Chess Association.

10.4. Players placed first, second and third of each category will be awarded with medals.

10.5. Other special gifts will be given from the 1st to the 6th places in each group.

10.6. All players and arbiters will be given diplomas for participation.

11. TRAVEL

According to ECU regulations all players, coach and accompanying persons shall cover the travel expense. Krakow has regular flight connections to numerous European destinations.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The games will be displayed live in the internet from the 50 chessboards.

The final interpretation of the Regulations is one of the Organizers. For any other matter not mentioned in the General Regulations, the Organizing Committee may decide after consultation with ECU.

13. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

13.1. School Chess Teachers Seminar 4th July, 2018

13.2. Open Blitz Tournament - 6th July, 2018; 11 rounds, Swiss system

13.3. Excursions with professional guides

13.4. Sport activities

14. APPLICATIONS & INFORMATION

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