

# 17<sup>th</sup> European Senior Chess Championship

## 11-21 August 2017 Sabadell – Spain

### 1. Schedule

Day	Date (August)	Time	Program	Place
Friday	11th		Player's Arrival	Gran Hotel Verdi, Hotel Urpi
		19:00	Technical meeting	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Saturday	12th	15:30	Opening ceremony	Cal Balsach Pavilion
		16:00	1st round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Sunday	13th	09:00-13:00	Blitz Tournament	Cal Balsach Pavilion
		16:00	2nd round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Monday	14th	16:00	3rd round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Tuesday	15th	16:00	4th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Wednesday	16th	16:00	5th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Thursday	17th	16:00	6th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Friday	18th	16:00	7th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Saturday	19th	09:00-13:00	Blitz Tournament	Cal Balsach Pavilion
		16:00	8th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Sunday	20th	15:00	9th round	Cal Balsach Pavilion
		21:00	Closing ceremony	Cal Balsach Pavilion
Monday	21st		Player's Departure	Gran Hotel Verdi, Hotel Urpi

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

### 2. System and rate of play

**2.1.** The championship is organized in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play 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.

**2.2.** Women tournament will be played separately. If in total the women participants are less than nine they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

**2.3.** In case of tiebreak ECU tournament regulations are valid (see point 3).

**2.4.** Default time at the start of all rounds will be 15 minutes.

### **3. Dress Code for the participants and the officials**

**3.1** All participants as well as the officials must comply with the Dress Code of the ECU. Participants and officials will present themselves in a neat and clean appearance.

**3.2** The Tournament Director or the Chief Arbiter will have the right to give official warning to any player not properly attired. The first warning will be a verbal one. The second time a player will be in breach with the Dress Code he/she will receive a second warning. This warning will be confirmed to the player in writing the same day. The player received the written warning will present him/herself to the tournament officials one hour before the start of the next round. If a player is then still in breach of the Dress Code he/she can be send back to dress appropriately. If he/she does not cooperate, he/she will be denied access to the playing area.

### **4. Ranking and 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) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The greater number of wins.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Competition Rules shall be applied.

### **5. Appeals**

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 €, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

### **6. Prizes**

**6.1.** The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2017 +50”.

**6.2.** The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship+65 receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2017 +65”.

**6.3.** The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+50 receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2017 +50”.

**6.4.** The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship+65 receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2017 +65”.

### **6.5. Money Prizes**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>ESCC - Open Senior +50</b>	<b>ESCC - Open Senior +65</b>	<b>ESCC Woman Senior +50</b>	<b>ESCC Woman Senior +65</b>
<b>1</b>	1.000 €	1.000 €	500 €	500 €
<b>2</b>	700 €	700 €	300 €	300 €
<b>3</b>	500 €	500 €	200 €	200 €
<b>4</b>	350 €	350 €		
<b>5</b>	250 €	250 €		
<b>6</b>	200 €	200 €		

Total Prize fund: 8.000 EUR

A player can get one prize only. According to the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then: his money prize will be reduced by 20 % with a minimum of 100 € any other prize (medal, trophy ...) will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100€ has not been paid. The money will be forfeited to ECU. ECU will send the money prizes by bank transfer.

Money prizes are net.

The first 3 places will be awarded with cups and medals. Prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

### **7. Qualifications to World Senior Championship**

The top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2017 are qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging in single room) to the World Senior Championship 2018.