European Blitz and Rapid Chess Championship
and
European Women Blitz and Rapid Chess Championship

Katowice, 16-18th of December 2022

Official Invitation

I ORGANIZERS - The Silesian Chess Federation under the auspices of the ECU and Polish Chess Federation

II HOST CITY - Katowice

III DATE AND VENUE

16th of December 2022 – European Blitz Chess Championship
17-18th of December 2022 – European Rapid Chess Championship
"Spodek" Sport and Entertainment Centre
Katowice, Aleja Korfantego 35
https://goo.gl/maps/6XYeUSdBMXG2

IV WEBSITE & EMAIL- www.katowice2022.eu office@katowice2022.eu

V CHIEF ARBITER - IA Tomasz Delega

VI REGISTRATION - IA Michał Wejsig, wejszach@wp.pl

VII SYSTEM OF PLAY

a) European Blitz Chess Championship (open and women play together) – 11 double rounds (revenge with reversed color), swiss system, rate of play is 3'+2" (3 minutes for a game for a player, with an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from the beginning).
b) European Rapid Chess Championship (open and women play together) – 11 rounds, swiss system, rate of play is 15'+10" (15 minutes for a game for a player, with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from the beginning).

VIII 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.

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.

IX CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

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) Registration for the tournament can by done by chessmanager website or by the form on the tournament website.
c) Entry fee to the tournament: **30 EUR** for the blitz and **40 EUR** for rapid (**SPECIAL OFFER – RAPID AND BLITZ TOGETHER 65 EUR**) and payment for the accommodation (see hotels below) need to be paid till 30 November. The entry fees contains the fee for ECU, 10 EUR together for both tournaments. **The following categories of players registered not later than 30th November 2022, shall pay no entry fee:**
- medal winners of respective European Championships (Blitz or Rapid) 2021
- female players having FIDE rating of 2400 and above,
- players having FIDE rating of 2600 and above,

d) The players registered or paid after the mentioned above deadline may be not admitted to the tournament.

Bank details: (for payments in EUR only):
Beneficiary: Slaski Zwiazek Szachowy
BNP PARIBAS BANK SWIFT PPABPLPK **PL43 1600 1462 1019 5563 7000 0003**

Please state names of the players concerned.

Notes:

1. The entry fee once paid will be not refunded.
2. All bank charges for bank transfer are to be borne by the players.
3. List of the players who paid entry fee will be updated on the tournament website. The players included on the list with the information about payment done can come directly for the first round (no need to confirm participation at the playing hall).
4. For invoices, please write szs.kontakt@gmail.com giving your data needed to be included on the invoice.
5. In case of any questions, please contact the Organizers **by e-mail at office@katowice2022.eu**
6. **Players registered after 30th November 2022** will be allowed to participate only in case free places are available. The Organizers reserve the right to admit such players starting from Round 2.
7. The Organizers reserve the right to verify the data given in the applications by unrated players.
8. Visas/invitations – all players who need a visa or an invitation are requested to write an email to office@katowice2022.eu

9. Due to possible covid restrictions, organizer suggests to choose the official hotel.
10. Organizer offers free accommodation and full board for 2700+ players and 2450+ women players. You are welcomed to ask about conditions.
11. Organizer offers free accommodation and breakfast for the top 10 players and top 8 women players.
12. Standard ranking for 1st October 2022 is used for the exemption from entry fees and special conditions.

X SCHEDULE

Thursday, 15.12.2022		**Saturday, 17.12.2022**	
All day	Arrivals	8.00 - 9.00	Registration
Friday, 16.12.2022		9.30	Round 1
8.00 – 9.00	Registration	10.45	Opening Ceremony
10.00	Round 1	11.15	Round 2
10.45	Round 2	12.30	Round 3
11.30	Round 3	13.30-15.00	Lunch break
12.15	Round 4	15.00	Round 4
13.00	Round 5	16.15	Round 5
13.30- 15.00	Lunch break	17.30	Round 6
15.00	Round 6	**Sunday, 18.12.2022**	
15.45	Round 7	10.00	Round 7
16.30	Round 8	11.15	Round 8
17.15	Round 9	12.30	Round 9
18.00	Round 10	13.00-15.00	Lunch Break
18.45	Round 11	15.00	Round 10
		16.15	Round 11
		17.30	Closing Ceremony

XI PRIZES

The winners of the respective championships will receive the title of European Champion/European Women Champion and medals will be given to the players taking the first three places in each championship, separately for Open and Women. The prize fund of the event is 44.000 EUR.

BLITZ OPEN

1st place	2000	7th place	400
2nd place	1000	8th place	300
3rd place	800	9th place	250
4th place	700	10th place	200
5th place	600	11 - 15th place	150
6th place	500	16 - 20th place	100

BLITZ WOMEN

1st place	1000	4th place	600
2nd place	800	5th place	500
3rd place	700	6th place	400

Special prizes BLITZ OPEN & WOMEN

Category	1st place	2nd place
The best player 65+	100	50
The best woman player 65+	100	50
The best player U20	100	50
The best woman player U20	100	50
The best player U18	100	50
The best woman player U18	100	50
The best player U14	100	50
The best woman player U14	100	50
The best player with ranking 2500 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 2400 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 2200 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 2000 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 1800 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 1600 or less	100	
The best player with ranking 1400 or less	100	
The best polish player	100	
The best polish woman player	100	
The best polish player 65+	100	
The best polish woman player 65+	100	
The best polish player U20	100	
The best polish woman player U20	100	
The best polish player U18	100	
The best polish woman player U18	100	
The best polish player U14	100	
The best polish woman player U14	100	

RAPID OPEN

1st place	4000	9-10th place	600
2nd place	2500	11 -12th place	500
3rd place	1500	13 -14th place	400
4th place	1000	15 - 17th place	300
5 -6th place	800	18 - 20th place	200
7 - 8th place	700	21 - 24th place	150

RAPID WOMEN

1st place	2500	4th place	800
2nd place	1500	5th place	750
3rd place	1000	6th place	700

Special prizes RAPID OPEN & WOMEN

Category	1st place	2nd place
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 polish player	150	
The best polish woman player	150	
The best polish player 65+	150	
The best polish woman player 65+	150	
The best polish player U20	150	
The best polish woman player U20	150	
The best polish player U18	150	
The best polish woman player U18	150	
The best polish player U14	150	
The best polish woman player U14	150	

All prizes in EUR. The main prizes are shared by Hort system. The special prizes are not shared. One player can receive one prize – higher. Prizes above 425 EUR will be reduced by 10% of tax. If the prizes are the same amount, the players 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 polish player/woman player, according to above order.

XII ACCOMMODATION

Official hotel

Park Hotel**** Diament, ul. Wita Stwosza 37, 00-042 Katowice
http://www.hotelediament.pl/en/park-hotel-diament-katowice-en/
Single room per night – 52EUR/250PLN – breakfast included
Twin/double room per night – 60EUR/290PLN – breakfasts included
Distance from the playing hall – 2,5km
https://goo.gl/maps/GrEynFa1re4sjL6v6

XIII TRANSFER FROM AIRPORTS

Organizers are offering transportation from/to Katowice (KTW) and Krakow (KRK) airports to official hotel. Cost of return travel:

- 40 EUR KTW
- 50 EUR KRK

XIV ENTRY TO POLAND

a) All participants should follow the rules regarding entry into Poland using the following link: https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/travel
b) During the stay in Poland and during the competition, all country measures that are valid at the time of the sport event will be applied.
c) Additional measures may be decided according to the ECU protocols.

XV OTHER

a) In a case of cancellation of the championship, all payments which were made will be fully refunded. The championship can be cancelled only in a case if Republic of Poland issue a ban on holding all sports competitions.
b) In a case that any of the registered players or accompanying persons are not able to participate due to epidemiological reasons and inform the organizer in advance, at least three days before the start of the competition, all payments which were made will be fully refunded.
c) The player takes out insurance on their own for the duration of the competition.
d) The organizer reserves the right to use, free of charge, audiovisual materials produced during the tournament, in particular photos, film materials, interviews and audio recordings presenting the participants for information and promotional purposes. By registering for the tournament, participants consent to the use of their image for promotional purposes of the tournament.