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General Information

EUROPEAN YOUTH U18 TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

July 9-17, 2016, Celje, Slovenia

1. Organizer

The Slovenian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. Website

www.chess.si/eytcc2016

All informations, including photos and live transmission, will be available on official website.

3. Playing hall

The Championships will be held in the Hotel Celeia, Mariborska cesta 3, 3000 Celje.

4. Reception

The reception will be arranged in the Hotel Celeia. All Delegations should register there their participation between 14.00 and 20:00 and take part in the Captain's Meeting on July 9th at 21:00.

5. Chief arbiter

The name of the chief arbiter will be published in April 2016.

6. Contact

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7. Venue, date and schedule

1. The Championship will be held from: July 9th (day of arrival) to July 17th (day of departure), 2016 in Celje, Slovenia.
2. Captain's Meeting will take place on July 9th at 9 p.m. at the tournament hall at the Hotel Celeia.

9.07.2016	21:00	Arrival of Participants Captain's Meeting
10.07.2016	14:30 15:00 - 20:00	Opening Ceremony 1 st round
11.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00	2 nd round
12.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00	3 rd round
13.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00	4 th round
14.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00	5 th round
15.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00	6 th round
16.07.2016	15:00 - 20:00 21:00	7 th round Closing Ceremony
17.07.2016	Departure of Participants	

8. Participation

Each national federation affiliated to the European Chess Union (ECU) has the right to enter unlimited number of teams of four (4) players and one (1) reserve in the open competition and unlimited number of teams of two (2) female players and one (1) reserve in the girl's competition.

9. System and rate of play

1. The European Youth Team Championship shall be held on the Swiss system in 7 rounds, with one open section and one section for the girl's teams, considered as separate competitions. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.
2. Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.
3. Zero-tolerance rule will be applied for the 1st round. Default time for other rounds is 15 minutes. **Players violating this rule will be forfeited.**

10. Tie-break system

The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from **A** to **B** to **C** to **D** the extent required:

A	by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent
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	who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins
B	by the number of board points won, the highest number wins
C	by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins
D	by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

11. ECU Entry Fee

1. In accordance with ECU regulations an entry fee of 100 Euro is required for each open national team and another 100 Euro for each girls national team.
2. According to ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

12. Applications, registration

1. The national federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the enclosed Application Forms (in attachment) to the organizers as soon as possible but not later than **June 10th, 2016**. **Applications have to be sent by the national federations, only.**
2. The completed application forms should be sent by official email to: eytcc2016@sah-zveza.si
3. The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, passport number of each player/captain/head of delegation. It must also include the name and telephone/email/fax number of the person in charge of the Federation. Teams will not be registered until all their registration details have been fulfilled.
4. Not later than July 1st, each participating federation shall confirm the exact team lists with all names. The list must be sent to the Organizer and ECU Tournament Director.
5. **Late Entries:** Applications received after June 10th, 2015, may be refused the entry, or may be subject to reimbursement of extra costs incurred by the organizers.

13. Prizes

1. The winner of the open section receives the title "European Youth Team Champion 2016". The winner of the girls section receives the title "European Youth Team Champion for girls 2016".
2. The first three teams in open and girls section as well will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.
3. All players, team captains are to take part in the opening and closing ceremony. If one (player, member or captain of a team) of the prize-winners is absent during the closing ceremony, medal, trophy, and in-kind prizes will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100 Euro per player (or captain) has not been paid.

14. Insurance

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

15. Medical care

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services.

16. Weather conditions

We expect sunny weather with temperature about 25 Celsius. Occasional rain is possible.

17. Electricity

The standard voltage in Slovenia is 220 Volts with Euro plugs.

18. Accommodation and board

Accommodation for all participating teams is offered in the Hotel Celeia, Celje youth hostel and Student dormitory. The Championships will be played in Hotel Celeia. <http://www.hotel-celeia.si/en/>
All prices are per person.

Hotel Celeia:

60 € per day per person	Single room with full board
49 € per day per person	Double room with full board
44 € per day per person	Triple room with full board

Celje youth hostel: 5 minutes of walking to the playing hall

30 € per day per person	Single room without food
24 € per day per person	Double room without food
18 € per day per person	Room for 6 - 8 people without food

Student dormitory Celje: 10 minutes of walking to the playing hall

32 € per day per person	Single room with full board
28 € per day per person	Double room with full board
28 € per day per person	Single room with breakfast and lunch
24 € per day per person	Double room with breakfast and lunch

1. The organizer can only guarantee accommodation for official venues when the reservation and payment has been made on time. Regarding this we are asking all Federations to make all necessary reservations and payments on time.
2. After the registration deadline, organizers are not obliged to provide accommodation and board. Reservations made in the official venues are valid only if the payments are made not later than June 15th, 2016.

19. Local transport

1. The organizers can arrange the transfer to Celje on arrival (July 9, 2016) and return on departure (July 17, 2016) from:

Ljubljana, Jože Pučnik Airport, Slovenia	80 km	30 €
Ljubljana Railway station	80 km	30 €
Zagreb, Airport	115 km	40 €

20. Payments

1. At the time of registration accommodation payments have to be done by bank transfer before June 15th, 2016 to the following bank account:

Holder: Sahovska zveza Slovenije,
Bravnicarjeva 13, 1000 Ljubljana
Account no: SI56 19100-0010000463 (in EUR)
Bank: DBS d.d.
SWIFT code: SZKBSI2X

1. The foreign Bank commissions are to be paid by senders. If it is not paid, the organizers will charge the respective participants and the payment must be done in full before the end of the second round.
2. All payments paid are not refundable. However, force majeure might, in extreme cases, be considered in cases when organizer can retrieve the funds from the venue.

21. Currency and exchange

The currency unit is euro. Convertible foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport, railway station, in all banks and exchange offices. All major credit cards are welcomed in the most of hotels, big shops and restaurants.

22. Visas

1. Slovenia is a member of the Schengen agreement.
2. The organisers will not be responsible for issuing an invitation for visa purpose if necessary information (last name, first name, passport number, date of issue and validity) and scanned copy of the passport are submitted after June 1st, 2016 and payments are not done.
3. Members of national federation requiring visas are requested to contact the Coordinator Ana Srebrnic, at email: eytcc2016@sah-zveza.si.

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