European Youth Team Chess Championship

CATEGORIES U12 AND U18
Terme Čatež, Slovenia
04th – 12th July 2025

INVITATION & REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION:

The Slovenian Chess Federation and the European Chess Federation (ECU) have the honor to invite all players throughout Europe to participate in the EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (categories U12 and U18) organized in Brežice (Slovenia) from 04th July (arrival) to 12th July 2025 (departure). The event will be held in the Terme Čatež hotel venue (Terme Čatež d.d., Topliška 35, SI-8250 Brežice, Slovenia) https://www.terme-catez.si/en/.

2. PARTICIPATION:

2.1 The European Youth Team Chess Championships (EYTCC) will include four (4) separate competitions, an open competition and a girl's competition in both categories U12 and U18. The playing members of the teams shall not have reached the age of 12 or 18, depending on category, by 1st January 2025:

- Players U12 should have a birth date of 1st January 2013 and after.
- Players U18 should have a birth date of 1st January 2007 and after.

2.2 Each national federation member of the European Chess Union (ECU) has the right to enter up to four (4) teams of four (4) players and one (1) reserve in the open competitions and up to four (4) teams of two (2) female players and one (1) reserve in the girl competitions. These teams may represent the national federation, a region, a city, a club, or a school.

3. ECU ENTRY FEE

3.1 In accordance with ECU regulations, an entry fee of 100 euros for each team is required

3.2 Participating federations must pay the entry fee to the bank account of ECU, before the start of the competition. If the entry fee does not reach the ECU bank account by the end of the round 2, these teams will not be paired in the next rounds. The ECU fee must be paid to the bank account of the European Chess Union:

Bank: Credit Suisse
Bank address: Postfach 357, Zug 6301, Switzerland BIC/SWIFT
Code: CRESCHZZXXX
IBAN Account number: CH3604835183510542000
Account Holder: European Chess Union

4. REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND TRAVEL DETAILS

4.1 Entry forms must be filled and sent to the Tournament office no later than 30th May 2025. If the registration form is not completed by the federation itself, a copy must be sent to the national federation.

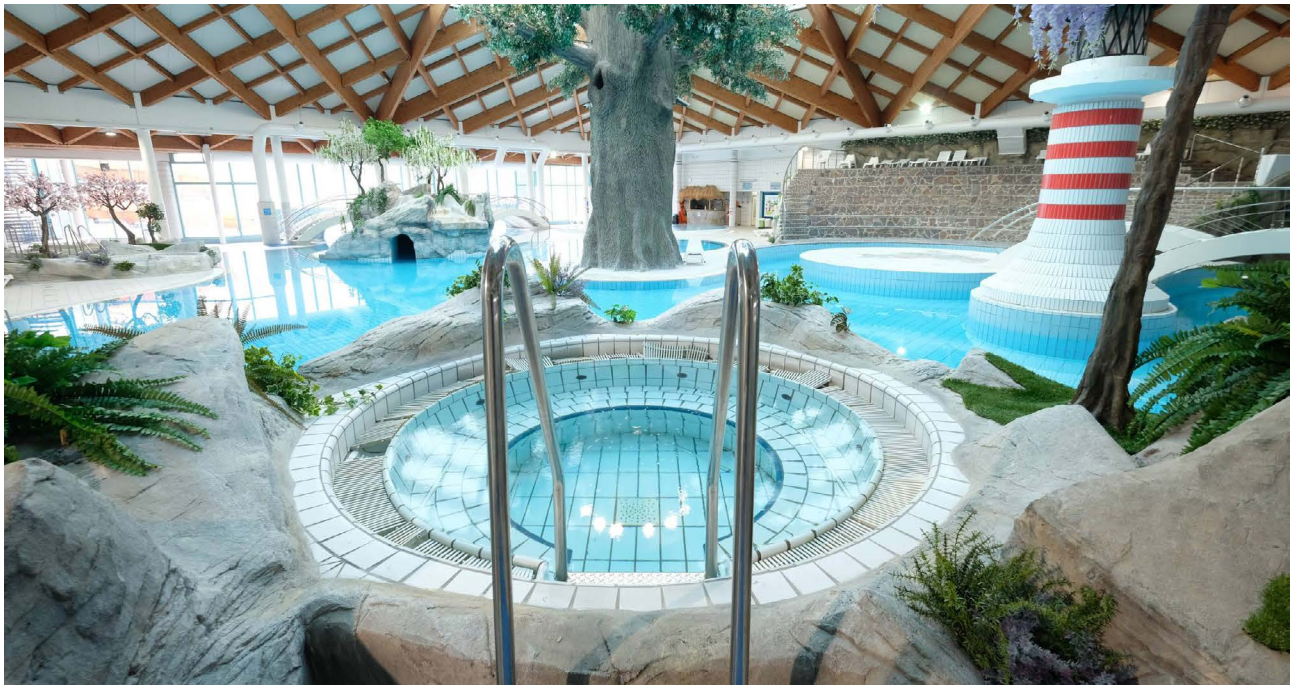
4.2 A complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number or identity card number of each player, captain, and each accompanying person. It also must include the name and telephone, e-mail of the chief of delegation who must be an adult.

4.3 Participants should book their flights to Zagreb International Airport (Zagreb IA) which is located 40 km from the venue. The bus transportation from and to Zagreb International Airport is included in the organization package for all participants on the arrival day (4th July) and the departure day (12th July). Transportation provided by the organizers in other dates is possible upon request with an extra charge.

5. REGISTRATION - ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE (8 NIGHTS)

5.1 The event will be held in the official hotel complex comprising of the following hotels:
Hotel Terme 4*, Hotel Toplice 4* and Hotel Čatež 3*.
Please note: Hotel Čatež 3* has been added subsequently due to the need for increased accommodation capacity.
Reservations will be made on a “first come, first served” basis.

Accommodation package includes (per person):
- Accommodation for 8 nights (4th – 12th July)
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including potable water (full board) daily
- Transportation from and to Zagreb airport on the 4th of July and 12th of July



Price per person in double room: 670 euros per person
Price per person in single room: 820 euros per person

Participants will have access to the outdoor pools (Summer Thermal Riviera) at special rates:
Adults: 10 EUR
Children: 7 EUR

5.2 The registration fee is 80 euros for each player and accredited/accompanying person.

5.3 A deposit payment of 200 euros of the total due amount shall be paid for each player and accompanying person prior to 30th May, wherein bank charges shall be covered by the sender. The rest of the payment is to be transferred no later than 15th June. The payments in question are to be transferred to the following bank account:

Bank: Deželna banka Slovenije, Kolodvorska ulica 9, 1000 Ljubljana
Holder: Šahovska zveza Slovenije / Slovenian chess Federation, Bravničarjeva ulica 13, 1000 Ljubljana
IBAN Code: SI56 1910 0001 0000 463
SWIFT code (BIC): SZKBSI2X

5.4 Accommodation can be provided for a longer period of stay (more than 8 nights), however, the organiser shall be notified about such request in advance. This type of accommodation shall be provided at a certain extra cost.

5.5 According to ECU youth tournaments rules (Article B.14.5.1), participants are to be accommodated in the official hotel.

6. PLAYING HALL

The playing hall is located in Hotel Toplice, and it is connected to Hotel Čatež through an underground corridor. All the hotels are within walking distance of the playing hall.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

04. 07. 2025		Arrival of Participants
	21:00	Captain's Meeting
05. 07. 2025	14:30	Opening Ceremony
	15:00	1st round
06. 07. 2025	15:00	2nd round
07. 07. 2025	15:00	3rd round
08. 07. 2025	15:00	4th round
09. 07. 2025	15:00	5th round
10. 07. 2025	15:00	6th round
11. 07. 2025	15:00	7th round
	21:00	Closing Ceremony
12. 07. 2025	21:00	Departure of Participants

8. SYSTEM AND RATE OF GAME

8.1 The European Youth Team Championship shall be held according to Swiss system in 7 rounds, with two open sections and two sections for the girls' teams, considered as separate competitions. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 min. + 30 sec. increment for every move played starting from move 1. If there are eight teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case, the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

8.2 Players may only agree to a draw after black's 30th move. 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 penalized for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

8.3 Default time for all rounds is 15 minutes.

9. ANTI-CHEATING GUIDELINES

The ECU anti-cheating guidelines, the FIDE Code of Ethics and the ECU Fair Play Code are valid.
Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present passports for verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, with a hand held metal detector, can be performed by the arbiter(s) to players, before or during the games.

10. TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

10.1 The ranking will be made according to match points. The team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition.

10.2 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 to the extent required:

A. by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of match points the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded;
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.

The result of the unplayed match is as follows:
In open category – 2 match points and 4 game points in case of an unplayed win, 1 match point and 2 game points in case of a bye, 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss.
In girls category – 2 match points and 2 game points in case of an unplayed win, 1 match point and 1 game point in case of a bye, 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss.

11. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Appeals Procedure Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. 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 appeal has to be lodged by the player or the captain of the team. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

12. TITLES & PRIZES

12.1 The winning team of the open competition receives the title “European Youth Champion Team 2025” in its respective category.

12.2 The winning team of the girls competition receives the title “European Youth Champion Team for Girls 2025” in its respective category.

12.3 The winning team of the combined age category of the competition (sum of the match points from both tournaments open & girls, then, if equal, sum of the game points) receives the title “Absolute European Youth Champion Team 2025” in its respective age category.

12.4 The first three (3) teams in each competition will receive trophies. Each member of the winning team (players, reserve, and captain) will receive a gold medal. The members of the 2nd and 3rd placed teams will each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively.

12.5 The Winners (1st place) of the combined categories U18 & U12 will receive trophies and players’ medals and practical prizes.

13. VISA INFORMATION

13.1 Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Slovenia, are requested to contact the Organizer before the registration deadline of 4th of May 2025. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in articles 5.1 and 5.2 above.

13.2 Schengen visas are valid in Slovenia.

14. TOURNAMENT OFFICE / CONTACT INFORMATION

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Official website: www.eytcc2025.eu

Venue: https://www.terme-catez.si/en/

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