

# European Senior Chess Championship

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Lignano Sabbiadoro - Italy  
October 24 - November 3, 2024

## Invitation & Regulations



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## Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of ECU to participate.

The Italian Chess Federation, along with the local organizers GM Roberto Mognanzini and IO Andrea Bisaro, invites all senior Ladies and Gentlemen throughout the European Countries to participate in the ECU Senior Individual Chess Championship (50+ 65+), which will be held in **Lignano Sabbiadoro, from October 24 (arrival day) till November 3 (departure day) 2024.**

All players shall have reached the age of 50 and 65 (by December 31st, 2024).

Following the ECU tournament rules, the Championship will be played in four categories: age 50+ and 65+ (Open and Women).

**Registration will be possible until September 30.**

**Tournament Director: GM-IO-FST Roberto Mognanzini**



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## 1. Participation

1.1. All players shall have reached the age of 50 and 65 (by December 31st of the year in which the tournament will commence).

By the FIDE and ECU tournament rules, the Championship will be played in four categories: age 50+ and 65+ (Open and Women);

1.2. The players placed 1-3 in the previous European Senior Championships shall have the personal right to participate in the European Senior Championships of the corresponding age category or a higher age category if the age stipulation of Art. 2.1 above is met.

All other persons, other than players shall be classified as Accompanying Persons.

1.3. To provide appropriate tournament conditions, players must complete carefully the official registration form and submit it to the Organizers by Monday, September 30, 2024.

## 2. Registration and travel

2.1. Each player (official or additional) must pay the Organizers the amount of 120 € at the moment of their registration by 30 September 2024. This registration fee is compulsory, includes the ECU entry fee, and represents a confirmation of participation, otherwise, registration will be invalid and will not be accepted.

2.2. Players and officials will receive accreditation and badges, during games players will have access to free refreshments.

2.3 Transfers for players, accompanying officials and additional persons on the official arrival and departure days from Venice International Airport (Marco Polo) will be provided at the cost of 40 € per way. Transfers must be booked by October 10, 2024; after this date, the Organizers can refuse to accept requests.

2.4. The deadline for registration is 30 September 2024. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, if there is availability, a penalty of 80 € for each late registration will be charged to participants.

2.5. Every registration must include the Federation, FIDE ID, surname, first name, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure, and the passport number of every player and every accompanying person who requires an invitation. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

2.6. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation.



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## 3. ECU Technical Officials

3.1. The Chief Arbiter will be announced in due time.

3.2. ECU officials (arbiters, appeals committee, delegate) will be announced in due time.

## 4. Technical regulations

The Championship shall be played in 9 rounds of the Swiss System. The time is 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

The default time at the start of all 9 rounds is 30 minutes.

The Women's Tournament will be played separately if there are more than 9 participants in total. According to the ECU regulations if there are less than 9 women participants in one age group the tournament merges with the respective open category.

For example, if the ladies 65+ are less than 9 will play in open 65. The prizes remain for the women, but they can also play for the open prizes. In this case, the prize choice communication will be agreed upon with the Chief Arbiter.

## 5. Appeals procedure

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, 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 by 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.



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## 6. Tie-breaks

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:

1. 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 equaled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1, and so on;
2. Buchholz Cut 1;
3. Buchholz;
4. The greater number of games played with black;
5. 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.

## 7. Other regulations

7.1. Type of Clock: DGT 3000 and DGT 2010

7.2 The European Anti-Cheating Rules (ECU Tournament Rules, Part Q) and the FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A.10) shall apply. Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present their passports for the verification of a player's age eligibility.

Random searches, performed through hand-held metal detectors, may be carried out by arbiter(s), namely before, during or after the games.

7.3 The **ECU Fair Play Code** and the **ECU Dress Code** are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organizers and participants shall follow these regulations.



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## 8. Payments

8.1. Entries must be submitted through the registration forms by 30 September 2024.

8.2. When registering (by 30 September 2024), the registration fee of 120 € and a deposit fee of 350 € for the cost of board and lodging shall be paid through the organizer bank account given. Bank accounts will be individually communicated by email.

8.3. Each player will be invoiced by the organizers. Upon payments confirmed, the Organizers will send to the players the confirmation of the hotel bookings. Confirmed registrations will then appear on the official website and ChessResults, where players' statuses may be checked daily.

8.4. All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are transferred to the Organizers.

## 9. Venue, official hotel - board and lodging

The venue of the event is Bella Italia EFA Village - Viale Centrale, 29, 33054 Lignano Sabbiadoro UD

9.1 The official hotel's rates (where the tournament will be held) are:

Full board, 3 meals/ day:

Rooms	Full board	Half board
Single	85 €	80 €
Double	73 €	68 €
Triple	63 €	58 €

\*prices are meant per person per day

Prices include VAT taxes, city tax will be paid upon arrival at check-in



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## PREMIUM rooms

- Rooms equipped with bathroom with shower and toilet, TV, air conditioning, bed sheets, and towels;
- Daily room cleaning;
- Buffet
- Parking without surveillance inside the resort.

9.2. Official players, as per point 1.2 of the regulations, are offered FREE full board accommodation in a single room from October 24 (arrival day, dinner) to November 4 (lunch, departure day).

9.3. If a player is among those who are entitled to free lodging, as per point 2.2 of the regulations, they cannot substitute.

## 10. Tournament schedule

Activity	Day	Time
Arrival day	Thursday, October 24	
Technical meeting and badge distribution	Thursday, October 24	21:00
Opening ceremony	Friday, October 25	14:30
First round	Friday, October 25	15:00
Second round	Saturday, October 26	15:00
Blitz tournament FIDE rated	Saturday, October 26	21:30
Third round	Sunday, October 27	15:00
Fourth round	Monday, October 28	15:00
Fifth round	Tuesday, October 29	15:00
Blitz tournament FIDE rated	Tuesday, October 29	21:30
Sixth round	Wednesday, October 30	15:00
Seventh round	Thursday, October 31	15:00
Eight round	Friday, November 1	15:00
Nineth round	Saturday, November 2	15:00
Closing ceremony	Saturday, November 2	21:30
Departure day	Sunday, November 3	



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## 11. Tournament's picture and press releases

Press releases, photos, highlight videos, a selection of games in pgn format, and general information will be provided daily through the social accounts and official website.

## 12. Prizes

12.1. The three best players in each tournament will receive a medal.

12.2. Prize fund 8.000 € in money and 2.000 € in goods

Ranking	Open 50+	Open 65+	Women 50+	Women 65+
1st ranked	900 €	900 €	400 €	400 €
2nd ranked	700 €	700 €	250 €	250 €
3rd ranked	500 €	500 €	150 €	150 €
4th ranked	350 €	350 €		
5th ranked	300 €	300 €		
6th ranked	200 €	200 €		
7th ranked	150 €	150 €		
8th ranked	100 €	100 €		

## 13. Side events

During the tournament, two blitz FIDE rated tournaments will be organized. Please refer to the tournament schedule.

## 14. Contacts

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