

EUROPEAN TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021
ČATEŽ, SLOVENIA
November 11th – 22nd
GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Venue & Schedule

The championships will be held at Terme Čatež Spa (Terme Čatež d.d., Topliška 35, 8250 Brežice; <https://www.terme-catez.si/en/>)

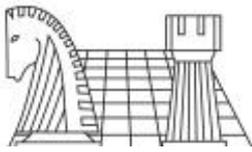
Day	Hour	Date	Activity	Location
Thursday		nov.11	Arrival	Terme Čatež
Thursday		nov.11	Mandatory covid testing for all participants	Hotel Terme, hall A+B
Thursday	20:00	nov.11	VIP Opening Ceremony	Castle Brežice (7 min with bus from Terme Čatež - transfer will be provided)
Thursday	22:00	nov.11	Technical Meeting	Hotel Terme, conference hall Termopolis
Friday	14:30	nov.12	Opening Ceremony	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Friday	15:00	nov.12	Round 1	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Saturday	15:00	nov.13	Round 2	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Sunday	15:00	nov.14	Round 3	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Monday	15:00	nov.15	Round 4	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Tuesday	15:00	nov.16	Round 5	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Wednesday		nov.17	Mandatory covid testing for all participants	Hotel Terme, hall A+B
Thursday	15:00	nov.18	Round 6	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Friday	15:00	nov.19	Round 7	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Saturday	15:00	nov.20	Round 8	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Sunday	15:00	nov.21	Round 9	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Sunday	21:30	nov.21	Closing Ceremony	Playing hall (Hotel Toplice, sports hall)
Monday		nov.22	Departure	Terme Čatež

2. Participation & System and Rate of Play

- Each ECU member has the right to enter one team of four players and one reserve in the Open competition and one team of four female players and one reserve in the Women's competition.
- The European Team Championship shall be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with one Open section and one section for the Women's teams, each considered as separate competitions.
- According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with 30 seconds increment for every move played starting from the move on.

3. Registration & Fee

- The registration deadline is September 30th, 2021
- The national federations are kindly requested to fill the registration accommodation flight form which can be found on the official website etcc2021@gmail.com



- Please notice that the registration form must be submitted by the national federations only.
- Teams will not be registered until all their registration details have been adequately submitted.
- Each participant federation shall confirm the team lists with all names not later than September 30th, 2021.
- Late registrations: applications received after September 30th, 2021 may be refused or be subject to an additional entry fee (at least equal to the reimbursement of extra costs incurred by the organizers).
- Every national federation will pay a registration fee of 100 Euro per participant/coach/accompanying person to the organizer. This fee is obligatory for all and includes registration and accreditation badges as well as transportation from and to Zagreb airport.
- The fee should be paid not later than September 30th, 2021 to the following 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

4. ECU Fee

- In accordance with ECU regulations, an entry fee of 260 Euro is required for each open national team and another 260 Euro for each women's national team.
- According to ECU regulations, the entry fee shall be paid by the respective federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the competition.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the ECU:

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

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

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5. Visa Information

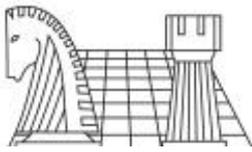
Slovenia is a member of Schengen agreement. Citizens of some non-EU countries are required to obtain entry visas (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kosovo, Russia and Turkey). Citizens of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Serbia and Ukraine are exempted from this if they are holders of biometric passports.

Information link: <https://www.gov.si/en/countries/?letter=A>

They are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before **September 10th**, 2021 and timely apply at the respective Slovenian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide the guarantee list along with required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee bears no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

6. Airport & Transportation

- The organizer will provide bus transportation from Zagreb, Croatia airport to hotels (both ways) for all participants on November 11th as well as the departure transfers on November 22nd. The price is included in registration fee. If any delegation should arrive one or two days before the competition or leave later the same service will be provided.



- The cost of travel from Ljubljana airport to hotels (105 km one way) is 60 Euro (both ways) per person.
- Players using private transport arrangements and who clearly indicate this in their registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.

7. Hotel and Meals

- Reservations will be made on the “first come, first served” basis.
- According to the article B.14.5.1 of the ECU tournament regulations the participating teams shall stay in the official hotel assigned for the championship. Bookings are possible only through the Organizing Committee.
- Reservations and 50% of payments for hotels must be made before October 10th, 2021 (registration deadline), the remaining payment (50%) must be made by November 5th.
- Daily cost of full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) accommodation, per person:

	Double	Single
Hotel Terme****	89 EUR	100 EUR
Hotel Toplice****	85 EUR	95 EUR
Hotel Čatež***	74 EUR	89 EUR

- Tourist tax cost is 2,5 € / day /participant.

- All hotels are in the same complex.
- The Organizing Committee will not complete hotel bookings until payments have been made to the organizer's account, but not later than October 10th, 2021.
- After this date, the advance payments are not refundable in case of cancellation (With an exception cancellation because of covid19 - on presentation of the relevant document).
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8. Payments

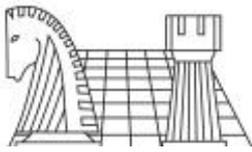
- After the registration form has been filled in, sent to and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all necessary details for the bank payment.
- The sender is liable for all bank commissions.

9. Prizes

- The first three teams in the Open and Women's sections will each receive cups. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal and diploma. Members of the second and third-placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal and a diploma respectively.
- The best – performing players in the Open and Women's sections on each board (10 players in total) will receive gold medals. Performance shall be calculated as per ECU tournament rules. Second and third placed players in both sections will receive silver and bronze medals.
- All players and team captains must take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

10. Tiebreak System

The order of teams who finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by applying the following tie-breaking procedures in a sequence, proceeding from a, b, c to d, as to the extent required:



- a) By the sum of Sonneborn–Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each match, 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 the same total of match points the lowest results of multiplication shall be excluded.
- b) By the number of board points won; the highest score wins;
- c) By the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest score wins;
- d) By the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents against which a tied result was achieved, the highest score wins.

11. Special Competition Rules

- Players may only agree to draw after 30 moves has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited.
- Any player who has not arrived at the board 15 minutes after the start of the session shall lose the game.
- All team captains must be Fide licensed trainers.
- The appeal submission fee is set at two hundred euros (200 EUR).
- The chairman and 2 members of the Appeal Committee and Chief and deputy arbiters of the competition will be announced by ECU no later than October 10th, 2021. Two more members of the Appeal Committee will be elected by the team captains at the captains` meeting.

The [ECU Dress Code](#) as described in detail in the ECU regulations (shorts, caps, slippers, sunglasses, hats - except for religious reasons, etc. are not allowed).

The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the [FIDE Code of Ethics](#) and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organisers & participants shall observe these regulations.

12. Covid-19 protocol

The Organizer will take all the necessary measures according to the National and FIDE/ECU health protocols, valid for the event period, for the Covid19 Pandemic. All the information and details will be submitted later.

When entering Slovenia, the following legal requirements may apply (in accordance with applicable state regulations):

Presentation of a medical certificate or proof of a valid negative test result for SARS-CoV-2, a vaccination certificate or proof of recovery from SARS-CoV-2 issued (within the last 6 months) in Slovenian or English language. *Conditions may change, so please follow the news regarding entry to Slovenia on the next website:

<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/> .

The recommendation for all participants is to be vaccinated.

13. Contact Information

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