



European Chess Union

Senior Team Championships

Categories 50+ and 65+

18 - 28 April 2016

Sithonia, Halkidiki - GREECE

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all national chess federations of the European Chess Union (ECU) to participate in the European Senior Team Championships for men and women born in the year 1966 or earlier. The championships will be held in Halkidiki, on the northern coast of the Aegean Sea. The dates are 18 April (arrivals, technical meeting) to 28 April 2016 (departures).

2. Playing Venue

The games will take place in the conference center of the 5-star Anthemus Sea Resort, on the Sithonia peninsula of Halkidiki, 95 km south of Thessaloniki airport. Anthemus Sea is an excellent holiday destination, surrounded by a sandy beach on the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

3. Tournament Schedule

Arrivals / Technical meeting:	Monday 18 April, 19:00
Round 1:	Tuesday 19 April, 15:00
Round 2:	Wednesday 20 April, 15:00
Round 3:	Thursday 21 April, 15:00
Round 4:	Friday 22 April, 15:00
Round 5:	Saturday 23 April, 15:00
Round 6:	Sunday 24 April, 15:00
Round 7:	Monday 25 April, 15:00
Round 8:	Tuesday 26 April, 15:00
Round 9:	Wednesday 27 April, 10:00
Prize Awards:	Wednesday 27 April, 17:00
Departures:	Thursday 28 April by 12:00

4. Technical Regulations

4.1. FIDE rated Swiss system in 9 rounds. Each team shall consist of 4 players in fixed order. Additionally, 1 reserve player can be nominated who is only allowed to play on board 4.

Teams from every member federation of the European Chess Union (ECU) can participate. The teams may represent a national federation or any regional structure of a national federation. All players must be members of the same federation.

Entitled to participate in the **category 50+** are players who were born in the year **1966 or earlier**.

Entitled to participate in the **category 65+** are players who were born in the year **1951 or earlier**.

4.2. There will be two separate championships for categories 50+ and 65+. In each category, a separate championship for women shall be organised only if there are at least 8 women teams in each category in order to have a 7-round tournament. Otherwise, the women's event will be merged with men (open).

4.3. A provisional nomination of the 4 players and the reserve player has to be submitted together with the registration of the team by 18 February 2016. Changes in the team can be made until the Technical Meeting takes place before the start of the 1st round. The start ranking list will be determined by the average rating (board 1-4) of every team.

4.4. Time limit per player: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 min. for the rest of the game + 30" increment for every move starting from move one. A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his board within half an hour after the start of the game.

4.5. The final team standings are based on the number of match points (win = 2 match points, draw = 1 match point, loss = 0 match points).

Tie break criteria for team standings: a) the greater sum of Sonneborn-Berger: match points of each opponent team (cut 1) x game points scored against them, b) the greater sum of game points, c) the greater sum of game points of all opponents, d) the greater sum of game points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the game points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved.

4.6. Board prizes are awarded for the best performance rating of players according to ECU regulations.

Tie break criteria for individual board prizes: a) direct encounter (if all tied players have played each other), b) highest number of games played, c) percentage score, d) team ranking.

4.7. The Appeals Committee will be elected during the Technical Meeting of 18 April.

5. Prize Fund (total: 7.000 euros)

50+ category: 1st team: €1.300, 2nd team: €800, 3rd team: €600. 1st women team: €800

65+ category: 1st team: €1.300, 2nd team: €800, 3rd team: €600. 1st women team: €800

Trophies and medals to the 3 top winning teams in each category.

Additional prizes (cups & medals) for individual board winners as well.

6. Titles - Qualifications

6.1. The winning teams of the European Senior Team Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "European Senior Team Champion 2016".

6.2. The best women teams of the European Senior Team Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "European Senior Women Team Champion 2016".

7. Accommodation packages in the 5-star Anthemus Sea Resort

to be registered and booked only through the Organising Committee (includes accommodation for 10 nights per person in the **5-star Anthemus Sea Resort**, daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, free use of hotel pools and sun umbrellas at the beach and the registration fee €40 euros per person):

- **590 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights**
- **830 euros total per person in a single room for 10 nights**

7.1. Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.



7.2. Every participating team and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee. Registrations and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee. The above offers are guaranteed for registrations and bookings up to 18 February 2016. After the deadline of 18 February, registrations may be offered at an increased cost and only upon availability.

7.3. The ECU entry fee of 100 euros per team should be paid directly to the European Chess Union (Bank: Credit Suisse, IBAN: CH3604835183510542000, SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZXXX, Holder name: European Chess Union) before the start of the 2nd round.

8. Flights / Transportation

The nearest airport is Thessaloniki (IATA code: SKG), about 95 km north of Anthemus Sea. Upon request, the Organising Committee can provide bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport to Anthemus Sea, with return included, for **60 euros per person** for the dates 18 and 28 April.

9. Registration deadline

Entries must be sent by 18 February 2016 by email to chess.at.holidays@gmail.com or to the fax number (+30) 2641500112. All entries shall include:

- Name of the team and the captain (email, telephone number, address)
- Team order with names, surnames, FIDE-ID, title and FIDE rating
- Names of accompanying persons
- Dates of arrival/departure
- Accommodation packages requested.

All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of €150 euros per person, free of bank charges, paid online through the event's travel agency website (AT Holidays Ltd) within a week after the deadline of 18 February 2016. The receipt of the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organising Committee. The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

10. Side Events / Excursions Program (on request)

- Mount Athos
- Thessaloniki Tour

11. More information / Tournament Director

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