

**European Amateur Chess Championship
Kaunas (Lithuania), 8-17 August 2015**

**Organized by the
Kaunas Chess Federation**



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**Under the auspices of
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GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

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2. VENUE & SCHEDULE

The European Amateur Chess Championship will be held in Kaunas, Lithuania, from August 8 (day of arrival) through August 17 (day of departure) 2015. The tournament will be held in the Palace of Army Officers (Mickeviciaus str. 19, Kaunas, Lithuania). The official accommodating hotels will be Daniela Hotel (4*) and Kaunas Hotel (4*).

Saturday	8 August (all day long)	Arrival of participants
Sunday	9 August at 09:00-11:00	Registration
Sunday	9 August at 11:00	Technical Meeting
Sunday	9 August at 15:00	Opening ceremony & 1st round
Monday	10 August at 15:00	2nd round
Tuesday	11 August at 15:00	3rd round
Wednesday	12 August at 10:00	4th round
Wednesday	12 August at 15:00	5th round
Thursday	13 August at 15:00	6th round
Friday	14 August at 15:00	7th round
Saturday	15 August at 15:00	8th round
Sunday	16 August at 15:00	9th round
Sunday	16 August at 21:00	Closing Ceremony
Monday	17 August (all day long)	Departure

3. PARTICIPATION

The European Amateur Chess Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations, which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10), who have no FIDE title and no FIDE rating above 2000 at the start of the tournament (9 August 2015), nor have had such a rating for at least two years prior to the start of the event (that is 9 August 2013 and on). There is no limit of the number of participants per federation.

A separate championship for women shall be organized if there are at least nine entries for this championship.

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4. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship is organized in a 9-round Swiss system, in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECU Tournament Rules. If there are 9-16 women in a separate championship, the system of play shall be announced in the technical meeting.

The rate of play will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

5. TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will 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) Average rating of the opponents cut-1, the highest number wins (unplayed games and byes are not calculated);
- (b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of unplayed games, for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c), the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

- (a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

6. DRESS CODE

The ECU Rules related to dress code – Chapter B, Article 13 - shall be applied in this competition.

7. ARBITERS

Chief Arbiter – IA Luc Cornet (Belgium)

Deputy Chief Arbiter – IA Almog Burstein (Israel)

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8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

To be elected and/or announced at the technical meeting.

9. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, within one hour after completion or interruption of the game.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 Euro, as a deposit of the appellant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is accepted, 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. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

10. PRIZES AND TITLES

The prize fund is **4 000 EUR** as outline below in euros:

Rank	Main prizes	Women prizes	No rating...>1600	≤1600...>1800
1	1,000	500	150	150
2	600	300	100	100
3	300	200	50	50
4	200	100		
5	100	50		
6	50			

Money prizes will be shared among the players with the same score according to the Hort System (50% will be equally shared and 50% according to the tie-breaking system – art. 5). A player can get only one (the highest) money prize only.

The winner of the championship receives the title "European Amateur Chess Champion 2015". If a separate championship for women is held, the winner of this championship receives the title "European Women Amateur Chess Champion 2015".

The players taking the first three places in each championship will be awarded with cups and medals. The players taking the first three places in the open championship and the winner of the women championship/section will also be personally invited to participate (with free accommodation sharing a double room) in the next World Amateur Championship and European Amateur Championship.

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11. REGISTRATION AND FEES

The registration fee – 30 EUR (The ECU entry fee of 15 EUR is included in the registration fee). The registration deadline is 8 July 2015.

12. ACCOMMODATION

The European Amateur Chess Championship 2015 will take place in the Palace of Army Officers (Mickeviciaus str. 19, Kaunas, Lithuania).

The official hotels are located close to the playing venue in the centre of Kaunas. In order to book a room in the official hotel it is necessary **to make a 20% advance payment of the total accommodation amount together with the registration fee before July 8, 2015**. If a participant wants he/she may also pay the total amount for the accommodation before the end of the registration period.

The advance payment for the hotel shall be paid to the following account:

COMPANY NAME: Kauno sachmatu federacija

PURPOSE: Participation in European Amateur Chess Championship 2015

COMPANY REGISTRATION ADDRESS: Taikos pr. 79-21, LT-50438 Kaunas, Lithuania

COMPANY CODE: 135111997

COMPANY BANK: SEB BANK

COMPANY BANK ADDRESS: VILNIUS

BANK CODE: 70440

SWIFT (BIC): CBVILT2X

IBAN (Acc.No.): LT11 7044 0600 0319 0424

Hotel	Room	Price per person	Other information
Daniela Hotel 4* (breakfast is included)	Single	50 EUR	Lunch & dinner may be arranged on request; <u>Distance from the Town Hall on foot – 1 minute.</u>
	Double	30 EUR	
Kaunas Hotel 4* (breakfast is included)	Single	50 EUR	Lunch & dinner may be arranged on request; <u>Distance from the Town Hall on foot – 7 minutes.</u>
	Double	30 EUR	

For a cheaper alternative (lower standard accommodation) to live during the championship, please contact the organizer by email: info@kaunaschess.org or by telephone: [+370 620 68487](tel:+37062068487) (in Lithuanian, English, or Russian).

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13. VISAS

If you need a visa to Lithuania, please contact the organizer as soon as possible. We will provide all possible assistance in getting the visa.

14. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

During their games the players are not allowed to go to the analysis room.

Photography with flash may be used only during the first ten minutes of each round. Only players and arbiters shall be allowed to enter the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.

As long as the game is in progress, a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

In case of pre-arranged results the Chief Arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0 - 0.

The default arrival time is 15 minutes after the start of the round.

During the games the players are forbidden to have in the playing area mobile phones, electronic means of communications or any devices capable of suggesting chess moves. Further instructions regarding this matter will be given during the technical meeting.

We assume that all players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

15. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information regarding registration and payments (in English, Russian, Lithuanian):

E-mail: info@kaunaschess.org

Tel: + 370 620 68487

16. OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The official website of the championship is <http://www.kaunas2015.com>

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17. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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22. GENERAL

22.1 Currency

1. The local currency is euros (EUR).
2. Money can also be withdrawn at automated teller machines (ATM) of which there are many countrywide.
3. All major credit cards are accepted at all reputable outlets, retail stores and restaurants.

22.2 Electricity

1. The standard voltage in Lithuania is 220 Volts.
2. The Lithuanian electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ.
3. Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong, with round pins. If an adaptor is needed, consider bringing one with you, although they can be purchased locally.
4. US-made appliances may need a transformer.
5. Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and appliances.

22.3 Weather

The average temperature in August ranges from 10°-30° C. We suggest that all participants bring a rain coat and/or protective clothing for cooler days.

22.4 Drinking water

1. Water in Lithuania is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas.
2. Bottled water is available at all stores.

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22.5 Telecommunications

1. For outgoing international calls, dial 00 plus the country and area codes of the destination concerned. Refer to telephone directories for international dialing codes.
2. For incoming international calls, the code is +370 followed by the city code or cell phone code.

22.6 Internet Access

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

22.7 Smoking

Be aware that smoking is prohibited in most public places in Lithuania: on all domestic flights and in all airport terminals; all restaurants, pubs and offices, unless there is a designated smoking area; on all public transport; in cinemas and shopping malls; in most hotel rooms (check on booking).

22.8 Medical

Details will be provided at the technical meeting.

For further information, please contact:

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“You are most welcome in Lithuania and Kaunas City! We wish you a successful event!”

Visvaldas Matijošaitis,
Mayor of Kaunas City