BALKAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

STANDARD, RAPID & BLITZ

OPEN U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 **GIRLS U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18**

30th September – 8th October 2022

Cetinje, Montenegro

GENERAL REGULATION

1. INVITATION

The **Balkan Chess Federation (BALC)** and **Montenegro Chess Federation (MCF**) under the patronage of **FIDE** have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations members of the Balkan Chess Union and eligible players to the **BALKAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 - STANDARD, RAPID & BLITZ** organized in Cetinje, Montenegro from 30th September (arrival) to 8th October (departure).

Cetinje was founded in the 15th century and became a cradle of the culture of Montenegro. Its status as the honorary capital of Montenegro is due to its heritage as a long-serving former capital of Montenegro. There are many cultural events, museums and sights that can be visited, also only 40 minutes drive away is Budva, the metropolis of Montenegrin tourism.

2. PARTICIPATION - AGE LIMITS

2.1 Each National Federation member of the Balkan Chess Union may enter with an unlimited number of players in each of the 12 age groups. In case that one group (open or girl) is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same age group category

2.2 **Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls separately):**

Tournament Under 8	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2014 and after)*
Tournament Under 10	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2012 and after)*
Tournament Under 12	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2010 and after)*
Tournament Under 14	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2008 and after)*
Tournament Under 16	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2006 and after)*
Tournament Under 18	*(date of Birth - January 1st, 2004 and after)*

Upon arrival, captains or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for verification of the age eligibility.

2.3 Each Federation can register one (1) “invited player” in each category (open and girls): under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 (maximum number of twelve (12) “invited players”). For these “invited players” and for one (1) Head of the delegation will be provided free accommodation with full board in double rooms. The deadline for registration “invited players” is **9th September 2022**. After this deadline federation lose this right to delegate players with free accommodation.

2.4 Accommodation and travel expenses for others “extra players” will be covered from the participants, federations or their sponsors. Delegations of players must be accompanied *at least by one adult* (chief, coach or parent) who will take care about the travel details.

3. ENTRY FEE

3.1 The registration fee for all players is **40 EUR** for standard, **20 EUR** for rapid and **10 EUR** for blitz tournament.

3.2 Players can participate in only one or two tournaments (standard, rapid, blitz) and pays registration fee only for those tournaments in which they participate.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry forms must be sent from the National Federations or the players to the Organizing Committee not later than **9th September 2022.**

4.2. The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name and telephone/e-mail of the Chief of Delegation.

4.3. At the time of registration by **9th September 2022**, the complete amount of fees + 30% of the total accommodation cost must be transferred to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of payments must be made upon arrival.

INTERMEDIARY (Field 54A or 56A)	
Swift code	**LJBASI2X**
(name)	**NLB DD, Ljubljana /Slovenia**
ACCOUNT WITH INST. (Field 57A) Beneficiary bank	
Swift code	**MNBAMEPG**
Name	**NLB Banka AD Podgorica**
BENEFICIARY CUSTOMER (Field 59)	
IBAN CODE:	**ME25530005120006827490**
NAME:	**ŠAHOVSKI SAVEZ CG**

4.4. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.

5. VENUE – ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation and board will be provided at the Hotel “Grand” 3*.
Hotel is located in the center of the old royal park with many facilities: sports fields, bowling alley, table tennis, etc.

5.2 Every player, coach and accompanying person is obliged to lodge at the official hotel. Participants who are not accommodated in the official hotel should pay an additional fee of **100 EUR** and it will be subject to special approval by the Organizing Committee.

5.3 Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made 30% in advance as described in registration process and remaining 70% the latest upon arrival. Hotel payments must be paid in euros (EUR). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted.

5.4 Prices

Hotel "Grand" 3*

Room type	Price per day
Single room	**43 €**
Double & triple room	**33 € per person**

*All listed prices are based on the full board and include all hotel benefits, which are:
A. Wireless internet, B. Sports fields, C. Bowling alley, table tennis, etc.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

6.1 The tournaments will be played under the FIDE Rules and will be rated. Standard and Rapid tournaments will be played according to the Swiss System, 9 rounds and Blitz tournaments according to the Swiss System, 13 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings.

6.2 Rate of play for Standard tournament is 90 minutes for game with an increment 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1. Rate of play for Rapid tournaments is 10 minutes + 5 second for every move and for Blitz tournaments 3 minutes + 2 seconds for every move.

7. PRIZES – TITLES

7.1 The winner in each open age category (Standard, Rapid & Blitz) is the **Balkan Champion for 2022** and the winner in each girl age category (Standard, Rapid & Blitz) is the **Balkan Girl Champion for 2022**. They will be awarded with trophies, medals and diplomas.

7.2 Special Diplomas of participation for all players

7.3 <u>GENERAL STANDING PRIZES</u>

6 Open Champions (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18) Separately standard, rapid & blitz	Chess Gifts	Trophies and medals
6 Girl Champions (U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18) Separately standard, rapid & blitz	Chess Gifts	Trophies and medals
Position 2-3 Each category Separately standard, rapid & blitz	Chess Gifts	Medals

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Friday	30.09.2022.	Arrival of Participants	
Saturday	01.10.2022.	Technical Meeting	12:00
		Drawing for Standard	13:00
		Standard - Round 1	16:00
Sunday	02.10.2022.	Standard - Round 2	09:30
		Standard - Round 3	16:00
Monday	03.10.2022.	Standard - Round 4	09:30
		Standard - Round 5	16:00
Tuesday	04.10.2022.	Standard - Round 6	09:30
		Standard - Round 7	16:00
Wednesday	05.10.2022.	Standard - Round 8	09:30
		Standard - Round 9	16:00
Thursday	06.10.2022.	Rest day, excursion	
Friday	07.10.2022.	Rapid Rounds 1-5	09:30 - 13:30
		Rapid Rounds 6-9	16:30 - 19:30
Saturday	08.10.2022.	Blitz	11:00
		Closing ceremony	16:00
		Departure	

Excursion will be organized on rest day

9. COVID 19 – MEASURES

Health protection measures will be applied according to instructions from Montenegro institutions and will be valid during the tournament duration.

Organizer are allowed to cancel some or all events in the tournament if situation with pandemic requests events to be cancelled.

10. VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee and apply on time to Montenegrin Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

11. TRANSPORT

Organizer can provide transfer from airport (Podgorica or Tivat) to hotel and return. The price is **70 EUR** per person.

13. CONTACT AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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