



European Individual Blitz Chess Championship 2017

Katowice 15th of December 2017

REGULATIONS

I. ORGANIZERS

The Silesian Chess Federation and the Polish Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union

City of Katowice

II. DATE AND VENUE

15th of December 2017

"Spodek" Sport and Entertainment Centre

Katowice, ul.Korfantego 35

<https://goo.gl/maps/6XYeUSdBMXG2>

III. EVENT WEBSITE

www.katowice2017.eu (registration starts from 2nd of October)

IV. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

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VI. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 paired rounds, with the time control 3 minutes game + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members (FIDE zones 1.1. to 1.10), regardless of their title and rating.

There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

Registration starts after 2nd October 2017. Applications must be sent through the on-line form on the official website of the championship www.katowice2017.eu. The registration deadline is 26th November 2017.

Please state names of the players concerned.

Notes:

1. The entry fee once paid will be not refunded.
2. Entry fees for players who register or pay after 26th November 2017 will be doubled.
3. All bank charges for bank transfer are to be borne by the players.
4. List of the players who have paid the application fee and the players who have booked hotel accommodation will be regularly updated on the tournament website.
5. If in doubt, please contact the Organizers by e-mail at: office@katowice2017.eu
6. Those players who register after 26th November 2017 will be allowed to participate only in case free places are available.
7. The Organizers reserve the right to admit such players starting from Round 2.
8. Players who wish to receive a bill are kindly requested to send all necessary information in advance to the Tournament Director at: office@katowice2017.eu
9. The Organizers reserve the right to verify the data given in the applications by unrated players.

VII. ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for rated players will be €25 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included),

entry fee for unrated players will be €30 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included).

Each player will have to pay the €10 fee to the European Chess Union only once, even if he/she participates both in the European Rapid Chess Championship and the European Blitz Chess Championship.

Note:

The following categories of players registered not later than 26th November 2017, shall pay no entry fee:

prize winners of European Blitz Chess Championship-2016,

female players having ELO rating in blitz chess of 2400 and above as of 1st July 2017,

players having ELO rating in blitz chess of 2600 and above as of 1st July 2017.

VIII. VERIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Putting a player's name in the list published at www.katowice2017.eu will confirm that he/she has been admitted to the tournament. Such player can take part in the first round, provided that he/she has paid the entry fee.

IX. SCHEDULE

Thursday, 14.12.2017		Friday, 15.12.2017	
All day	Arrivals and registration	15.00	Round 6
Friday, 15.12.2017		15.45	Round 7
8.00 - 9.00	Registration	16.30	Round 8
10.00	Round 1	17.15	Round 9
10.45	Round 2	18.00	Round 10
11.30	Round 3	18.45	Round 11
12.15	Round 4	19.00-20.00	Dinner
13.00	Round 5	20.30	Closing Ceremony
13.30-15.00	Lunch break		

X. PRIZE FUND

Prize pool: €11.000

Main prizes: €8,000

1st place	€2000	7th place	€400
2nd place	€1000	8th place	€300
3rd place	€800	9th place	€250
4th place	€700	10th place	€200
5th place	€600	11th - 15th place	€150
6th place	€500	16th - 20th place	€100

Special prizes: €3,000

Category	1st place	2nd place
Best female player	300	200
Best senior born 1957 or earlier	200	100
Best junior born 1999 or later	100	
Best junior female player born 1999 or later	100	
Best junior player born in 2003 or later	100	

Best junior female player born in 2003 or later	100	
Best junior player born in 2007 or later	100	
Best junior female player born in 2007 or later	100	
Best player having rating below 2600	100	
Best player having rating below 2400	100	
Best player having rating below 2200	100	
Best player having rating below 2000	100	
Best player having rating below 1800	100	
Best player having rating below 1600	100	
Best player having rating below 2200	100	
Best player having rating below 2000	100	
Best player having rating below 1400 or unrated	100	

Best Polish player	100	
Best Polish female player	100	
Best Polish senior player	100	
Best Polish junior player born in 1999 or later	100	
Best Polish female junior player born in 1999 or later	100	
Best Polish junior player born in 2003 or later	50	
Best Polish female junior player born in 2003 or later	50	
Best Polish junior player born in 2007 or later	50	
Best Polish female junior player born in 2007 or later	50	

In addition, two consolation prizes will be drawn at the closing ceremony among participants who did not win any cash prizes in either competition and are present at the closing ceremony.

Note:

Each player may win only one prize (the largest one).

Main prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

Special prizes will not be divided. If the player has won more than one prize, he/she will be awarded the largest one.

If the prizes are equal, the player will receive prizes in the following order:

1. Best female junior player (starting from the youngest group);
2. Best junior player (starting from the youngest group);
3. Best player born in 1957 or earlier;
4. Best female player;
5. Best rated player (starting from the lowest rank).

All prizes are shown before taxes. Taxes will be withheld in accordance with the existing laws in Poland.

Remarks:

- 10 % for prizes worth more than 760 PLN (~180EUR)
- the procedure for payment of prizes will be announced later.

XI. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Free accommodation (single rooms) at the official hotel of the competition from 14th to 17th December 2017 will be granted to 10 players having the highest rating who register not later than 26th November 2017;

free accommodation (twin rooms) at the official hotel of the competition from 14th to 17th December 2017 will be granted to 10 players seeded 11th -20th, who register not later than 26th November 2017;

free accommodation (single room) at the official hotel of the competition from 14th to 17th December 2017 will be granted to the female player having the highest rating who register not later than 26th November 2017;

free accommodation (twin room) at the official hotel of the competition from 14th to 17th December 2017 will be granted to the 2nd and the 3rd highest rated female players who register not later than 26 November 2017;

organizers will cover travel expenses (up to €200, according to the tickets) for 5 players having the highest rating, who register not later than 26th November 2017;

special conditions for players having ELO rating not less than 2700 (female players having ELO rating not less than 2600) are to be negotiated individually with the Tournament Director, email: office@katowice2017.eu

Note:

ELO rating in blitz chess valid as of 1st October 2017 will be considered.

XII. ACCOMMODATION

First tournament official hotel:

Arsenal Palace SPA Hotel|****

Website: <http://www.hotelediament.pl/en/hotel-diamant-arsenal-palace-en/>

a) Standard rooms

single room - €45 / room per night

double room - €50 / room per night

b) Superior rooms

single room - €60 / room per night

double room - €70 / room per night

c) All room rates are with breakfast included

Second tournament official hotel:

Park Hotel**** Diament Katowice

<http://www.hotelediament.pl/en/park-hotel-diament-katowice-en/>

a) Standard rooms

single room - €40 / room per night

double room - €45 / room per night

b) Superior rooms

single room - €60 / room per night

double room - €70 / room per night

Third tournament official hotel:

Ibis Katowice Centrum

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-6601-ibis-budget-katowice-centrum/index.shtml>

Standard rooms

single room - €27 / room per night

double room - €30 / room per night

All room rates are with breakfast included

XIII. TRANSFER

On request, the organizers will provide transfer from Katowice Airport and Cracov Airport to the official hotels on 14th December and from the official hotels to Airports on 18th December (two-ways, price €20KTW, €40KRK). If it is necessary, the organizer can accept special requests of Players.

XIV. INSURANCE

Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

XV. VISAS

Participants who need visa will be exempt from visa fees.

Persons wishing to obtain a Letter of Invitation from the organizers for visa purposes, shall stay at one of the tournament official hotels.

Persons who are going to stay at other hotels rather than the tournament official hotels, will not receive visa support.

The Organizers will not responsible for issuing the Letter of Invitation for visa purposes in case the necessary information (first name, surname, home address, passport number, date of issue and date of expiry, name of the tournament official hotel selected) is submitted later than 1st November 2017.

Persons who need visa support are requested contact organizers office@katowice2017.eu

XVI TOURNAMENT OFFICE

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