



**European Pairs Blitz Chess Championship
an accompanying event as part of the European Games
Krakow-Malopolska 2023
Krakow/ Poland, 19th of June 2023**

Regulations

1. ORGANIZERS

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

2. HOST CITY Krakow/ Poland

3. DATE 19th of June 2023 – European Pair Blitz Chess Championship an accompanying event as part of the European Games Krakow-Malopolska 2023

4. PARTICIPANTS

- 4.1 8 teams – ECU members federations
best combined Pair FIDE Classical rating - 1st March 2023 list:
Invited teams: 1. Ukraine 2. Azerbaijan 3. France 4. Poland 5. Romania
6. Germany 7. Armenia 8. Netherlands
- 4.2 Each team consists of one player over 2650 (classical rating) at the open section, one female player over 2350 (classical rating) at the women section and one representative/captain*

*ECU may modify the rating criteria according to the teams/players availability

5. CONDITIONS/ACCOMMODATION

- 5.1 Each team will be provided with three (3) single rooms Full Board for two nights, 18 and 19 of June.
- 5.2 Transportation to hotel from and to Krakow airport.
- 5.3 There is not any entry fee.

6. SYSTEM OF PLAY

- 6.1 Rate of play is 3'+2" (3 minutes for a game for a player, with an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from the beginning).
- 6.2 Armageddon game: The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the colour. The player with the white pieces receives 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces receives 4 minutes whereupon; after move 60, both players receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared winner of the match.

Open section & Women Section

- a) Qualification: 8 players round robin tournament in each section:
- b) Play offs 1- 4 (1st round 1-4, 2-3) and 4-8 (1st round 4-8, 5-6) in each section. Play offs are played in double games with reversed colours. In case of tie (1-1) an Armageddon game follows.

Medals – Standings

- a) The individual medals are decided by the play offs in each section. Gold medal is for the winner of the final match and silver medal to the runner up. The bronze medal is for the winner of the match for the positions 3-4)
- b) The combined Pair medals are decided by the final position of the players of each team after the play offs in each section (sum of points):
1st 8-points, 2nd 7-points, 3rd, 6-points, 4th 5-points, 5th 4-points, 6th 3-points, 7th 2-points 8th 1-point
- c) In case of tie between two teams the tiebreak criteria are the sum of points in open and women section in the qualification round.

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 7.1 The tournament is played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess, FIDE General Regulations for Competition and ECU Tournament Rules.
- 7.2 Default time - The game is lost by the player who arrives at the chessboard after his flag has fallen.

8. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Chief arbiter and Appeals Committee will be announced by the European Chess Union.

9. PRIZES

- A. The 3 winners of Open, Women and Combine Pair section will receive gold, and silver and bronze medals same that will receive all participants of European Olympic Games.
- B. The best European Pair will receive the title of European Pair Chess Blitz Champion 2023.

10. SCHEDULE:

Sunday, 18.06.2023	
All day	Arrivals
Monday, 19.06.2023	
14.00 – 14.30	Registration
14.30	Opening Ceremony
15.00 – 17:00	Rounds
17.00 – 17.30	Coffee break
17.30 – 19.00	Play offs
19.15	Closing Ceremony
Tuesday, 20.06.2023	
All day	Departures

11. ENTRY TO POLAND

- a) All participants should follow the rules regarding entry into Poland using the following link: <https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/travel>
- b) During the stay in Poland and during the competition, all country measures that are valid at the time of the sport event will be applied.

12. REGISTRATION

The application should be sent by Monday April 10th , 2023, to the e-mail address: iechess2023@gmail.com with a copy to ECU: secretariat@europechess.org

13. WEBSITE & CONTACT

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14. OTHER

- a) The player takes out insurance on their own for the duration of the competition.
- b) The ECU and the organizer reserves the right to use, free of charge, audio-visual materials produced during the tournament, in particular photos, film materials, interviews and audio recordings presenting the participants for information and promotional purposes. By registering for the tournament, teams and participants consent to the use of their image for promotional purposes of the tournament.