

European Draughts Confederation

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Basic information

1. Tournament will be played in Tallinn (Estonia) from 20th to 28th of August, 2008 in Paul Keres Chess House, Vene Street 29.
Arrival and registration 19th of August and 20th of August till 11.00. Opening ceremony at 12.00 in Hotel Nordic Forum (address Viru väljak 2a), conference room Sirius.
2. Each European Federation – FMJD member – can delegate their players to participate in this Championship. There is **no limit** to number of players from one federation!
3. Applications with the list of players should be sent (fax and/or email) to EDC before June 15th 2008. For Federations which need visa to Estonia, the deadline is **May 20th** (instead of June 15th). **Applications only from federations!**

Tournament

4. Time control is 1h 20 min. + 1min/move (Fischer system)
5. Tournament will be played in 10 rounds Swiss system (in case of large number of participants, main referee, in consultation with EDC and organiser, will have ability to increase number of rounds till 11).
6. In settling places, FMJD rules applying to Swiss system tournaments are used (**barrages will not be played!**).
7. There will also be team classification:
 - a. Only federations with minimum 2 players in tournament may take part in it
 - b. 1st place in tournament - 1 point, 2nd - 2 points and so on.
 - c. The lowest number of points decides, if equal – higher place of best player decides
 - d. For federations with 2 players we add N+1 points (N - number of participants in tournament)
 - e. Federations with more than 3 players have to announce BEFORE 1st round which 3 players play for teams classification

Fees

8. Entrance fee is 50€ for the first 3 players from the federation. If more players, then for each next (4-....) entrance fee is 100€.
9. Paying fee it is federations duty, so amount of fee from Federations will be counted not based on players present in Tallinn but based on numbers of players **in applications**.
10. Without **full** participation fee paid by a federation, it is impossible for any players from that federation to play.
11. In case of extraordinary situation, a federation should inform EDC in written form about resignation of player(s). Only in this case fee can be reduced:
 - a. 100% if resignation before July 20th
 - b. 50% if resignation before August 1st.
 - c. 0% if resignation after August 1st (it means that it should be paid FULLY)

12. Fees can be paid in cash before opening ceremony or by bank transfer to EDC Estonia.
In case of bank transfer, please check with You bank – the money should be on the account BEFORE the competition starts.

Beneficiary: EDC Estonia MTÜ

Address: Vene 29, Tallinn 10123, Estonia

Bank: SEB

Bank's address: Tornimäe 2, Tallinn 15010, Estonia

Swift code: EEUHEE2X

IBAN account no: EE 61 1010 22008 3704012

The fee for processing visa invitations is **15 EUR**.

Please make the payment to the account indicated above.

Please note that when making the payment, you shall cover all transaction costs.

Hospitality

13. The organization pays costs for hotel and meals for the actual European Champion (Mr Aleksandr Georgijev from Russia) and World Champion (Mr Alexander Shwartzman) personally.
14. The organization pays costs for hotel and meals for one player from each federation. The name of this player should be clearly announced in application. If not, then there is not free place for this federation.
15. Hotel Nordic Forum (****), Viru väljak 2a, Tallinn are the places for the players free of hospitality costs (p.13/14)
16. For all other players and guest it is up to them to decide where they would like to stay. It should be arranged with organisers. We offer accommodation in Hotel Nordic Forum (double-room 100 EUR/per day/with breakfast, lunch, dinner), Braavo Hotel (in old town, near Chess House, double-room 45 EUR/per day/with breakfast), Guest House in Karu Street 17 (~700 m from Chess House, one place in double-room 16 EUR/per day and one place in 3-person-room 11 EUR/per day; with use of kitchen), Pirta Velodrome (near sea, ~7 km from centre, 2- and 3-person rooms 10 – 16 EUR per persons per day). Please let us know a.s.a.p. what kind of accommodation You need, to make bookings. Info and booking viktorija@europedraughts.org

Prizes

17. The prize fund: 10,000 euros from Tallinn + 50% from inscription money
18. The prize fund will be divided between no less than between 1st to 15th places
19. Exact prizes will be announced after 1st round.

Various

20. All FMJD annexes about games, competitions, Swiss system, etc. are obligatory
21. The main referee will be nominated by EDC in collaboration with FMJD
22. “Jurry de Appelle” will be announced before 1st round. Only written protests in English will be accepted by the Jury. The decision of the JURRY is the FINAL decision.