



**EUROPEAN BLITZ AND RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS,  
SKOPJE 2018**

**Hotel Aleksandar Palace, 05 - 09 December 2018**

# **REGULATIONS**



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## 1. Invitation

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This is the official invitation to all European Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE and ECU to participate in the 31<sup>st</sup> EUROPEAN BLITZ AND RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS. The events will be held in hotel Aleksandar Palace, Skopje, FYR of Macedonia. The dates are 05<sup>th</sup> December (arrival and opening) to 09<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (departure)

## 2. Contact / Information

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**Technical Organizer** is Chess Club Gambit Asseco See and Chess Federation of FYR of Macedonia, supported by European Chess Union

**Tournament Director:** Zoran Stojcevski

**Contact email:** marjan.mitkov@gambit.com.mk

**Event website:** www.eirbcc2018.com.mk

## 3. Tournament System, Entry Fee

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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.

The European Individual Rapid Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 13 rounds with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

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

Registration starts after 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

Applications must be sent through the on-line form on the official website of the championship – **website: www.eirbcc2018.com.mk**

The registration deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### 3.1 Entry Fee

Players over 2600 and women over 2400 from 01<sup>th</sup> October rating list respectively in Blitz and Rapid are released from paying entry fee.

#### **Entry fee for Blitz Tournament:**

Entry fee for rated players will be €30 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included), the entry fee for unrated players will be €35 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included).



**Entry fee for Rapid Tournament:**

Entry fee for rated players will be €40 (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included), the entry fee for unrated players will be €45 (€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

**Entry Fee for both tournaments (Rapid and Blitz) in total will be 60EUR for rated players and 70EUR for unrated players (€10 fee to the European Chess Union is included)**

Entry fees shall reach the below bank account no later than 26th of November

**Bank payment instructions:**

Account holder name (Beneficiary): Chess Club „Gambit Asseco SEE“  
Address: „Nikola Parapunov“ 1-3m, Skopje, FYR of Macedonia  
Bank Swift code (BIC): KOBSMK2X  
Bank name: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje  
IBAN: MK07300701002470848

The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender ( instruction 71F = OUR) . If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

- All players paying by bank transfer must cover the full cost of the transfer
- The entry fee once paid will be not refunded.
- Entry fees for players who register or pay after 26th November 2018 will be doubled.
- 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.
- If in doubt, please contact the Organizers by e-mail at: email
- Those players who register after 26th November 2018 will be allowed to participate only in case free places are available.
- The Organizers reserve the right to admit such players starting from Round 2.
- Players who wish to receive an invoice are kindly requested to send all necessary information in advance to the Tournament Director at: [marjan.mitkov@gambit.com.mk](mailto:marjan.mitkov@gambit.com.mk)
- The Organizers reserve the right to verify the data given in the applications by unrated players.
- Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

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



## 4. Schedule

The schedule for the event is presented in the table as follows:

Date	Hours	Activity
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	20:00	Arrival and Opening Ceremony
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Blitz tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> double rounds
	17:00	Chess 960 tournament *)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Blitz tournament 6 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> double rounds
	20:00	Traditional Macedonian Dinner with live music **)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Rapid Tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> round
	20:00	Master Class ***)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Rapid Tournament 8 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> round
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	16:00	Closing ceremony

\*) Chess 960 tournament, registration fee 10EUR, 400EUR prize fond (guaranteed prize for more than 30 participants), regulations will be published on official site

\*\*\*) Dinner in the famous traditional restaurant with live music for only 20 EUR per person (more details on official site)

\*\*\*) Master Class with a GM - €10 entrance fee

## 5. Prize Fund

**European Blitz Chess Championship:** 10,050 Euro + 2000 euro (special prizes – vouchers for Modern Chess site, one voucher 100EUR)

PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
1	2,000	8	300	15	150
2	1,200	9	300	16	150
3	800	10	300	17	150
4	500	11	250	18	100
5	400	12	250	19	100
6	350	13	200	20	100
7	300	14	200	21	100

Main prizes 8,200 EUR

CATEGORY	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
The Best Player under < 2600 ELO	1	150
	2	100
	3	50
The Best Player under < 2300 ELO	1	150
	2	100
	3	50
The Best Female	1	150
	2	100
	3	50
The Best Senior, born 1958 and older	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Player, under < 2000 ELO	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Player, under < 1700 ELO	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2000 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2004 and younger	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2008 and younger	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Player	1	150
	2	100
	3	50
	4	Modern Chess



	5	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Female	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Senior, born 1958 and older	1	50
The Best MKD Junior, born 2000 and younger	1	50
The Best MKD Junior, born 2004 and younger	1	50
The Best MKD Junior, born 2008 and younger	1	50

Special prizes by category in total 1,850EUR

**European Rapid Chess Championship:** 19,950 Euro + 2000 euro (special prizes – vouchers for Modern Chess site, one voucher 100EUR)

PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
1	4,000	8	650	15	300
2	2,500	9	600	16	300
3	1,500	10	600	17	250
4	900	11	500	18	250
5	750	12	500	19	200
6	750	13	400	20	200
7	650	14	400	21	150

Main prizes in total 16,350 EUR

CATEGORY	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
The Best Player under < 2600 ELO	1	300
	2	200
	3	100
The Best Player under < 2300 ELO	1	300
	2	200
	3	100
The Best Female	1	300
	2	200
	3	100
The Best Senior, born 1958 and older	1	150
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Player, under < 2000 ELO	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Player, under < 1700 ELO	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2000 and younger	1	150
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2004 and younger	1	100



	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2008 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Player	1	300
	2	200
	3	100
	4	Modern Chess
	5	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Female	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Senior, born 1958 and older	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2000 and younger	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2004 and younger	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2008 and younger	1	100

Special prizes by category in total 3,600EUR

Players will be ranked according their score (number of points won). In case of a tie, the following extra ratio will be applied.

- a. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (if all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equalled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on.),
- b. Buchholz Cut 1,
- c. Buchholz,
- d. The greater number of games played with black,
- e. The Greater number of wins.

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

For the players with the same number of points, prizes are distributed according to Hort system, among such number of players corresponding to number of advertised main prizes. Special prizes by category will not be divided. If the player has won more than one prize, he/she will be awarded the largest one, and ordered by the priority as listed in the regulations

At the closing ceremony 22 vouchers from Modern Chess will be drawn for participants that are present and who did not win any cash prize.

**Remark:**

All prizes are shown before taxes.

Taxes will be withheld in accordance with the existing laws in the host country.

The income tax rate is -10%





## 6. Special Conditions

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Free accommodation (single rooms) at the official hotel of the will be granted to 5 players having the highest rating who register not later than 26th November 2018;

Free accommodation (twin rooms) at the official hotel of the competition will be granted to 10 players seeded 6th -15th, who register not later than 26th November 2018;

Free accommodation (single room) at the official hotel of the competition will be granted to the female player having the highest rating who register not later than 26th November 2018;

Free accommodation (twin room) at the official hotel of the competition will be granted to the 2nd and the 3rd highest rated female players who register not later than 26 November 2018;

Organizers will cover travel expenses (up to €150, according to the tickets) for 5 players having the highest rating, who register not later than 26th November 2018;

Special conditions for players having ELO rating not less than 2700 (female players having ELO rating not less than 2500) are to be negotiated individually with the Tournament Director, on the official email

### Remarks:

ELO rating in standard chess valid as of 1st October 2018 will be considered

## 7. Accommodation

The prices in the official hotels for Bed and Breakfast are as follows. Everyone who is playing officially on the tournaments can claim discounted price from standard one given in this regulation.

### **5\* Hotel Aleksandar Palace – Skopje (playing venue), ([www.aleksandarpalace.com.mk/](http://www.aleksandarpalace.com.mk/))**

Single room 79 EUR per person  
Double room 44.5 EUR per person  
Junior Suite 100EUR per day

### **4\* Royal – Skopje, ([www.royal.com.mk/](http://www.royal.com.mk/))**

Single room 38 EUR per person  
Double room 25 EUR per person

### **3\* Vergina – Skopje, ([www.hotolvergina.com/gallery.aspx](http://www.hotolvergina.com/gallery.aspx))**

### **3\* Portal – Skopje, ([www.hotelportalskopje.com/](http://www.hotelportalskopje.com/))**

### **3\* Skopje – Skopje, (<https://www.hotelskopje.mk/>)**

### **3\* Monaco – Skopje, (<https://hotelmonako.com/>)**

Single room 35 EUR per person  
Double room 22 EUR per person

**Please visit our official site for more options and more official hotels.**



## 8. Transfer

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The organizers will provide transfer from Skopje Airport to the official hotels on 5th December and from the official hotels to Airports on 9th December. Two ways, price is 15 EUR.

On a special request, it is possible to organize a transfer from Sofia airport. (Estimated price for taxi is round 100EUR)

## 9. Entry visa to FYR of Macedonia

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Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2018 and apply on time to the respective Macedonian embassy. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.