

THE 6th EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

June 17 – July 3, 2005, Warsaw, Poland

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ORGANIZERS

The Warsaw Foundation for Chess Development and Sport Club Polonia Warsaw under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

The Championship will be held from June 17th (day of arrival) until July 3rd (day of departure), 2005 in Warsaw - Zegrze Poludniowe (about 35 km from the Warsaw Airport and 30km from the Warsaw Central Railway Station).

The Technical Meeting will take place on June 17th at 8 p.m. at the tournament hall at the Hotel 500, Zegrze Poludniowe, Warszawska 31A.

SCHEDULE

Friday	17.06		Arrival of participants
	17.06	at 20.00	Technical Meeting
Saturday	18.06	at 14.30	Opening Ceremony
	18.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	1 st round
Sunday	19.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	2 nd round
Monday	20.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	3 rd round
Tuesday	21.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	4 th round
Wednesday	22.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	5 th round
Thursday	23.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	6 th round
Friday	24.06		Free day
Saturday	25.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	7 th round
Sunday	26.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	8 th round
Monday	27.06	at 15.00 – 20.00	9 th round
Tuesday	28.07	at 15.00 – 20.00	10 th round

Wednesday	29.07	at 15.00 – 20.00	11 th round
Thursday	30.07	at 15.00 – 20.00	12 th round
Friday	01.07	at 15.00 – 20.00	13 th round
	01.07	at 22.00	Technical Meeting for tie-breaks
Saturday	02.07	at 11.00	Tie-breaks
	02.07	at 18.00	Closing ceremony
Sunday	03.07		Departure

After consultations with the ECU, the Chief Arbiter and the Organizers may make changes to the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

3. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship will be 13 rounds, played in the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Laws of Chess. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per a move, starting from move 1.

Tie-break System

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:

- a) Median-Buchholz 1, the highest number wins;
- b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- d) Progressive Score, the highest number wins.

In the case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a) and (b) the current FIDE tournament rules shall be applied: "Independently of the result of an unplayed game (win by Bye, win or loss by forfeit, no game because the player has withdrawn or was absent for some round(s)) for reasons of tiebreak the result shall be counted as a draw against the player himself." Annex to FIDE Tournament Rules, pt.1.

Tie-break Matches

Tie-break matches are limited to the following cases:

- a) to establish the Champion;
- b) to establish the medal winners;
- c) to establish qualifiers, for the World Chess Championship.

In the case of a) and b) the relevant tie-break matches will decide the final ranking and the money prizes connected with these places.

In the case of c), the relevant tie-break matches will not influence the final ranking and the money prizes will be shared equally.

System of tie-break matches

- a) Matches of two games will be played with 15 minutes on the clock and addition of 10 seconds before each move. If this match is drawn, then two games will be played with 5 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. If this match is again drawn, then the sudden-death game will be played with white having 5 minutes on the clock and black having 4 minutes, without any addition. White has to win the sudden-death game in order to win the match. In the case of a draw in the sudden-death game, the player with the black pieces wins this tie-break match.
In the case that more than three tie-break rounds have to be played, the Chief-Arbiter – after confirmation by the ECU President or his representative – may change the playing schedule in such a way that the tie-break matches can be finished within one day.
- b) The playing schedule (knock-out system) will be made in such a way that in the last tie-break round the number of matches will be equal to the number of places to be determined.
 - b1) In the case the number of players is not a multiple number of this number of places, a preliminary round will be played among the players with the lowest scores in the final ranking.
 - b2) In each tie-break round the first ranked player will play versus the last ranked, the second ranked versus the last but one ranked, and so on. This schedule will be valid to the end for the winners and losers.
 - b3) A drawing of colours shall be made by the arbiter or his assistant before each two game match and the sudden-death game. For this purpose a preliminary drawing will decide which player is to perform the draw.
 - b4) The player, who wins the drawing of lots for the sudden-death game, may choose the colour. In the case of a draw in the sudden-death game the player with the black pieces wins this tie-break match.

4. PARTICIPATION

The European Championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.9) regardless of their title or rating. There is also no limit of participants per federation, however **applications have to be sent by the national federations, only.**

5. QUALIFICATION

The European Individual Championship 2005 is a qualification event for the next World Chess Championship. According to the decision passed by the ECU Board, 34 players will qualify for the WCC.

6. PRIZES

The Guaranteed Total Prize Fund (after the deduction of required payments of around 25.000 Euros to the ECU and to FIDE) is 120.000 Euros. Moreover, the top 10 players with highest ratings will receive all inclusive accommodation in a single room, at the expense of the organizers.

The money prizes of players who have to play tie-break matches to establish the Champion or to establish the medal winners will be distributed according to the final ranking achieved after these tie-break matches. The other money prizes will be equally shared among the players who scored the same number of points.

It is possible to win one main prize and additionally one special prize.

Main prizes (in Euros):

Place	Prize		Place	Prize		Place	Prize		Place	Prize
1	20000		16	1400		31	700		46	400
2	16000		17	1300		32	700		47	400
3	12000		18	1200		33	700		48	400
4	8000		19	1100		34	700		49	400
5	5200		20	1000		35	700		50	400
6	4000		21	900		36	600			
7	3500		22	900		37	600			
8	3000		23	900		38	600			
9	2800		24	900		39	600			
10	2600		25	900		40	600			
11	2400		26	800		41	500			
12	2200		27	800		42	500			
13	2000		28	800		43	500			
14	1800		29	800		44	500			
15	1600		30	800		45	500			

Special prizes in rating groups (in Euros):				
Place	2400-2499	2200-2399	2000-2199	U-2000
1	800	800	800	800
2	650	650	650	650
3	400	400	400	400

All players are to take part in the opening and closing ceremony. If one of the prize-winners is absent during the closing ceremony, his money prize will be reduced by 20% with a minimum deduction of 100 Euros.

All prizes will be deducted by 10% for Polish tax purposes.

7. APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION

The national federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the enclosed Application Forms to the organizers as soon as possible but not later than **April 25th, 2005**.

Penalty for Late Entries:

After April 25th, 2005, all applications will be subject to 100 Euros penalty to be paid to the organizers.

8. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD

The Organizers offer accommodation in the following hotels:

1. Hotel 500 (picturesquely situated on Zegrzynski Lake, features a private beach; all rooms have bathrooms, satellite TV and telephone). The Championship will be played in this hotel. **Address:** Hotel 500, Warszawska 31A, Zegrze Poludniowe.

- **Double room** – board (3 meals; Swedish table) and lodging 50 Euros per day/per person (**16 days x 50 Euros = 800 Euros**)
- **Single room** – board (3 meals; Swedish table) and lodging 59 Euros per day/ per person (**16 days x 59 Euros = 944 Euros**)

2. Hotel Geovita (picturesquely situated on Zegrzynski Lake, all rooms have bathrooms, satellite TV and telephone). The hotel is located 10-15 minutes by bus from the playing hall. Free transportation will be provided. **Address:** Hotel Geovita, Ogrodowa 31, Jadwisin.

- **Double room** – board (3 meals; Swedish table) and lodging 44 Euros per day/per person (**16 days x 44 Euros = 704 Euros**)
- **Single room** – board (3 meals; Swedish table) and lodging 52 Euros per day/ per person (**16 days x 52 Euros = 832 Euros**)

The number of single rooms is limited.

After the deadline, organizers are not obliged to provide accommodation and board. Reservations made in the official hotels are valid only if the payments are made not later than April 25th, 2005.

Players who choose another hotel than the official ones are obliged to pay 65 Euros to cover a part of the organizing expenses [hiring additional playing halls, additional arbiters (fee + expenses), free buffet etc.].

Players and accompanying persons who choose another hotel than the official ones will take the risk of their transportation to the playing venue, security, and all official tournament information.

9. LOCAL TRANSPORT

The organizers will provide bus transportation from Warsaw Airport and Railway Station Warszawa Centralna to the official hotels on June 17th and back on July 3rd at the price of 30 Euros per person.

All payments for accommodation and local transport have to be done by bank transfer before April 25th, 2005 to the bank account:

Holder: FUNDACJA NA RZECZ WSPIERANIA SZACHÓW W WARSZAWIE

Account no: 32124028871978001005636803

Bank: Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A. XV O/Warszawa

SWIFT code: PKO PPL PW

IBAN code: PL 32

Bank commissions are to be paid by senders.

10. FEES

The entry fee for the European Individual Championship is 65 Euros per player. Every national federation has to pay this fee to the ECU upon invoice sent by the ECU Treasurer.

11. RECEPTION

The reception will be arranged in the Hotel 500 in Warsaw - Zegrze Poludniowe. All participants should register there their participation before 19:00 and take part in the Technical Meeting on June 17th at 20:00.

12. WEATHER CONDITIONS

We expect in Poland in June/July, the sunny weather with temperature between 20° and 25° Celsius.

13. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage in Poland is 220 Volts.

14. CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The currency unit is the Polish Zloty (PLN). Convertible foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport, railway station, in all banks and exchange offices. All major credit cards are welcomed in the most of hotels, big shops and restaurants. The exchange rate (as of April 2nd, 2005) is approximately: 1 USD = 3,15 PLN, 1 Euro = 4,10 PLN.

15. INSURANCE

All participants and accompanying persons have to be insured for health and accident risk.

16. VISAS

Entry visas for Poland will promptly be granted by the embassies of the Poland in the respective country.

The organizers will not be responsible for the participants' visas, if necessary information (last name, first name, passport number, date of issue and validity) will be sent after April 25th, 2005. Players and accompanying persons wishing to receive an invitation for a visa from the organizers, have to stay in one of the official hotels, as according to the Polish law, by sending such an invitation, the organizers take responsibility of guarantee security, accommodation and full board. Therefore, an invitation for a visa will be sent only for the players who paid for their stay at one of the official hotels.

Players and accompanying persons who prefer to stay in other hotel than the official ones, need to take care about their visa on their own.

17. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter of the 6th European Individual Chess Championship is Dr. Dirk De Ridder (IA - Belgium).

18. INFORMATION

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