



# **EUROPEAN BLITZ AND RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SKOPJE 2024**

**Hotel Continental, 06 - 11 December 2024**

# **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 34<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN BLITZ AND RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS. The events will be held in hotel Continental Skopje, North Macedonia. The dates are 06<sup>th</sup> December (arrival and opening) to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (departure)

## 2. Contact / Information

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**Technical Organizer** is Chess Federation of North Macedonia, under the auspices of the European Chess Union

**Tournament Director:** IO Zoran Stojcevski

**Contact email:** [zorans@asseco-see.mk](mailto:zorans@asseco-see.mk)

**Event website:** [www.eirbcc2024.com.mk](http://www.eirbcc2024.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 13 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 11 rounds with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The European Individual Fisher Random (chess 960) Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 rounds with the time control 10 minutes game + 5 seconds per move starting from the first move.

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

Registration starts after 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024.

Applications must be sent through the on-line form on the official website of the championship – **website: [www.eirbcc2024.com.mk](http://www.eirbcc2024.com.mk)**

The registration deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

### 3.1 Entry Fee

Players over 2600 and women over 2400 from 01<sup>th</sup> November rating list respectively in Blitz and Rapid are released from paying entry fee. Standard rating will be taken as reference for Fischer Random tournament.

**Entry fee for Blitz Tournament:** Entry fee will be €35 (€10 fee to the ECU is included).



**Entry fee for Fisher Rapid Tournament:** Entry fee will be €40 (€10 fee to the ECU is included).

**Entry fee for Rapid Tournament:** Entry fee for players will be €45 (€20 fee to the ECU is included).

**Each player will have to pay the €30 fee to the European Chess Union only once**, even if he/she participates in all tournaments the European Rapid Chess Championship and the European Blitz Chess Championship and European Fisher Rapid Championship

**Entry Fee for all tournaments (Rapid, Blitz and Fisher Random) in total will be €100 (€30 fee to the European Chess Union is included)**

Entry fees shall reach the below bank account no later than 30<sup>th</sup> of November

**Bank payment instructions:**

Account Number: **MK07210701000785511**

Beneficiary Name: **Chess Federation of North Macedonia**

Address: **kk Rabolnicki bb, 1000 Skopje**

Bank: **NLB Banka Beneficiary Bank Address: Mother Teresa 1, 1000 Skopje, North Macedonia**

SWIFT CODE: **TUTNMK22**

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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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: [zorans@assec-see.mk](mailto:zorans@assec-see.mk)
- Those players who register after 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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: [zorans@assec-see.mk](mailto:zorans@assec-see.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
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	20:00	Arrival and Opening Ceremony
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	21:30	Players conference meeting
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Rapid Tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> round
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	20:00	Traditional Macedonian Dinner with live music <sup>*)</sup>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Rapid Tournament 6 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> round
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	19:00	Closing Ceremony – Rapid Tournament
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	20:00	Bug-House pairs tournament <sup>**)</sup>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Blitz tournament 1 <sup>st</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> rounds, lunch break after 6 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	21:00	Closing Ceremony – Blitz Tournament
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00	Fisher Random (Chess 960) 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> round
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	15:00	Lunch break 1 hour
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	16:00	Fisher Random (Chess 960) 7 <sup>st</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> round
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	20:00	Closing ceremony Fisher Random Tournament
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		Departure day

<sup>\*)</sup> Dinner in the famous traditional restaurant with live music for only 30 EUR per person (more details on official site)

<sup>\*\*)</sup> Bug-House pairs tournament, regulations will be published on official site

## 5. Prize Fund

TOTAL PRIZE FUND is **47,000 EUR** (12,000+15,000+20,000) plus **3000 EUR** in vouchers of Modern Chess

**European Blitz Chess Championship:** 12,000 Euro + 1000 euro (10 special prizes – vouchers for Modern Chess site, one voucher 100EUR)

PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
1	2,500	8	300	15	150
2	1,600	9	250	16	150
3	1,000	10	250	17	100
4	700	11	200	18	100
5	500	12	200	19	100
6	400	13	150	20	100
7	300	14	150		

Main prizes 9,200 EUR

CATEGORY	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
The Best Player under < 2400 ELO	1	200
	2	150
	3	100
The Best Player under < 2200 ELO	1	200
	2	150
	3	100
The Best WOMEN	1	600
	2	300
	3	200
	4	150
	5	100
The Best Senior, born 1964 and older	1	100
The Best Player, under < 2000 ELO	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2006 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	50
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Player	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Female	1	Modern Chess



The Best MKD Senior, born 1964 and older	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Junior, born 2006 and younger	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	Modern Chess

Special prizes by category in total 2,800EUR

**European Fisher Random (chess-960) Rapid Chess Championship:** 15,000 Euro + 1000 euro (10 special prizes – vouchers for Modern Chess site, one voucher 100EUR)

PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
1	2,500	8	500	15	300
2	1,600	9	400	16	300
3	1,000	10	400	17	250
4	800	11	400	18	250
5	600	12	400	19	200
6	600	13	300	20	200
7	500	14	300		

Main prizes in total 11,800 EUR

CATEGORY	PLACE	PRIZE (EUR)
The Best Player under < 2400 ELO	1	200
	2	150
	3	100
The Best Player under < 2200 ELO	1	200
	2	150
	3	100
The Best Female	1	600
	2	300
	3	200
	4	150
	5	100
The Best Senior, born 1964 and older	1	100
	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 2006 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	100



	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Player	1	150
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Female	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Senior, born 1964 and older	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2006 and younger	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	Modern Chess

Special prizes by category in total 3,200EUR

**European Rapid Chess Championship:** 20,000 Euro + 1000 euro (10 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	200
4	900	11	500	18	200
5	750	12	500	19	200
6	750	13	400	20	200
7	650	14	400		

Main prizes in total 16,100 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	800
	2	500
	3	200
	4	100
	5	100
The Best Senior, born 1964 and older	1	100
	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 2006 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	100
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Player	1	200
	2	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Female	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Senior, born 1964 and older	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2006 and younger	1	100
The Best MKD Junior, born 2010 and younger	1	Modern Chess
The Best MKD Junior, born 2014 and younger	1	Modern Chess

Special prizes by category in total 3,900EUR

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 and will be paid in cash with copy of passport or personal ID of the prize winner. Modern chess prize will be given as voucher.



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 4 players having the highest rating who register not later than 06<sup>th</sup> of November 2024;

Free accommodation (twin rooms) at the official hotel of the competition will be granted to 6 players seeded 5<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, who register not later than 06<sup>th</sup> of November 2024;

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 06<sup>th</sup> November 2024;

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 November 2024 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.

### 4\* Hotel Continental – Skopje (playing venue), (<https://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>)

Single room BB per person 50 EUR  
Double room BB per person 37 EUR  
Triple room BB per person 32 EUR

### 3\* VIP – Skopje, (<https://wiphotel.com.mk/>)

Single Room BB per person 35 EUR  
Double Room BB per person 25 EUR

### 3\* Andalus– Skopje,

Double Room BB per person 25 EUR  
Triple room BB per person 35 EUR

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 3th December and from the official hotels to Airports on 9th December. Two ways, price is 30 EUR.

On a special request, it is possible to organize a transfer from Sofia airport. (Estimated price for taxi is round 130EUR)

## 9. Entry visa to North Macedonia

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Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2024 and apply on time to the respective North 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.