



EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

30 May - 08 June 2024

Age categories under 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 17, Open and Girls

Limerick, IRELAND

INVITATION & REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of the European Chess Union (ECU) and eligible players to participate in the European School Championships 2024 organized in Limerick, Ireland from 30 May (arrivals) to 08 June (departures). The event will be held in the University of Limerick.

2. Participation

2.1 Entitled to participate are chess players from ECU Chess Federations, according to their age category:

Tournaments Under 07 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2017 and after
Tournaments Under 09 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2015 and after
Tournaments Under 11 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2013 and after
Tournaments Under 13 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2011 and after
Tournaments Under 15 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2009 and after
Tournaments Under 17 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2007 and after

2.2 Each ECU member federation can register an unlimited number of players that meet the age requirements of each of the 12 respective sections.

2.3 According to the ECU Rules (Article B.14.5.1), for youth tournaments the participants are accommodated by the Organizer in the official accommodation. Access to playing areas and venues will be allowed only to persons accredited by the Organizer.

2.4 The Champions (1st place) in the previous European School Championships will have the personal right, as invited players, to participate in the tournament of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if they fulfill the conditions of Art. G.1.1. For players with personal rights, the board and lodging costs from the official day of arrival to the breakfast of the day of departure shall be covered by the Organizer.

3. Schedule

30 May, 13:00 Arrival of participants	03 June, 15:00 Round 5
31 May, 10:00 Technical meeting	04 June, 15:00 Round 6
31 May, 11:00 Opening Ceremony	05 June, 15:00 Round 7
31 May, 15:00 Round 1	06 June, 15:00 Round 8
01 June, 15:00 Round 2	07 June, 15:00 Round 9
02 June, 15:00 Round 3	07 June, 21:00 Closing Ceremony
03 June, 10:00 Round 4	08 June, 10:00 Check out and departure of participants

4. Registration deadline

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register through their national federations before the deadline of **29th February, 2024** together with a **50% deposit payment** of the registration-accommodation package via the provided registration link on our website www.escc2024.ie. After the deadline, a late registration fee of 50 euros per participant may be required until 29th March, 2024 (last day of late entries).

The complete registration of each delegation should be completed by the national federation, or have its approval, and must include the surname/s, first name/s, Date of Birth (for players only), FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure of each player, each accompanying person and each delegation member where applicable. It must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Head of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the European School Chess Championships 2024 are possible **only through the registration links** on our website www.escc2024.ie.

5. Registration-Accommodation package (9 nights) and Payment details

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION : University of Limerick on-campus accommodation*

*Please find more information about the accommodation in article 18 below.

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation for 9 nights in apartments, each with 4 or 6 ensuite single bedrooms
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, including potable water (full board) from lunch on 30th May to breakfast on 8th June.
- Transportation, by official event transport, from and to Dublin or Shannon airports on 30th May and 8th June.
- Registration and ECU entry fees.
- All taxes (including VAT, Municipality Tax and Tourism Tax).

Price per person: €899 per Person

A rate of €874 per person is available for double occupancy of a room (large double bed, see photos).

Extra nights' accommodation (accommodation only) beyond 8th June 2024 can be booked and paid separately by emailing EuropeanSchoolsChess@ul.ie.

Please note there is no availability for on-campus accommodation before 30th May 2024.

Payment details

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **29th February 2024**, together with a **50% deposit within 5 days** of registration confirmation.

Outstanding balances shall be paid no later than **28th April 2024**.

On completion of your online booking via the registration link, relevant payments shall be made only by wire transfer to:

Bank: AIB Bank,

Bank SWIFT/ BIC: AIBKIE2D

Account Holder: Irish Chess Union

Bank address: 219 Crumlin Road, Dublin 12, Ireland.

IBAN account no: IE26AIBK93102024160063

6. Fees

ECU entry fees and Registration fees are already included in the registration package of paragraph 5 above and the ECU fee will be paid directly by the Organizer to the ECU.

7. Travel Details

Participants should book their flights to Dublin Airport (DUB) or Shannon Airport (SNN). Bus transportation from and to Dublin and Shannon airports is included in the organization package for all participants on the arrival day (30th May 2024) and the departure day (8th June 2024).

Transportation from the organizers on other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

Check-out time on 8th June 2024 will be at 10am.

8. Titles and Prizes

8.1. Award of Trophies and Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the players taking the first three places in each age category.

8.2. Special prizes will be awarded to the players. The list of prizes and the rules for their award will be published before the start of the tournament.

8.3. The 1st winner of each European School Championship category shall have the personal right to participate as an invited player in the World School Championship of the corresponding or of a higher age category if the relevant stipulation of the FIDE Tournament Regulation is met. This privilege may be exercised exclusively in the subsequent year following the qualification.

8.4. All players will receive Certificates of Participation.

9. Tournament Rules

The ECU Tournament Rules should be followed for any other matter not mentioned in this invitation. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. Default time is 15 minutes.

10. Anti-Cheating guidelines

The FIDE and ECU Anti-Cheating rules are valid and will be followed for all the European Championships (Article Q of the ECU Tournament Rules). Upon arrival or any time during the event, players may be requested to present passports for verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, performed by means of hand-held metal detectors, may be carried out by arbiter(s), namely before, during or after the games.

11. Appeals procedure

Appeals Procedure Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

12. Scoring and tie-breaking system

12.1. The Championship will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with time control of 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. If, in any age group, there are less than 16 participants, the organizers reserve the right to merge groups with a view to maximizing the number of rounds per player, or, for exactly 10 players, a round robin may be used.

12.2. The score in each game is 1 for a win, $\frac{1}{2}$ for a draw and 0 for a lost game.

12.3. 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) to (e) the extent required: (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 equaled 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.

13. Covid-19 and Health Protocol

Since Sunday 6 March 2022, travelers to Ireland are not required to show proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative PCR test result upon arrival. There are, at the date of publication of this document, no post-arrival testing or quarantine requirements for travelers to Ireland. Any individual that develops COVID-19 symptoms while in Ireland should follow the 'Health Service Executive' (HSE) guidance in relation to isolation and undertaking antigen or PCR testing as appropriate. Accommodation bookings will not be refunded in the case of individual COVID cases or in the case of close contacts.

14. Visa information

If you are traveling to Ireland and you are **not** a citizen of the UK, Switzerland, or a country in the European Economic Area (the EU plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), you may need to apply for a **Short Stay 'C' Tourist Visa**. The full list of required/ non required visa countries you can find here:

<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-visit-ireland/visit-ireland-travel-path/>

You can apply for a Short Stay 'C' visa up to three months before your date of travel. The online visa application facility can be found at the following link: <https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx>

In the event that delegates who have registered, booked and paid for their accommodation in accordance with the schedule in this invitation letter and have applied for their visa in a timely manner, have their visa application rejected; such delegates can apply for a refund of all monies paid by them to the organizers. To apply for such a visa rejection related refund, a valid visa rejection letter, dated before 30th May 2024 must be submitted to the organizers.

If you require a visa, please contact the tournament organizer in the first instance before December 31st 2023.

15. Other events during the event week

Extra curricular activities and chess events will be published closer to the event.

16. Tournament office / Contact Information

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17. Summary of deadlines:

Deadline for registration: 29th February 2024 (incl. 50% deposit within 5 days)

After the deadline, a late registration fee of 50 euros per participant may be required until 29th March, 2024 (last day of late entries)

Deadline for latest entry: 29th March 2024

Deadline for full payment outstanding balances: 28th April 2024

18. On-Campus Accommodation

The University of Limerick is a public research university institution in Limerick, Ireland. Founded in 1972 as the National Institute for Higher Education, Limerick, it became a university in 1989 in accordance with the University of Limerick Act 1989.

Situated on a superb riverside campus of over 140 hectares, the University of Limerick (UL) has a proven track record of delivering complex quality events at local, national, European & World Championship level.



Everyone will stay in on-campus villages, which are attractive apartment style complexes.



Each apartment has 4 or 6 lockable en-suite bedrooms, a shared spacious kitchen/ living room area with a television. The kitchen is furnished with delph, cutlery, pots & pans. Some apartments have a balcony, depending on if it is above the ground floor.

All bedrooms are en-suite double bedrooms, provided with towels and toiletries (soaps, shampoo and toilet paper) including a desk and sufficient storage for clothes and personal belongings.



We reasonably expect and encourage requests from federations to group people into apartments of 6 and also requests from some families not to be in an apartment with others.

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