ECU Senior Team Chess Championship 2027

23 April – 03 May 2027 – Acqui Terme AL Piedmont Italy

Invitation

This is the official invitation to all European National Chess Federations and senior players for the EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (categories 50+ and 65+) organized in Acqui Terme, Italy, from 23 April arrival day to 3 May 2027 departure day.

Participation

1) Each National Federation of the European Chess Union has the right to register an unlimited number of teams in both categories: Open and Women 50+ & 65+.
2) Each team should consist of four (4) players and optionally one (1) reserve player. The teams may represent a National Federation or any regional structure of a National Federation (club teams, city teams, regional teams, national teams, or simply friends, etc. - there is no limitation), but all players must be members of the same federation.
3) In the 50+ category, players born in 1977 or earlier are entitled to participate. In the 65+ category, players born in 1962 or earlier.

The registration period ends on April 2, 2027

Playing Venue

The games will take place in the conference centre of Acqui Terme.

Tournament Schedule

Date	Time	Event
April 23	15:00 – 19:00	Arrival Day Registration
April 24	09:30	End of registration
April 24	10:00	Technical Meeting
April 24	15:00	Round 1
April 25	15:00	Round 2
April 26	15:00	Round 3
April 26	21:30	Blitz FIDE Rated
April 27	15:00	Round 4
April 28	15:00	Round 5 – Wine tasting
April 29	15:00	Round 6
April 30	15:00	Round 7
May 1	15:00	Round 8
May 2	15:00	Round 9
May 2	22:00	Closing ceremony – Prize awards
May 3		Departures

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

Technical Regulations

In accordance with the ECU tournament rules, the European Championship will be played in four categories: 50+ and 65+ categories both in the Open and Women section.
There shall be a separate Women's Championship if there are at least 8 teams in the respective category. Otherwise, the Women's Championship shall be merged with the respective Open category.
The Championship will be played in a 9-round Swiss system. The time control is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game+ 30 seconds increment for every move played.
Default time at the start of all 9 rounds is 30 minutes.
The ECU Tournament Rules apply.

The ECU Officials (Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiter, Appeals Committee and ECU Technical Delegate) will be appointed by ECU in due time.
Arbiters team will cover the following languages:
ITA, GER, ENG, ESP, UKR, TUR, FRA, DEN, GRE.

Appeals procedure

A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 30 minutes after the end of the game. A protest fee of 200 Euro has to be paid to ECU and it is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.

Awards

The ranking will be made according to match points. The team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition.
The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from A to B to C to D to the extent required:

A by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins. In case of two or more opponents with this same number of matches points the lowest results of multiplication should be excluded;
B by the number of board points won, the highest number wins;
C by the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins;
D by the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

The result of the unplayed match is as follows:

- 2 match points and 4 game points in case of an unplayed win,
- 1 match point and 2 game points in case of a bye,
- 0 match points and 0 game points in case of an unplayed loss.

The winner of the European Senior Team Chess Championship 50+ receives the title **European Senior Team Chess Champion 2027 50**.
The winner of the European Senior Team Chess Championship 65+ receives the title **European Senior Team Chess Champion 2027 65+**.
The winner of the European Senior Women Team Chess Championship 50+ receives the title **European Senior Women Team Chess Champion 2027 50+**.
The winner of the European Senior Women Team Chess Championship 65+ receives the title **European Senior Women Team Chess Champion 2027 65+**

Prize Fund

Financial prizes: € 8,400 + € 10,000 added by ECU total € 18,400.
According to Article D.4.5 of the ECU Tournament Rules and Regulations, the prizes will be equally shared among the teams with the same score for the general standing's prizes.

Open Senior 50+	**Open Senior 65+**
1° € 2,500.00.- trophy and Gold medal	1° € 2,500.00.- trophy and Gold medal
2° € 1,700.00.- Silver medal	2° € 1,700.00.- Silver medal
3° € 1,300.00.- Bronze medal	3° € 1,300.00.- Bronze medal
4° € 1,000.00.	4° € 1,000.00.
5° € 900.00.	5° € 900.00.
6° € 800.00.	6° € 800.00.

Women 50+	**Women 65+**
1° € 1,000.00.- trophy and Gold medal	1° € 1,000.00.- trophy and Gold medal

Trophies and medals will be given to the TOP 3 teams. Players with the best rating performance on their respective board shall receive gold medals. Silver and bronze medals shall be awarded to players with the second and third best rating performance on their respective board. The award is in accordance with the ECU rules.

Qualification to World Senior Championship

According to FIDE Handbook D.03.7, the Team winner from each category of the European Senior Team Championship 2027 is qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging) to the World Senior Team Championship 2028. Any change of regulations is a FIDE matter.

Accommodation packages

To be registered and booked only through the Organising Committee (accommodation price per person, daily, including water during meals).
Available room also for disabled person. Pets are allowed.
Available rooms, without carpet, for allergic person.
And upon request it will be special dishes for celiac, vegetarian, vegan, Muslim person.

Hotel Acqui ★★★★ *(dist. 1 km, Wellness centre included)*	
Junior Suite Double - *Price per person per day*	€ 130.00.
Junior Suite using single - *Price per day*	€ 150.00.
Superior room double - *Price per day*	€ 115.00.
Superior room using single - *Price per day*	€ 135.00.
Hotel Ariston ★★★★ Superior *(dist. 1 km,)*	
Full Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 105.00.
Half Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 98.00.
Full Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 130.00.
Half Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 123.00.
Valentino ★★★ *(dist. 200 mt,)*	
Full Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 100.00.
Half Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 93.00.
Full Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 125.00.
Half Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 118.00.
Rondò ★★★ *(dist. 100 mt,)*	
Full Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 95.00.
Half Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 88.00.
Full Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 120.00.
Half Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 113.00.
Gianduja ★★★ *(dist. 400 mt,)*	
Full Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 90.00.
Half Board — Double room - *Price per person per day*	€ 83.00.
Full Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 115.00.
Half Board — DUS double using single - *Price per day*	€ 103.00.

City Tax only for 4 days: € 1.50

Other facilities:

- garages,
- wellness,
- tennis.

Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.

Registration form, Entry fees, Booking and payment

REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration fee is € 600.00 per Team (is including ECU fee).
For accompanying persons € 100.00 per person.
It includes accreditation, badge, discount for wellness centre, free tour in Acqui and free wine tasting.
Deposit for hotel accommodation is 300 Euro per person.
The registration period ends on 2 April 2027 (application deadline). Late registration the entry fee is doubled.
The captain or Federation must do only 1 payment per Team and accompanying persons. entry fee and deposit for accommodation must be paid simultaneously with the application. Example:

- 1 Team 4 players is: entry fee € 600.00 + € 1,200.00 (€ 300.00 per person hotel deposit) = total € 1,800.00
- 1 Team 4 players + 2 accompanying persons is: entry fee € 600.00 + € 200.00 + € 1,800.00 (€ 300.00 per person hotel deposit) = total € 2,600.00

The Organizing Committee will contact the captain of the teams to confirm the registration and hotel booking, rooms will be booked after a deposit payment, free of bank charges. Teams who are not accredited will not be included in the draw and their entry fees will be forfeited. Access to playing area, venue will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.
Each participant is advised to stay in one of the official hotels. Exceptions can be made for local players. Players 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.
The receipt of the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organising Committee.
The amount must be transferred (free of bank charge) to the following Bank Account:
Account Holder: Comitato ARCOWORLDCHESS - Pernici Rigo Cristina Bank: Cassa Rurale Alto Garda Arco (TN) Italy

Bank Address: viale Magnolie 1, Arco (TN) Italy
EU IBAN IT86 G080 1634 3100 0000 0383445
BIC/SWIFT CCRTIT2T04A (all fee loading to order)

The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round, directly in play venue organization desk, payment could be done in cash in Euro or with VISA/MASTERCARD.

Hotel Reservation Form

CHESS TEAM & FEDERATION

Team / Federation _____

Contact person _____

Tel. _____

Email _____

Number of persons _____

LIST OF PLAYERS

Board	Category	Full Name	FIDE ID
1	+50 or +65		
2	+50 or +65		
3	+50 or +65		
4	+50 or +65		
Reserve	+50 or +65		

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel _____

Board type ☐ Full Board ☐ Half Board

Number of double rooms _____

Number of single rooms _____

Number of triple rooms _____

PAYMENT

Payment method ☐ Bank transfer (EUR) ☐ Credit card ☐ Cash

Deposit paid (EUR) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

After the registration finish, captain of the team will receive a proforma invoice with full bank instructions. In your bank transfer, please note the name of your team.

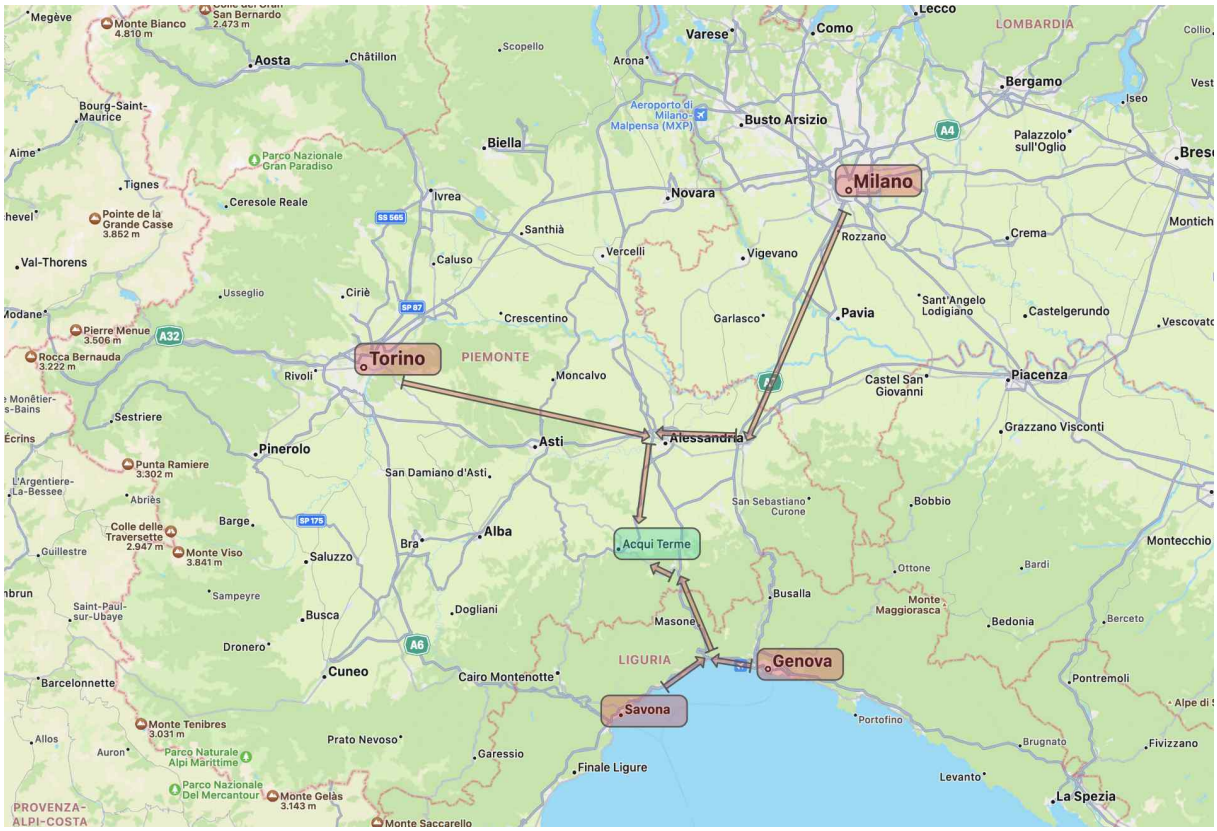
Anti-cheating guidelines

The ECU Anti-Cheating guidelines are also valid for the European Senior Team Chess Championship.

Airport transfers

From Malpensa Airport Terminal 1 for arrival day April 23, and departure day May 3, 2027. the cost is € 50.00 per way.
Temporary Bus Schedule 13.00 - 19.00.
The definitive timetables will be communicated after the deadline of April 2, 2027.
Airline passengers must inform the organizer in time (deadline April 2), sending the schedule by mail info@arcoworldchess.com, with name, flight details, time of arrival and departure as soon as possible.
Organizers can provide private transportation with taxi in any other date and another airport, with an additional cost.

How to reach us



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