12th European Individual Chess Championship Regulations
Aix-les-Bains 2011

0 Preamble

The following Tournament Regulations are to be endorsed by the ECU board in Belgrad on January 13th 2011.
The English version of the Tournament Regulations is authentic.
The Tournament Regulations are obligatory for all parties concerned.

1 Organizers

The French Chess Federation (FFE), BP 10054, 78185 Saint Quentin en Yvelines Cedex, FRANCE, under the auspices of the city of Aix-les-Bains and the European Chess Union (ECU).

2 Tournament Dates & Schedule

The 12th European Championship will be held in Aix-les-Bains, France, from March 21st (day of arrival) to April 3rd (day of departure) 2011.

Opening and closing ceremonies will take place at the Congress Center's Auditorium, Rue Jean Monard, 73100 Aix-les-Bains.

Day	Date	Time	Program
Monday	March 21		Arrival Day
Monday	March 21	7:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
Monday	March 21	10:00 pm	Technical Meeting
Tuesday	March 22	2:30 pm	Round 1
Wednesday	March 23	2:30 pm	Round 2
Thursday	March 24	2:30 pm	Round 3
Friday	March 25	2:30 pm	Round 4
Saturday	March 26	2:30 pm	Round 5
Sunday	March 27	2:30 pm	Round 6
Monday	March 28	2:30 pm	Round 7
Tuesday	March 29		Rest Day
Wednesday	March 30	2:30 pm	Round 8
Thursday	March 31	2:30 pm	Round 9
Friday	April 1	2:30 pm	Round 10
Saturday	April 2	10:00 am	Round 11
Saturday	April 2	7:00 pm	Closing Cermony
Sunday	April 3		Departure Day



3 Playing Venue

The playing venues will be :

- Congress Center, Rue Jean Monard, 73100 Aix-les-Bains
- Casino Grand Cercle, 200 Rue du Casino, 73100 Aix-les-Bains

4 Participation

The 12th European Individual Chess Championship is open to all players representing the Chess Federations which comprise the European Chess Union (FIDE zones 1.1 to 1.10) regardless of their title or rating. There is no limit of participants per federation.

5 System & Rate of Play

The championship will be based on the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and the FIDE Rules of Chess. Pairings will be managed with help of Swiss Manager pairing software.

The rate of play will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

The digital chess clocks will be programmed in such a way that the additional thinking time is added after the first flag fall (i.e. NOT after move 40).

6 End of the game

Analysis is not allowed in the playing area.

At the end of the game, players are requested to complete and sign the scoresheets in accordance with the FIDE laws of chess and ask the acknowledgement of the arbiter. The arbiter will sign score sheets to validate the result and hand over their copies to both of the players.

Players are requested not to move the pieces on tables 1 to 50 (Digital Boards).

7 Results and Pairings

During the playing session, results of finished games will be regularly published on the playing area's information board by sector arbiters.

Technical information (list of players, results, pairings, etc.) will be displayed close to each playing area and available on the official website of the championship: www.aixlesbains2011.fr

Results of each round, certified by the Pairing Officer and the Chief Arbiter, will be published within 30 minutes after the end of the last game, in the Congress Center Lobby. This list will remain published 1 hour, before the pairings for the next round are actually calculated. In the improbable case of inaccurate results, this will give time to participants to warn the Chief Arbiter about a mistake.

Hence, pairings of the next round will be displayed within 1½ hour after the end of the last game.

Pairings of Round 1 will be published after the Technical Meeting, on March 21st.

8 Ranking & Tie Break System

[ECU Tournament Rules B6.2] ***Ranking***

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 the extent required:

a) Performance Rating;



b) Median-Buchholz 1, the highest number wins;

c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;

d) Number of wins, the highest number wins;

In case of unplayed games for the calculation of (b) and (c) 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 tie-break the result shall be counted as a Draw against the player himself." Annex to FIDE Tournament Rules, pt.1.

[ECU Tournament Rules D3.2] ***Tie-break Matches***

There are no tie-break matches in the European Individual Chess Championship.

9 Prizes & Qualifying spots for the next World Cup

The 12th Individual European Chess Championship is qualification event for the next World Cup. According to the FIDE Regulations and the decision of the ECU Board, 23 players will qualify.

General Prizes	***113 700 €***	***Special Prizes (performance minus rating)***	***6 300 €***
1	20 000 €	1	1 000 €
2	15 000 €	2	800 €
3	11 000 €	3	700 €
4	8 000 €	4	600 €
5	7 000 €	5	500 €
6	6 000 €	6	450 €
7	5 500 €	7	400 €
8	5 000 €	8	350 €
9	4 500 €	9	300 €
10	4 000 €	10	250 €
11	3 500 €	11	250 €
12	3 000 €	12	200 €
13	2 500 €	13	200 €
14	2 200 €	14	150 €
15	2 000 €	15	150 €
16	1 900 €		
17	1 800 €		
18	1 700 €		
19	1 600 €		
20	1 500 €		
21	1 400 €		
22	1 300 €		
23	1 200 €		
24	1 100 €		
25	1 000 €		

A player can get one prize only.

According to Article 13.1.1 of the ECU Tournament Rules, if one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, his money prize will be reduced by 20%, with a minimum of 100 €.



10 Arbiters & Appeals Committee

- Chief Arbiter will be IA Laurent Freyd (FRA).
- Deputy Chief Arbiter will be IA Sava Stojsavljevic (SRB).
- Pairing Officer will be IA Stephen Boyd (FRA).

11 Appeals Procedure

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after completion of the playing session.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 €, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the total 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 Applications, Registration

The national federations are kindly requested to fill in and return the Application Form to the Organizer's e-mail address or fax number not later than February 25, 2011.

After this date, the official hotels' rates may be changed.

13 Registration Fees

In accordance with the ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM are required to pay a fee of 65€/person, while other players have to pay 130 €/person as the entry fee.

In addition, an organization fee of 70 € must be paid by all participants. The organization fee includes:

- Bus transfer from Geneva and Lyon airports to the official hotels and back
- Free drinks (coffee, tea or water) for all participants in the playing venues

According to the ECU regulations (Art. B.9.5.1), the entry fee shall be paid by the federations to ECU before or at the start of the competition. If the entry fee is not paid for a player until the end of round 2, this player will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

14 Payment

At the time of registration, payment has to be made on the French Chess Federation account, in Euro Currency.

Beneficiary bank: BNP Paribas, Branch Office Elancourt Templier (01797)

From France :

RIB : 30004 01797 00010026639 42

From International :

IBAN : FR76 4017 9700 0100 2663 942

SWIFT : BNPAFRPPSQY

15 Accommodation

All players, guests and accompanying persons are invited to stay in official hotels on following conditions:



HOTEL	ROOM	FORMULA	PRICE PER NIGHT, €	PRICE FOR 13 NIGHTS, €
****	single	breakfast	90	1170
	double		105	1365
	single	half board	105	1365
	double		135	1755
***	single	breakfast	75	975
	double		90	1170
	single	half board	90	1170
	double		120	1560
**	single	breakfast	55	715
	double		70	910
	single	half board	70	910
	double		**100**	**1300**

Special prices per room are negotiated by the French Chess Federations.

The list of official hotels can be found on http://www.aixlesbains2011.fr/Default.aspx?Cat=158

16 Additional Regulations

Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round.

Only players and arbiters shall be allowed in the playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards, if they don't play there themselves.

As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

In case of pre-arranged results the chief arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0 - 0.

17 Local information

Electricity : The voltage in France is 220 Volts.

Currency & Exchange : The official currency in France is Euro.

18 Visas

France is part of the Schengen Area. Citizens from following countries are not required to get a Visa:

- European Union, European Economic Area, Switzerland
- Andorra, Croatia, Israel, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

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