

EUROPEAN SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Categories 50+ and 65+

September 17th – 27th 2019

Mali Losinj, island Losinj - Croatia



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. ORGANIZER

Croatian Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. DATE AND PLAYING VENUE

The Championship will be held from September 17th (day of arrival) until September 27th (day of departure) 2019 in Hotel Aurora**** and Hotel Vespera**** Mali Losinj, island of Losinj - Croatia. Island Losinj is well-known tourist destination in Croatia, famous for its beaches, best air quality, pine forests and walking trails along the sea.



3. EVENT WEBSITE

www.european2019chess-losinj.com

4. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Mr.Valter Valkovic

5. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday	17.09.2019.		Arrival of participants
		at 21.30	Captain's Meeting
Tuesday	17.09.2019.	at 14.30	Opening ceremony
Wednesday	18.09.2019.	at 15.00	1 st round
Thursday	19.09.2019.	at 15.00	2 nd round
Friday	20.09.2019.	at 15.00	3 rd round
Saturday	21.09.2019.	at 15.00	4 th round
Sunday	22.09.2019.	at 15.00	5 th round
Monday	23.09.2019.	at 15.00	6 th round
Tuesday	24.09.2019.	at 15.00	7 th round
Wednesday	25.09.2019.	at 15.00	8 th round
Thursday	26.09.2019.	at 15.00	9 th round
		at 21.00	Closing ceremony
Friday	27.09.2019.		Departure of participants

6. PARTICIPATION

Each national federation member of the European Chess Union (ECU) has the right to enter unlimited number of teams of four (4) players and one (1) reserve in both sections: 50+ & 65+.

The teams may represent a national federation or any regional structure of a national federation. All players must be members of the same federation.

Entitled to participate in the category 50+ are players who were born in the year 1969 or earlier and in the category 65+ players who were born in the year 1954 or earlier.

Women teams consist of all female players.

7. RECEPTION

The reception will be arranged in hotel Vespera**** Suncana uvala 5, 51550 Mali Losinj. All Delegations should register there their participation on September 17th between 15.00 and 21:00 and take part in the Captain's Meeting at 21:30 which will be held in hotel Aurora****(playing venue).

8. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

8.1. The European Senior Team Championship shall be held on the Swiss system in 9 rounds, with one section 50+ and one section 65+, considered as separate competitions. There shall be separate Women's Championships if there are at least 8 teams in one category. Otherwise the women's championships is merged with the open respective category.

8.2. According to ECU and FIDE rules, the time control will be 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

8.3. Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

8.4. Default time for all rounds is 15 minutes.

9. TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by the application of following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from **A** to **B** to **C** to **D** 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 match point 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.

10. ECU ENTRY FEE

10.1. In accordance with ECU regulations an entry fee of **100 Euro** is required for each team.

10.2. 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 by the end of round 2 these teams will not be paired in subsequent rounds.

The ECU fees must be paid to the account of the European Chess Union.

Bank: Credit Suisse, Postfach 357, CH - 6301 Zug

Account number: 1835105-42

Holder: European Chess Union

National Bank Code: 4835

BIC: CRESCHZZXXX

IBAN Code: CH3604835183510542000

11. ORGANIZATION FEE

The entry fee is **40 EUR** per player.

The entry fee shall be paid together with the accommodation.

Holder: CROATIAN CHESS FEDERATION

Address: Trg Kresimira Cosica 11, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Account number IBAN: HR44248100010111111116 (in EUR)

Bank: Agram Banka d.d.

Bank address: Ulica grada Vukovara 74, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

SWIFT code: KREZHR2X

12. PRIZES (total: 7.000 €)

The winning teams of the European Senior Team Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "European Senior Team Champion 2019"

The best women teams of the European Senior Team Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ will be awarded respectively the title "European Senior Women Team Champion 2019".

50+ category: 1st team: €1.200, 2nd team: €800, 3rd team: €500, 1st Women team: €500

In case of woman teams, prizes are not cumulative.

Trophies and medals to the 3 top winning teams and 1st Women team.

Additional prizes for individual board winners (included reserve board): €100.

Medals for three best players on each board.

65+ category: 1st team: €1.200, 2nd team: €800, 3rd team: €500, 1st Women team: €500

In case of woman teams, prizes are not cumulative.

Trophies and medals to the 3 top winning teams.

Additional prizes for individual board winners (included reserve board): €100.

Medals for three best players on each board.

13. ANIMATIONS



The following excursions will be organized during the Championship:

- trekking excursions
- excursion to Cres Island
- Island Ilovik picnic
- Island Susak picnic
- Mali Losinj and Veli Losinj tour
- Museum of Apoxyomenosmuseum and Mali Losinj town tour

Live music evenings, wine tasting, blitz tournaments, GM lectures and games commentary will be organized during the event. Additional information will be provided during the captain's meeting and on the competition website.

14. APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION

14.1. The completed application forms should be sent by official email to: hss.crochess@gmail.com

14.2. The complete registration form must include surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title of each player/captain/head of delegation. It must also include the name and telephone/email of the person in charge of the Federation.

14.3. Teams will not be registered until all their registration details have been fulfilled.

14.4. Not later than **July 17th 2019** each participating team shall register for the tournament. After that date possible lineup changes can be sent till August 17th 2019.

15. PLAYING HALL

The Championship will be held in Hotel Aurora**** Suncana uvala 4, 51550 Mali Losinj.

At the same playing venue numerous 1st Croatian leagues and Cup Finals were taking place with participation of many strong grandmasters like Ivanchuk, Saric, Naiditsch, Navara etc., who were very satisfied with playing conditions.



16. ACCOMMODATION

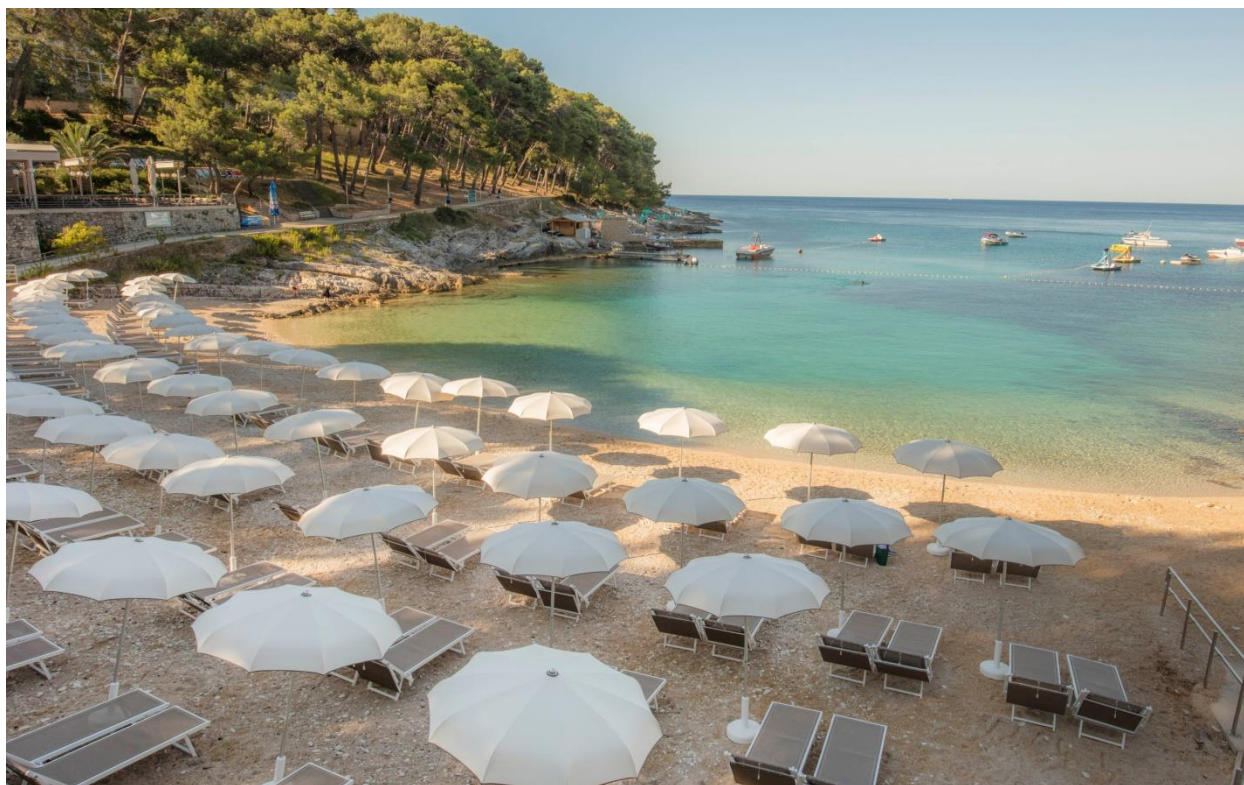
The Organizer offers accommodation in the Family Hotel Vespera****, Suncana uvala 5(right next to the playing venue - Hotel Aurora****).



Hotel Vespera is equipped with everything you'd ever wished for when planning your ideal family holiday. Located in Suncana (Sunny) Bay within reach of a pebbled-beach and flat surfaces for sunbathing, the town of Mali Losinj is just 20 minutes away from Vespera by foot.

A view of the sea and the pine forest from the terrace of the Vespera restaurant will make every moment special.

The buffet breakfast and dinner offer a large variety and includes many products from Croatian and local producers. Breakfast is served with eco marmalades, honey and juices, homemade cheeses and cured meats, a large selection of bakery products, and for dinner lamb from Cres, Istrian beef, game from the island of Cres, Adriatic fish, shellfish, and crabs. The dishes are varied and offer something from all Croatian regions including Dalmatia, Slavonia, Gorski Kotar, Istria, Baranja, and central Croatia and the themes are changed over the course of the week. Restaurant offerings can also be adapted to the needs of allergy sufferers.



The price for accommodation in Hotel Vespera**** for full board is:

- Single room 77 Euros per day/per person
- Double room 59 Euros per day/per person

The total cost of accommodation from 17.09.2019 to 27.09.2019 and full board is:

- 770 EUR in single room
- 590 EUR per person in double room.

The Organizer can only guarantee accommodation in the official hotel when reservation and payment has been made on time. Regarding this we are asking all Federations to make all necessary reservations and payments on time.

After the registration deadline, organizers are not obliged to provide accommodation and board. Reservations made in the official hotel are valid only if the payments are made not later than **July 17th 2019**.

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

17. TRANSFERS

17.1. On demand the organizers will provide transportation for teams to the official hotel on September 17th (arrival) and back on September 27th (departure).

17.2. Transportation on other days is possible on personal requests.

17.3. The cost of return ticket for transfer in days of arrival and departure is:

Airport Losinj – Hotel Vespera	40 €
Airport Rijeka (Krk)* – Mali Losinj	110 €
Airport Pula* – Mali Losinj	140 €

*includes return ferry ticket of 25 minutes journey

On demand it is possible to organize transfer from airports: Zagreb, Split, Ljubljana, Zadar, Trieste, Venice.

Even possible is to organize private plane transfers to island Losinj from airports: Pula, Rijeka, Zadar, Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Ljubljana, Belgrade, Trieste, Rimini, Venice, Cannes, Nice.

18. PAYMENTS

18.1. At the time of registration all payments (hotel and organisation fee) have to be made by bank transfer before **July 17th 2019** to following bank account:

Holder: CROATIAN CHESS FEDERATION

Address: Trg Kresimira Cosica 11, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Account number IBAN: HR4424810001011111116 (in EUR)

Bank: Agram Banka d.d.

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18.2. The foreign Bank commissions are to be paid by senders. If it is not paid, the organizers will charge the respective participants and the payment must be done in full during the registration.

18.3. All payments paid are not refundable. However, force majeure might, in extreme cases, be considered in cases when organizer can retrieve the funds from the venue.

19. INSURANCE

All participants (players, captains, heads of delegations, accompanying persons, etc.) have to insure themselves for health and accident risk for the period of the championship.

20. VISAS

20.1. Citizens of the following European countries are not required to be in possession of a visa when entering Croatia for less than 90 days: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina (only for holders of biometric passports), Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic,

Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia(only for holders of biometric passports), Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, North Macedonia, Malta, Moldova(only for holders of biometric passports) Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine (only for holders of biometric passports), United Kingdom.

20.2. A person wishing to receive an invitation for a visa from the organizers have to stay in the official venue.

20.3. Persons who prefer to stay elsewhere need to take care of their visas on their own.

20.4. The organizers will not be responsible for issuing an invitation for visa purpose if necessary information (last name, first name, date of birth of each player, head of delegation, passport number, date of issue and validity) and scanned copy of the passport are submitted after **July 17th 2019** and payments are not done.

20.5. Members of national federation requiring visas are requested to contact the organizer.