



World School Chess Championship Durrës, Albania / 20-29 April 2018



1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all the FIDE Members Chess Federations and eligible players, to participate in the **World School Chess Championships 2018** (categories for boys/open and girls under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 years old). The championship will be held in Durrës, on the Adriatic coast of Albania, from 20th to 29th April 2018, under the auspices of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Albanian Chess Federation.

2. Playing Venue

The games will take place in the conference hall of the 4-star **“FAFA Resort” Hotel** in Durrës, 40 km southwest of Tirana airport, an excellent resort on the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic Sea.

3. Tournament Schedule

Friday	20 th April	All day	Arrival of Participants
Saturday	21 st April	11:00	Technical Meeting
Saturday	21 st April	14:30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	21 st April	15.00	Round 1
Sunday	22 nd April	15.00	Round 2
Monday	23 rd April	15.00	Round 3
Tuesday	24 th April	15.00	Round 4
Wednesday	25 th April	15.00	Round 5
Thursday	26 th April	15.00	Round 6
Friday	27 th April	15.00	Round 7
Saturday	28 th April	15.00	Round 8
Sunday	29 th April	10:00	Round 9
Sunday	29 th April	16:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	29 th April	Afternoon	Departures (including next day if requested)

4. Technical Regulations

- 4.1. FIDE rated Swiss system will be used with 9 rounds played. The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and these Rules. There shall be 6 categories: Under 07, Under 09, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 with separate events for Boys/Open and Girls (in total 12 championships). Entitled to participate in each category are:
 - Under 07: Players born on or after 1 January 2011,
 - Under 09: Players born on or after 1 January 2009,
 - Under 11: Players born on or after 1 January 2007,
 - Under 13: Players born on or after 1 January 2005,
 - Under 15: Players born on or after 1 January 2003,
 - Under 17: Players born on or after 1 January 2001.
- 4.2. FIDE member federations & FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies shall have the right to send as many players as they wish, registered only through the National federation.
- 4.3. Players with personal rights of qualification, according to FIDE handbook D.04.08 article 4, are entitled to free board and lodging for 9 nights sharing a double room.
- 4.4. Time limit per player: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 min. for the rest of the game + 30'' increment for every move starting from move one. A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his/her board within one hour after the start of the game.
- 4.5. The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If two or more players are tied for the 1st place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in the following order:
 - a. Direct Encounter points (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
 - b. Buchholz Cut 1,
 - c. Buchholz,
 - d. Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces,
 - e. Greater Number of Wins.

5. Prizes, Titles & Certificates

- 5.1. The Organizer shall award trophies to the players taking the first three places in each event. The Organizer shall also award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each event. Trophies for 1st place and medals are awarded after applying tie-breaks.
- 5.2. For Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title. **The titles are awarded according to the conditions in the FIDE regulations.**
- 5.3. For Under-07, Under-09 and Under-11 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title. **The titles are awarded according to the conditions in the FIDE regulations.**
- 5.4. Certificates shall be awarded to players who finish in the top 3 positions.
- 5.5. Certificates of Participation shall be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, managers, and the FIDE appointed technical officials.

6. Appeals procedure and Appeals Committee

- 6.1. The Appeals Committee shall be 3 persons, one of whom may be the FIDE Technical Delegate. If the Appeals Committee is appointed by the Technical Meeting, there should be an additional 2 reserve members and in this case, no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation.
- 6.2. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within one hour after the end of the game.
- 6.3. A protest fee of 200 Euro shall be payable to FIDE which 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.
- 6.4. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

7. FIDE entry fee

The Organizer will sponsor and pay directly to FIDE the entry fee of **40 Euro** for ALL players staying in the official hotel through the offers described in article 8.1 below. No other registration or entry fees!

8. Accommodation packages

- 8.1. As per FIDE regulations, all players and accompanying persons must be accredited and stay at the Official Hotel of the event. Bookings and accreditation are possible only through the procedure described in articles 8.1 to 9.2 (includes accommodation for 9 nights per person, daily breakfast, lunch and dinner, use of the hotel pools and hotel beach, accreditation, transportation from/to Tirana airport on arrival and departure dates, certificates, all fees and taxes):

Four-star “Fafa Resort” Hotel ** (per person)**

- 490 Euro total **in a triple room** for 9 nights with full board and all in article 8.1 included,
 - 535 Euro total **in a double room** for 9 nights with full board and all in article 8.1 included,
 - 750 Euro total **in a single room** for 9 nights with full board and all in article 8.1 included.
- 8.2. In addition to the players with personal rights mentioned in article 4.3, the Organiser will also provide FREE board and lodging for 9 nights in a shared double room for one (1) accompanying person per federation having a minimum participation of six (6) players. The accompanying person must have a valid licence as FIDE trainer to be eligible for this offer.
 - 8.3. Additional nights are possible upon request and on a proportional discount. The official hotel is in the same resort where the playing hall is located. The above offers are guaranteed only for registrations and bookings up to 20 February. After the final deadline of 20 February, rooms may be offered at an increased cost and ONLY upon availability.

9. Registration procedure, visas and deadlines

- 9.1. By 20 February 2018, the participating National Federation shall submit its registration of participants to the email: info@durres2018.com. All entries shall include full name, rating, accompanying persons, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure and receipt of bank transfer. All entries should be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after a deposit of 50% of the total cost (free of bank charges) by 20 February to the account of the hotel's event organising agency.
- 9.2. The birthdate of each player must be given and must correspond with the birthdate given in his passport or other travel document. All travel documents must also be submitted at least 2 months before the events starts, if visas are required. The Organizer shall not be responsible for late submission and application for visas.

10. Flights / Airport Transportation

The nearest airport is Tirana (IATA code: TIA), about 40 km from the venue. The Organiser will provide transportation on arrival and departure dates from Tirana Airport to the Fafa Resort Hotel, with return, to all who register as per article 8.1 above with no extra charge.

11. Seminars

School Chess Teachers, Arbiters and Trainers Seminars will be held from 27th to 29th April 2018.

12. Contact information

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