

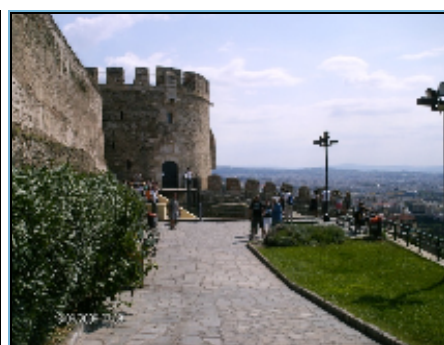
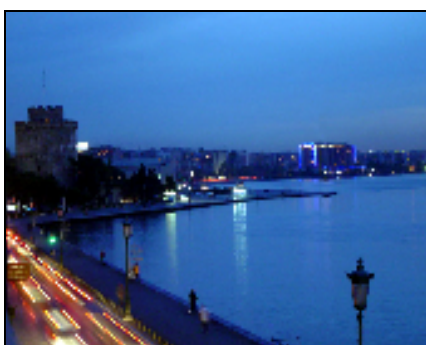


EUROPEAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010 INTERNATIONAL CHESS SCHOOL CUP 2010

OPEN TO ALL FIDE COUNTRIES

Tournaments for school chess champions in categories
OPEN U7 U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 /GIRLS U7 U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

THESSALONIKI, GREECE 4 -12 APRIL 2010



Thessaloniki is 2.300 years old city, was founded in 315 BC by King Cassandros and was named after the sister of Alexander the Great. Thessaloniki is the center of Greek North and the country's second largest city with 1.200.000 population. Thessaloniki is the leading conference city in Greece and one of the main cultural destinations in Europe. A city by the sea with annual average of 300 days of sunshine. International airport with direct flight to European capitals and other cities. Excellent starting point for interesting excursions. **Organizing Committee will provide the information and help** for visits in various museums, ancient places, cultural events, concerts and marvelous seaside restaurants.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The "Galaxias" Chess Club of Thessaloniki and the Greek Chess Federation have the honour of inviting National Chess Federations, and eligible players in the **European School Championship 2010 (International School Cup)** organised in Thessaloniki, Greece from **04th April (Arrival) to 12th April (Departure) 2010**

2. PARTICIPATION – AGE LIMITS

2.1. Each National Federation or School Association or schools may enter an unlimited number of players in each of the **12 age groups**. In case that one girl group is less than 10 participants then it will be merged with the same open age group category.

2.2. Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who shall not have reached the age:

Of 7, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2003 and after) – Tournament Under 7;
Of 9, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2001 and after) – Tournament Under 9;
Of 11, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth– January 1st, 1999 and after) – Tournament Under 11;
Of 13, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth – January 1st, 1997 and after) – Tournament Under 13;
Of 15, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth – January 1st, 1995 and after) – Tournament Under 15;
Of 17, by 1st January 2010 (date of Birth – January 1st, 1993 and after) – Tournament Under 17;

Upon arrival, captains or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for verification of age eligibility.

2.3. Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered from the participants, federations, schools and their Sponsors. Delegations of players must be accompanied at least by an adult (chief, coach or parent), who is taking care about the travel details.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - FEES

3.1. Each participant must pay 35 EUR to the Organizing Committee as a registration fee.

3.2. **ECU fee:** In accordance with the ECU regulations an ECU entry fee of 20 EUR is required for each player. Their National Federations must send this amount directly to the ECU. For participants who registered through their School, the FIDE entry fee must be paid before the start of the first round either to their National Federation (proved by a receipt document) or to the Organizing Committee in Thessaloniki.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry forms must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **Friday February 26th 2010**. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation.

4.2 The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number **of the Delegation chief**.

4.3 The cost of bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport (25 km) to the Tournament hotels (Grand Hotel Palace and Mediterranean Palace Hotel) with return on the departure day is 30 EUR per person.

4.4 At the time of registration till **Friday February 26th 2010 the amount of 35 EUR (registration) + 50% of the total accommodation cost + 30 EUR transportation cost (if required) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account of the Organizing Committee** for each participant or accompanying person. Rest of payments must be made the latest on arrival. Delegations are advised to pay the total amount of their expenses through the bank account before their arrival:

Bank Account: BANK: EFG EUROBANK ERGASIAS S.A.
SWIFT/BIC : EFGBGRAA.
IBAN: **GR3102601380000960200289132**
BANK CODE: 026
BRANCH CODE: 0138
ACCOUNT NUMBER: **0026.0138.96.0200289132**
BANK ADDRESS: SALAMINOS STREET
THESSALONIKI GREECE
ACCOUNT HOLDER: THEODOROS TSORBATZOGLOU

ONLINE BOOKINGS for CHESS: www.eventravel.net

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made and **with online credit card payment** through the only authorized site: www.eventravel.net . **From the menu choose Games Festival then Chess and the package of your choice**. Once the transfer has been confirmed, the Organising Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the hotel reservations.

5. VENUE - ACCOMMODATION

5.1. Accommodation and board will be provided **at GRAND HOTEL PALACE ***** and MEDITERRANEAN PALACE HOTEL. Playing Hall is Conference Hall (lobby area) at the GRAND HOTEL PALACE.**

5.2. **Every participant is obliged to lodge at the official hotels.** Every accompanying person that requests a visa from the Organizing Committee is obliged to lodge at the official hotels. Bookings are made **only through the Organizing Committee** (fill registrations and bookings forms).

5.3. Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made in advance as described in registration process and the rest 50% the latest by arrival. Hotel payments must be paid in EUR currency (euros). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations are not possible after 1st March 2010.

5.4. Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost per person, for 6 or 7 nights** (includes breakfast & one meal in buffet): For 8 nights or more nights add the charge of one or more nights.

Bookings are possible only by the Organizing Committee by priority for each hotel

VENUE: GRAND HOTEL PALACE (5 stars) – Monastiriou str. 305 -307

www.grandhotelpalace.gr

Prices per person H/B Breakfast and one meal (dinner)	GRAND HOTEL PALACE VENUE *****	GRAND HOTEL PALACE VENUE *****	EXTRA NIGHTS PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 6 nights	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	590 € per person	680 € per person	95 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	380 € per person	440 € per person	62 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	330 € per person	380 € per person	55 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 6 - 12 years	295 € per person	340 € per person	48 € per person per day
Kids 0 – 5	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge

Rooms available in Grand Hotel Palace: 200

Suites Available on request

Connected double rooms are available

All the packages for 6 or 7 nights include:

- Breakfast and Dinner in 5 stars Restaurant
- Free use of Gymnastirium
- Free use of Sauna
- Free use of Internal Heating Swimming Pool
- Free transfers to Thessaloniki center with Hotel Settle buses (scheduled times)

MEDITERRANEAN PALACE (5 stars) –2 km from venue

City Centre – Port - 3, Salaminos Str.

<http://www.mediterraneanpalace.gr>

Prices per person H/B Breakfast and one meal (dinner)	MEDITERRANEAN PALACE *****	MEDITERRANEAN PALACE *****	EXTRA NIGHT PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 6 nights	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	660 € per person	770 € per person	110 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	420 € per person	490 € per person	70 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	360 € per person	420 € per person	60 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 6 - 12 years	310 € per person	360 € per person	50 € per person per day
Kids 0 – 5	Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge

Rooms available in Mediterranean Palace: 70

Suites Available on request

All the packages for 6 or 7 nights include:

- Breakfast and Dinner in 5 stars Restaurant
- Free use of Gymnastirium
- Free use of Sauna
- Free use of Internal Heating Swimming Pool
- Free transfers to Thessaloniki center with Hotel Settle buses (scheduled times)

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

6.1. The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 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 1. Participants who have not confirmed their participation by Monday April 5th 12:00 will not be paired for the first round.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 4 th	Arrival of Participants - Confirmations
Monday	April 5 th	12:00 Technical Meeting - Pairings
Monday	April 5 th	16:00 Round 1
Tuesday	April 6 th	10:00 Round 2
Tuesday	April 6 th	17:00 Round 3
Wednesday	April 7 th	16:00 Round 4
Thursday	April 8 th	16:00 Round 5
Friday	April 9 th	10:00 Round 6
Friday	April 9 th	17:00 Round 7
Saturday	April 10 th	16:00 Round 8
Sunday	April 11 th	09:00 Round 9
Sunday	April 11 th	16:00 Closing Ceremony
Sunday	April 11 ^h	18:00 Blitz tournament
Monday	April 12 th	Departures of Participants

8. PRIZES – TITLES

8.1. The first European winner in each open age category is the European School Champion for 2010 and the first European girl in each girl age category is the European Girl School Champions for 2010. They awarded with trophies and special diplomas.

8.2. Special Prizes:

The 5 first winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 5 Girls winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) will **play as invited players** (free accommodation) in the 2010 World School Chess Championship on July 2010 in Turkey. **The invitation is a very kind offer of the Turkish Chess Federation.**

The 5 second winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 5 second Girls winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) will have **50% discount in their accommodation package** in the 2010 World Youth Chess Championship on November 2010 in Greece. **The invitation is a very kind offer the Organising Committee "Porto Carras WYCC 2010".**

**The special prizes (open to all Fide participants) are personal and only for the winners of first or second positions. The players who win the special prizes must have necessarily the approval of their National Federation to play in the World School or World Youth Championship.*

8.3. GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES (total 36 prizes)

5 First open winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2010 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
5 First Girl winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2010 Special Gifts	TROPHIES
5 Second open winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	50% discount World Youth 2010 Special Gifts	MEDALS
5 Second Girl winners (U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	50% discount World Youth 2010 Special Gifts	MEDALS
First winner U7 First Girl winner U7	Special Gifts	TROPHIES
3 first boys in each Category	Gifts	MEDALS
3 first girls in each Category	Gifts	MEDALS

8.4. SPECIAL PRIZES (total 10)

1 st player born 2002 (U9) 1 st girl born 2002 (GU9)	Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 2000 (U11) 1 st girl born 2000 (GU11)	Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 1998 (U13) 1 st girl born 1998 (GU13)	Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 1996 (U15) 1 st player born 1996 (GU15)	Gifts	MEDALS
1 st player born 1994 (U17) 1 st player born 1994 (GU17)	Gifts	MEDALS

8.5. TEAM PRIZES (total 3)

Three special trophies for country or school delegations of 5 participants, which will play at least in 2 ages groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

8.6. Special Diplomas of participation for all players

9. CHESS PROGRAM – GAMES FESTIVAL <http://gamesfestival.chessdom.com>

- **International Open Chess Tournament**
9 rounds Swiss system – same schedule day and time with the School Championship
- **European Chess Championship & Rapid**
9 rounds Swiss system – 8 -18 April 2010
- **International Open Blitz Tournament**
7 rounds Swiss system – Sunday 11 April 18:00 – Money Prizes
- **International Arbiter Seminar**
According the FIDE rules – Arbiter norms and titles
7 - 10 April 2010 (exams) min participants: 8
Information: Takis Nikolopoulos IA, Chairman of FIDE Arbiter Council
- **Excursions Program**
The O.C. will propose excursions in ancient and famous Greek places
- **Special offers for Easter in Greece, Thessaloniki or Halkidiki (1 – 4 April 2010)**

10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Tournament Manager

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11. VISA INFORMATION -

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before February 26th 2010** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments. The O.C has no responsibility on late or not complete applications.

For any other matter not mentioned in the General Regulations, the Organizing Committee may decide after consultation with FIDE.

For the Organizing Committee

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