



**The Federation International des Echecs (FIDE)
The International School Chess Union (ISCU)**

WORLD SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

Porto Carras, Halkidiki - GREECE, 6-15 May 2013

Tournaments for school students in categories

OPEN U7 U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 / GIRLS U7 U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The "FIDE Chess Academy of Thessaloniki", the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Greek Chess Federation have the honour of inviting all National chess federations and eligible players in the **World School Championships 2013** organised in Porto Carras - Halkidiki, Greece from **6th May (arrival) to 15th of May (departure) 2013**.

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 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2006 and after) – Tournament Under 7;
Of 9, by 1st January 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2004 and after) – Tournament Under 9;
Of 11, by 1st January 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2002 and after) – Tournament Under 11;
Of 13, by 1st January 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 2000 and after) – Tournament Under 13;
Of 15, by 1st January 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 1998 and after) – Tournament Under 15;
Of 17, by 1st January 2013 (date of Birth – January 1st, 1996 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. All participants, coaches and delegation members are obliged to register and book through the Organising Committee to the official hotel. The access to the playing areas and event venues will be allowed only to the accredited persons of each delegation.

2.4. 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. Each delegation is responsible for their members travel insurance coverage.

2.5. The Organizing Committee will host for free (9 nights full board) the FIDE World School Champions 2012 (6 Girls and 6 Boys).

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY - FEES

3.1. Each participant must pay 30 EUR to the Organizing Committee as a registration fee.

3.2. In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry FIDE fee of 40 EUR is required for each player. Their National Federations must send this amount directly to FIDE. 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 Halkidiki.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entries must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than Monday **March 18th 2013**. If the registration form is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation. The individual participations must have the approval of the National Federations. Email for registrations: gamesfestival2013@gmail.com

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 to Porto Carras (120 km), including return on the departure day is 60 euros per person. The service is provided on 6 & 7 May for arrivals and 14 & 15 May for departures.

4.4 At the time of registration till Friday **March 18th 2013 the amount of 30 EUR (registration) + 50% of the total accommodation cost + 60 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.

BANK: EUROBANK

SWIFT/BIC: EFGBGRAA

IBAN: GR3102601380000960200289132

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0026.0138.96.0200289132

BANK ADDRESS: 8 Othonos Str., 10557 Athens - GREECE

ACCOUNT NAME: EVENT TRAVEL

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 the 5-star PORTO CARRAS GRAND RESORT which is the official hotel of the event and where the games will also be held. Every participant and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee and use the official hotel. Registrations, bookings and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee.

5.2. 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 18 March 2013.

5.3. Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost per person, for 9 nights (6/5 to 15/5 2013) FB** (includes breakfast & lunch and dinner in buffet): More nights at the same prices are possible on request.

PRICES PER PERSON F/B	PORTO CARRAS GRAND RESORT *****	EXTRA NIGHTS PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM		
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	700	78 euros per day per person
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	495	55 euros per day per person
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	450	50 euros per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 3- 12 years	400	45 euros per person per day

*** Limited Family Rooms on request (2 parents & 2 kids only)**

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 Tuesday 7th May 10:00** will not be paired for the first round.

6.2. FIDE Technical officials will be announced one month before the event starts.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Monday	May 6th	Arrival of Participants
Tuesday	May 7th	10:00 Technical Meeting - Pairings
Tuesday	May 7th	16:00 Round 1
Wednesday	May 8th	16:00 Round 2
Thursday	May 9th	16:00 Round 3
Friday	May 10th	10:00 Round 4
Friday	May 10th	17:00 Round 5
Saturday	May 11th	16:00 Round 6
Sunday	May 12th	16:00 Round 7
Monday	May 13th	16:00 Round 8
Tuesday	May 14th	10:00 Round 9
Tuesday	May 14th	16:00 Closing Ceremony - Departures
Wednesday	May 15th	Departures

8. PRIZES – TITLES

8.1. The first winner in each open age category is the FIDE World School Champion for 2013 and the first girl in each girl age category is the FIDE World Girl School Champions for 2013. According to the regulations they are awarded with the FIDE Candidate Master title.

8.2. **GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES & Chess Gifts** (total 72 prizes)

6 FIDE CHAMPIONS (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	TROPHIES
6 FIDE GIRL CHAMPION(U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	TROPHIES
6 first boys in each Category	MEDALS
6 first girls in each Category	MEDALS

8.3. **SPECIAL PRIZES** (total 10)

1 st player born 2005 (U9) - 1 st girl born 2005 (GU9)	MEDALS
1 st player born 2003 (U11) -1 st girl born 2003 (GU11)	MEDALS
1 st player born 2001 (U13) - 1 st girl born 2001 (GU13)	MEDALS
1 st player born 1999 (U15) -1 st player born 1999 (GU15)	MEDALS
1 st player born 1997 (U17) -1 st player born 1997 (GU17)	MEDALS

8.4. **TEAM PRIZES** (total 3)

Three special trophies for country or school delegations of 6 participants, which will play at least in 3 ages groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

8.5. **FIDE Certificates** of participation for all players.

9. PARALLEL PROGRAM

- **International Open Chess Tournament**
Seven-round Swiss system, 7 - 12 May 2013
- **FIDE Seminars**
- **Excursions Program**
- **Games Festival - www.gamesfestival.com**
For all the chess events and seminars will be published detailed schedule and regulations

10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Tournament Secretariat: Ms. Lena Oustampasidou / Tel.: (+30) 6974605518, Fax: (+30) 2641500112
email: gamesfestival2013@gmail.com - website: www.gamesfestival.com

11. VISA INFORMATION -

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before March 18st 2013** 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.

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