



EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CATEGORIES 50+ AND 65+

RABAC (CROATIA), SEPTEMBER 26th – OCTOBER 6th 2025

1. Organizers

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

2. Date and Venue

The European Senior Chess Championship will be held in **Rabac, Croatia from September 26th** (day of arrival) **to October 6th 2025** (day of departure). The Championship will be held in **“Sunny Rabac” restaurant by Valamar.**

Rabac is located on the southeastern coast of Istria, 5 km southeast of Labin, and is famous for its stunning strings of pebble beaches and lush Mediterranean greenery. Once a quiet fishing village, it's now a beloved tourist destination. Rabac is celebrated for its pristine beaches, boasting some of the clearest waters in the Adriatic.

Locals know that early mornings on the beaches are magical, when the sunrise paints the sky in hues of pink and orange. Hidden coves are accessible only by boat and provide an intimate setting for swimming and snorkeling, revealing vibrant marine life including colorful fish and sea urchins.

It seems there's no better place than Rabac to play chess and enjoy nature at the same time.

3. Tournament Schedule

Arrivals	Friday	September 26 th	
Tech. meeting	Friday	September 26 th	21:00
Round 1	Saturday	September 27 th	15:00
Round 2	Sunday	September 28 th	15:00
Round 3	Monday	September 29 th	15:00
Round 4	Tuesday	September 30 th	15:00
Round 5	Wednesday	October 1 st	15:00
Round 6	Thursday	October 2 nd	15:00
Round 7	Friday	October 3 rd	15:00
Round 8	Saturday	October 4 th	15:00
Round 9	Sunday	October 5 th	14:00
Prize Awards	Sunday	October 5 th	21:00
Departures	Monday	October 6 th	

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

4. Participation

All players shall have reached the age of 50 and 65 (by December 31st 2025). By the FIDE and ECU tournament rules, the Championship will be played in four categories: age 50+ and 65+ (Open and Women);

The players placed 1-3 in the previous European Senior Championships shall have the personal right to participate in the European Senior Championships of the corresponding age category or a higher age category. All other persons, other than players shall be classified as Accompanying Persons.

There is also no limit of participants per federation.

5. System and rate of play

The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time 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.

Women tournament will be played separately. If in total the women participants are less than nine they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

Default time at the start of all rounds will be 15 minutes.

6. Ranking & Tie-Break System

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 (e) the extent required:

- Results of direct encounters between the tied players - If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equaled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1, and so on;
- Buchholz Cut 1;
- Buchholz;
- The greater number of games played with black;
- The greater number of wins.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria, the current FIDE Competition Rules shall be applied.

7. Other regulations

Type of Clock: DGT 3000.

The European Anti-Cheating Rules (ECU Tournament Rules, Part Q) and the FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A.09) shall apply. Upon arrival, players may be requested to present their passports for the verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, performed through hand-held metal detectors, may be carried out by arbiter(s), namely before, during or after the games.

8. Appeals

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

9. Prizes

The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship 50+ receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2025 50 + “.

The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship 65+ receives the title “European Senior Chess Champion 2025 65 + “.

The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship 50+ receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2025 50 + “.

The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship 65+ receives the title “European Senior Women Chess Champion 2025 65 + “.

The first 3 places in each category will be awarded with cups and medals. Winners from 4 to 10 place of each group will be awarded with medals.

Total prize fund: 8.000 €

PLACE	OPEN 65+	WOMEN 65+	OPEN 50+	WOMEN 50+
1 st	1.000 €	400 €	1.000 €	400 €
2 nd	750 €	300 €	750 €	300 €
3 rd	550 €	200 €	550 €	200 €
4 th	400 €		400 €	
5 th	250 €		250 €	
6 th	150 €		150 €	

A player can get only one financial prize. For the players with the same number of points prizes are distributed according to the Hort-system, among such numbers of players corresponding to the number of advertised prizes. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then: his/her money prize will be reduced by 20 % with a minimum of 100 €. Any other prize (medal, trophy) will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100€ has not been paid. The money will be forfeited to ECU.

10. Qualifications to World Senior Championships

According to FIDE Handbook D.04.03.7, the top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2025 are qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging) to the World Senior Championship 2026. Any change of regulations is a FIDE matter.

11. Accommodation

Bookings in the official hotels are made only through the organizers. The organizer has prepared offers at two exceptional hotels, renowned for their fantastic and diverse cuisine. Guests can choose between **full board (two or three meals included)** and **half board (breakfast and dinner included)**:

VALAMAR SANFIOR HOTEL & CASA 4*	FULL BOARD	HALF BOARD
Double room (per person)	87 €	73 €
Single room	119 €	105 €

The hotel is located **4 minutes’ walk from the tournament hall**.

The above prices include:

- Welcome drink
- Access to the hotel fitness center and indoor pool
- Beverages from the dispenser during dinner (water, juices)

VALAMAR BELLEVUE RESORT 4*	FULL BOARD	HALF BOARD
Double room (per person)	92 €	78 €
Single room	125 €	111 €

The above prices include:

- Welcome drink
- **Beverages from the dispenser during dinner (water, juices), as well as domestic wine and beer**

The hotel is located 1 km (10 minutes' walk) from the tournament hall.

12. Registration deadline

To provide appropriate tournament conditions, players must complete carefully the official **registration form and submit it to the Organizers by Friday, August 29th, 2025.**

Each player (official or additional) must pay the Organizers the **amount of 120 €** at the moment of their registration (ECU fee included).

All entries shall be confirmed by the Organizer. Rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of 200 € per person (free of bank charges) paid to the following bank account.

Owner: Croatian Chess Federation

IBAN: HR7824810001120011240

SWIFT code: KREZHR2X

Bank: Agram Banka d.d.

13. Transfers

The organizer will arrange transfers in day of arrival and day of departure from the following airports:

Pula Airport – the cost is 40 € per person in one way

Trieste Airport (ITA) – the cost is 80 € per person in one way

Request about transfer should be submitted together with the registration of each participant.

Organizers can provide private transportation with taxi in any other date, with an additional cost.

14. Organisers Contacts

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