

The 5th European Individual Women's Chess Championship

General Information

1. Organizers

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2. Venue, date, schedule

The Championship will be held from March 20 (day of arrival) until April 4 (day of departure) 2004 at Treff Hotel, Wilhelm-Franke-Str. 90 in Dresden. The tournament hall is in the same hotel.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday	20.03.		Arrival of participants
		at 20.00	Opening ceremony
		at 22.00	Technical Meeting
Sunday	21.03	at 13.00	1 st round
Monday	22.03	at 13.00	2 nd round
Tuesday	23.03.	at 13.00	3 rd round
Wednesday	24.03.	at 13.00	4 th round
Thursday	25.03.	at 13.00	5 th round
Friday	26.03.	at 13.00	6 th round
Saturday	27.03.	at 13.00	7 th round
Sunday	28.03.	at 13.00	8 th round
Monday	29.03.		free day
Tuesday	30.03.	at 13.00	9 th round
Wednesday	31.03.	at 13.00	10 th round
Thursday	01.04.	at 13.00	11 th round
Friday	02.04.	at 13.00	12 th round
		at 20.00	Technical Meeting
Saturday	03.04.	at 10.00	tie breaks
		at 20.00	Closing ceremony
Sunday	04.04.		Departure

After consultations with European Chess Union (ECU) the Chief Arbiter and the Organizers may make changes to the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

3. System and Rate of play

The championship will be played in 12 rounds of the Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules

The playing session shall be approximately 4 hours: 1:30 hours for the whole game with an incremental time of 30 seconds per move from the first move. Chess clocks SchachTimer Silver will be used.

4. 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) the extent required:

- (a) the Buchholz Score reduced by the highest and the lowest score of the opponents (Median-Buchholz 1), the highest number wins;
- (b) the sum of the score of each of the opponents of a player (Buchholz), the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- (d) after each round a player has a certain tournament score. These scores are added. (Progressive Score), the highest number wins.

In the case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a) and (b) the current FIDE tournament rules shall be applied:

“ Independently of the result of an unplayed game (win by Bye, win or loss by forfeit, no game because the player has withdrawn or was absent for some round(s) for reasons of tiebreak) the result shall be counted as a draw against the player himself.” (Annex to FIDE tournament Rules, pt.1)

5. Tie-break Matches

Tie-Break matches are limited of the following cases:

- a) to establish the Champion
- b) to establish the medal winners
- c) to establish the players, qualifying for the World Championship.

In the case a) and b) the relevant tie-break matches will decide the final ranking and the money prizes connected with these places.

In the case c) the relevant tie-break matches will not influence the final ranking and the money prizes will be shared equally.

System of tie-break matches:

Additional matches of two games will be played with 15 minutes on the clock and addition of 10 seconds before each move. If this match is drawn again, then two games will be played with five minutes plus two seconds per move. If this match is drawn again, then the sudden-death game will be played with white having 5 minutes on the clock and black having 4 minutes, without any addition. White has to win the sudden-death game in order to win the match.

6. Participants

The European Women's Championship is open to all female players representing ECU Chess Federation (FIDE zones 1.1-1.9) regardless of their title or rating. Applications have to be sent by the national federations only.

7. Players qualifying for the next World Women's Chess Championship

The European Women's Championship 2004 is a preliminary qualification event for the next World Women's Chess Championship. According to the decision passed by the ECU General Assembly 12 players will qualify for the WWCC.

8. Arbiters

The Chief Arbiter will be IA Klaus Deventer (GER). The Pairing Officer will be Werner Stubenvoll (AUT).

9. Prizes

Money prizes and trophies:

Place	Prize (Euro)	Special prize: Best of U 2300	
1	4000	1 st place	600 Euro
2	3000	2 nd place	500 Euro
3	2500	3 rd place	400 Euro
4	2000	4 th place	300 Euro
5	1500	5 th place	200 Euro
6	1300		
7	1200	Special prize: Best of U 2200	
8	1100	1 st place	500 Euro
9	1000	2 nd place	400 Euro
10	950	3 rd place	300 Euro
11	850	4 th place	250 Euro
12	800	5 th place	200 Euro
13	750		
14	700	Special prize: Best of U 2100	
15	650	1 st place	400 Euro
16	600	2 nd place	300 Euro
17	600	3 rd place	250 Euro
18	500	4 th place	225 Euro
19	500	5 th place	200 Euro
20	500		

Best of = Rp-Elo; Rp ... Performance in the tournament

All in all over 31,000 Euro prizes. No double prize award is carried out. All prizes are tax-free.

All players are to take part in the opening and closing ceremony. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then their money prize will be reduced by 20% at least by 100 Euro.

10. Applications, registration

The national federations are kindly requested to fill and return the enclosed Application Form to the organizers as soon as possible but not later than February 20th, 2004.

Please confirm the registration which you can find in the attachment.

11. Fees

The entry fee for the European Individual Women's Championship is 65 Euro per player. Every national federation has to pay this fee to ECU before start of the tournament.

Bank: Die Sparkasse in Bremen, PO Box 10 78 80, 28078 Bremen, Germany

BIC (SWIFT Code): SBREDE22

IBAN Code: DE 28 29050101 0001635051

BLZ (national bank code): 290 501 01

Account: 163 50 51

Owner: Egon Ditt for ECU

There is no additional organizing fee.

12. Accommodation

The organizers offer accommodation in Treff Hotel (4 stars – prolonged breakfast till 12 clock and evening buffet) in Dresden (official hotel).

According to the ECU Tournament Rules 2002 all the participants have to accommodate at the hotel offered by the organizers.

For all participants registered to the tournament in Dresden, for further participants and accompanying persons:

1 person/per night (full board)	Double Room 49 Euro
	Single Room 69 Euro

The indicated prices are per person per day, including prolonged Breakfast, evening buffet and accommodation/VAT, insurance, service tax included.

Penalty for late entries: After February 20th 2004 all applications will be subject to a 100 Euro penalty to be paid to organizers.

The hosts will bear the expenses of WGM Pia Cramling, WIM Viktorija Cmilyte and WGM Tatiana Kosintseva on a basis of full board accommodation in a single room.

13. Local transport

We recommend the use of a cab. The price from the airport to the hotel amounts approx. to 20 Euro and from the central station approx. 10 Euro.

With a public transportation you reach the Treff Hotel Dresden as follows:

- arrival at the airport (you need a ticket for 1,5 h):
 - S-Bahn No. 2 (directly in the airport) to the station „Dresden-Neustadt“
 - Tram No. 3 (direction Coschütz) to the stop „Pirnaischer Platz“
 - Bus No. 75 (direction Leubnitzer Höhe or Goppeln) to the stop „Kauschaer Straße“
- arrival at the main station Dresden (you need a ticket for one hour) – leaving Friedrich-Liszt-Platz
 - Bus No. 76 (direction Mockritz or Erich-Kästner-Str.) to the stop „Corinthstraße“
 - Bus No. 75 (direction Leubnitzer Höhe or Goppeln) to the stop „Kauschaer Straße“

You can find a detailed way description under the menu item situation/journey on the Internet on the side http://www.tagungshotel.com/hotel_10570637.

14. Payment for accommodation

All payments for accommodation have to be done by bank transfer to the below bank account or in cash upon arrival. A player may be excluded from the players list without paying for accommodation.

Bank: Berliner Commerzbank AG, Blissestr. 2 – 6, 10713 Berlin
BIC (SWIFT Code): COBADEFF
IBAN Code: DE61 1004 0000 0774 670402
BLZ (national bank code): 290 501 01
Account: 774 67 04 02
Owner: Deutscher Schachbund, European Women Champ. 2004

15. Weather conditions

The spring starts in Dresden in March. The temperatures usually are between 5° and 15° Celsius.

16. Currency & Exchange

The local currency is the Euro.

The best way to exchange your money is do to it in your home country. In Dresden you may exchange the money only in banks.

17. Visas

If entry visas are required please contact the respective German Embassy in your country. If you need visa, report as soon as possible. The organizers will not be responsible for the participants' visas if registration forms are sent after 20th February 2004.