



25th EUROPEAN WOMEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

24 May – 6 June, 2026 – Batumi (Georgia)

1. Invitation

ECU and the Georgian chess federation invite ECU member federations to participate in European Women Chess Championship 2026. The event will be held in Batumi from 24 of May (arrival day) to 6 of June (departure day).

W E L C O M E



Batumi Europe Square



Batumi Botanical Garden



Batumi dolphinarium



Dendrological Park

2. Participation

Each national federation member of the ECU has the right to register unlimited women players. The championship is the part of FIDE World Championship Cycle.

3. Schedule, System, Time Control, Special Rules, Ranking & Tie – Breaking Criteria

Sunday	May 24		Arrival Day
Sunday	May 24	23:00	Technical meeting
Monday	May 25	14:40	Opening Ceremony
Monday	May 25	15:00	Round 1
Tuesday	May 26	15:00	Round 2
Wednesday	May 27	15:00	Round 3
Thursday	May 28	15:00	Round 4
Friday	May 29	15:00	Round 5
Saturday	May 30	15:00	Round 6
Sunday	May 31		REST DAY
Monday	June 1	15:00	Round 7
Tuesday	June 2	15:00	Round 8
Wednesday	June 3	15:00	Round 9
Thursday	June 4	15:00	Round 10
Friday	June 5	13:00	Round 11
Friday	June 5	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	June 6		Departure Day

3.1 The European Women Championship shall be played according to the Swiss System in 11 rounds.

3.2 Rate of play is 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1. Default time 15 minutes.

3.3 The [ECU Dress Code](#) is obligatory as in detail described in the ECU regulations, (shorts, caps, slippers, sun glasses, hats-except for religious reasons, etc. are not allowed).

3.4 The [ECU anti-cheating guidelines](#), the FIDE Code of Ethics and the [ECU Fair Play Code](#) are valid for all the European Championships and all players, arbiters, organizers & participants shall follow these regulations.

3.5 In the playing area only players, arbiters and tournament officials are allowed. The

access of accredited persons will be specified by the Chief Arbiter. Flashes may be used only in the first 10 minutes after the start of the round. During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to FIDE and ECU rules.

3.6 The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by applying tie-breaking criteria according to the ECU Scoring and tie-breaking system: <https://www.europechess.org/regulations/tournament-regulations/general-tournament-%20regulations/b-6-%20scoring-and-tie-breaking-system/>

- a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players
- b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- c) Buchholz,
- d) The greater number of games played with black
- e) The greater number of wins

4. ECU Fee

In accordance with ECU regulations, GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM and WFM players pay ECU fee 65 Euros, the rest of players – 130 Euros each.

According to ECU regulations, the entry fee shall be paid by the respective federations to the ECU bank account before or at the start of the competition.

The ECU entry fee must be paid to the account of the ECU:

Bank: UBS Group AG
Bahnhofstrasse 45
Postfach – 8098 Zürich
Account: 1835105-42
Holder: European Chess Union
BIC: UBSWCHZH80A
IBAN Code: CH03 0024 6246 1903 5360 X

5. Entry Fee

5.1 The deadline for the registration is **APRIL 10th, 2026**.

5.2 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, **ECU member federations** must fully

complete the excel registration form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **APRIL 10th 2025**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

- 5.3 The **Registration fee** is 120 Euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.
- 5.4 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 200 Euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.

6. Travel from Airports to the Hotel

- 6.1 The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **May 24th** as well as the departure transfer on **June 6th**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- 6.2 Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- 6.3 Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) is for each person 70 Euros
- 6.4 Travel price from Trabzon (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) is for each person by agreement.
- 6.5 Travel price from Rize-Artvin (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (80 km) is for each person by agreement.
- 6.6 Travel from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) – by agreement.
- 6.7 Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for their trip.

7. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- 7.1 All players and guests are invited to stay in Superior See-view rooms (spacious - 45sq.m) at 5-star Euphoria Convention & Casino Hotel ensuring premium comfort and access to one of the city's most modern fitness and swimming facilities.*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpEuLNMOvGc>



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SAaL_QpEGo



<https://youtu.be/NOFdWSfgw7A>

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Single	103 Euros
Double	91 Euros

7.2 Hotel reservation deadline is **April 10th**

7.3 To ensure guests comfort as well as conserving the time and energy, the players will have their playing venue within their hotel complex.

8. Payments

8.1. After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

8.2 A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

9. Arbiters & Appeals Procedure

9.1 Chief and Deputy Arbiters and Appeals Committee will be appointed by European Chess Union.

9.2 Protests decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee not later than 1 hour after the end of each match. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200 EUR as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum will be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the ECU. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

10. Prizes & Qualification

- The **25th** European Women Championship gives qualification spots for the FIDE Women World Cup. According to the decision of the ECU at least 10 players will qualify. Under the current FIDE Women World Cup regulations, FIDE is the only body responsible for rules of the FIDE Women World Cup qualification spots.
- Prize fund in total amount of **60 000 Euros** is divided as follows:

Overall ranking

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	10000	11	1500
2	8000	12	1500

3	7000	13	1500
4	6000	14	1500
5	5000	15	1000
6	4000	16	1000
7	3000	17	1000
8	2000	18	1000
9	1500	19	1000
10	1500	20	1000

11. Visa Information

About 100 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas, Including the EU, GB, Israel, Turkey. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi, Kutaisi or Tbilisi airports.

Do You Need a Visa? <https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>

12. Contact Information

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