



24th World Senior Chess Championships

23 October - 5 November 2014

Katerini, Olympus Riviera - GREECE



1. VENUE, DATES, SCHEDULE

The World Senior Chess Championships will be held in Katerini, Greece from 23 October (day of arrivals) to 5 November 2014 (day of departures). The tournament will take place in the conference center of the 5-star hotel “**Mediterranean Village**” in Katerini, Greece.

Day & Date	Time	Program
Thursday 23 October		Arrivals
Friday 24 October	11:00	Technical Meeting
Friday 24 October	15:30	Opening Ceremony
Friday 24 October	16:00	Round 1
Saturday 25 October	16:00	Round 2
Sunday 26 October	16:00	Round 3
Monday 27 October	16:00	Round 4
Tuesday 28 October	16:00	Round 5
Wednesday 29 October	16:00	Round 6
Thursday 30 October		Day off (excursion)
Friday 31 October	16:00	Round 7
Saturday 1 November	16:00	Round 8
Sunday 2 November	16:00	Round 9
Monday 3 November	16:00	Round 10
Tuesday 4 November	15:00	Round 11
Tuesday 4 November	21:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday 5 November		Departures

After consultations with FIDE and the Organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. The World Senior Chess Championship is open to all players, regardless of rating and title, who have reached the age of 50 and represent National Chess Federations which are members of FIDE. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation. Applications have to be sent by the National federations or to be approved by the National federations.

2.2. In accordance with the FIDE tournament rules, the Championship will be played in two categories: one for those who shall have reached the age of 50 (category SENIOR 50+), and one for those who shall have reached the age of 65 (category SENIOR 65+) by December 31st of the year in which the tournament will commence.

2.3. Players who shall have reached the age of 65 by December 31st of the year in which the tournament will commence are allowed to participate in the category SENIOR 50+. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organized. There is also no limit in the number of participants per federation.

2.4. Players with a personal right, according to FIDE regulations, will be accepted as guest players with free board and hotel accommodation.

3. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

3.1. The FIDE World Senior Chess Championships shall be played in 11 rounds following the Swiss System. Time control is 40 moves in 90 minutes and 30 minutes to the end of the game. Each player will also receive 30 seconds for each move played. Default time at the start of all rounds is 30 minutes.

3.2. The Women tournament is to be played separately if there are more than 10 participants in total from at least two continents. If there are less than 10 participants 65+ then will be only one women tournament 50+ with separate prizes. If in total the women participants are less than 10 or from less than 2 continents, they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

3.3. If two or more players are tied, the following tiebreaks will be used:

a) Result of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other) , b) Buchholz Cut 1, c) Buchholz, d) The greater number of games played with black, e) The greater number of wins.

4. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

4.1. FIDE Technical Delegate and Chief arbiter will be announced by 15 September. The Appeals Committee members will be elected on the technical meeting.

4.2. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 30min after the end of the game. A protest fee of 200 Euro shall be payable to FIDE which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.

5. AWARDS, TITLES & PRIZES

5.1. The winner of the World Senior Chess Championship +50 receives the title “2014 World Senior Chess Champion +50”.

5.2. The winner of the World Senior Chess Championship +65 receives the title “2014 World Senior Chess Champion +65”.

5.3. The winner of the World Senior Women Chess Championship +50 receives the title “2014 World Senior Women Chess Champion +50”.

5.4. The winner of the World Senior Women Chess Championship +65 receives the title “2014 World Senior Women Chess Champion +65”.

5.5. The title of “International Grandmaster (GM)” will be awarded to the two winners of the 2014 FIDE World Senior Chess Championships 50+ and 65+ who will also receive trophies and gold medals. The second place will receive the silver medal and “International Master (IM)” title, while the third place will be awarded bronze medal and also “International Master (IM)” title. The same applies for the respective Women titles if there is a separate event for Women with minimum 10 players from a minimum of 2 continents.

5.6. Prize Fund:

Rank	WSCC Open	WSCC Open	WSCC Women	WSCC Women
	Senior 50+	Senior 65+	Senior 50+	Senior 65+
1.	2000€	2000€	900€	900€
2.	1500€	1500€	700€	700€
3.	1100€	1100€	500€	500€
4.	800€	800€	300€	300€
5.	700€	700€	100€	100€
6.	500€	500€		
7.	400€	400€		
8.	300€	300€		

Special additional prize for over 75 first player: 400€. Total Prize Fund: 20.000 euros.

Money prizes will be equally shared among players tied with the same score.

6. ENTRY FEES & REGISTRATION FEES

6.1. Registration fee: Each player, official and accompanying person shall pay 100 euros as registration fee for the event. It includes registration, accreditation (entrance in playing hall) and transportation from and to Thessaloniki Airport.

6.2. FIDE entry fee: Each player has to pay 70 euros as FIDE entry fee. The National Federations or players must send this amount directly to FIDE.

7. ACCOMMODATION

7.1. The participants are obliged to stay in the official hotel(s) designated.

7.2. Accommodation will be provided on full board basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner) per person for the period 23 October to 5 November, in the 5-star “Mediterranean Village” hotel as follows:

- 59 euros per person per night in a double room (full board included)
- 82 euros per person per night in a single room (full board included)

Reservations for accommodation will be confirmed only after the advance deposit is paid to the bank account mentioned in article 9.1 below. Additional nights are possible with the same rates.

8. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Transfers from the International Airport of Thessaloniki (IATA code: SKG) will be provided. Every player and accompanied person must send in time all flight details for arrival and departure (number of flight, date and time for arrival and departure).

9. REGISTRATION/BOOKINGS

9.1. At the time of registration till Friday 5 September 2014, the amount of 100 euros (registration fee) + 30% of the total accommodation for each participant or accompanying person must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account. Rest of payments must be made upon arrival.

Bank: National Bank of Greece

Bank Swift Code (BIC): ETHNGRAAXX

Account holder name: Koutlougianis At Holidays Ltd

Account number (IBAN): GR5801101040000010447212332

Bank address: 6 Kar. Servias Str., 10562 Athens - GREECE

9.2. Any foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid in full before the end of the second round.

10. VISA INFORMATION

Players who need visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 5 September 2014 and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide letters for visas only after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

11. SIDE EVENTS

Excursions Program (on request)

- * Mount Olympus
- * Thessaloniki
- * Vergina - Ancient Macedonia
- * Dion

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12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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