



**World Amateur Chess Championships  
13 - 22 April 2015  
Porto Carras, Halkidiki, GREECE**



**1. Invitation**

This is the official invitation to all national chess federations of FIDE to participate in the World Amateur Chess Championships Open and Women with a FIDE rating under 2000. The championships will be held in Porto Carras, Halkidiki on the northern coast of the Aegean Sea. The dates are 13 April (arrivals, technical meeting) to 22 April 2015 (departures).

**2. Playing Venue**

The games will take place in the conference center of the 5-star Porto Carras Grand Resort, on the Sithonia peninsula of Halkidiki, 100 km south of Thessaloniki airport. Porto Carras is an excellent holiday destination, surrounded by pure natural beauty and sandy beaches on the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

**3. Tournament Schedule**

Arrivals / Technical meeting:	Monday 13 April, 19:00
1st round:	Tuesday 14 April, 16:00
2nd round:	Wednesday 15 April, 10:00
3rd round:	Wednesday 15 April, 16:00
4th round:	Thursday 16 April, 16:00
5th round:	Friday 17 April, 16:00
6th round:	Saturday 18 April, 16:00
7th round:	Sunday 19 April, 16:00
8th round:	Monday 20 April, 16:00
9th round:	Tuesday 21 April, 10:00
Prize Awards:	Tuesday 21 April, 16:00
Departures:	Wednesday 22 April by 12:00

#### **4. Technical Regulations**

4.1. FIDE rated Swiss system in 9 rounds. Entitled to participate are all players from national chess federations who have a FIDE rating below 2000 at the start of the event and have had such a rating for at least 2 years prior to 1 January 2015. They must not hold any title above CM (WCM).

4.2. The top 3 players from each Continental Open Amateur Championship 2014 (if they don't exceed 2000 rating) are qualified (free accommodation, sharing a double room) with personal rights and their places cannot be substituted.

4.3. A separate championship for women shall be organised if there are at least 10 women entries from at least two continents.

4.4. Time limit per player: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 min. for the rest of the game + 30" increment for every move starting from move one. A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his board within half an hour after the start of the game.

4.5. Tie break criteria: a) the games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other), b) the greater number of wins, c) the greater number of games with black (unplayed games count as played with white), d) buchholz cut 1, e) buchholz.

4.6. FIDE Technical officials will be announced later.  
Appeals Committee will be elected in the technical meeting.

#### **5. Prize Fund (total: 8000 euros)**

<b>(Open) Section</b>	<b>Women section</b>	<b>Special Prizes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> : 1.000 euros	1 <sup>st</sup> : 700 euros	<u>1st U1800</u> : 250 euros
2 <sup>nd</sup> : 800 euros	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 500 euros	<u>2nd U1800</u> : 150 euros
3 <sup>rd</sup> : 600 euros	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 400 euros	<u>1st U1600</u> : 250 euros
4 <sup>th</sup> : 500 euros	4 <sup>th</sup> : 300 euros	<u>2nd U1600</u> : 150 euros
5 <sup>th</sup> : 400 euros	5 <sup>th</sup> : 300 euros	<u>1st U 1400</u> : 250 euros
6 <sup>th</sup> : 300 euros	6 <sup>th</sup> : 200 euros	<u>2nd U 1400</u> : 150 euros
7 <sup>th</sup> : 200 euros		<u>1st U 1200</u> : 250 euros
8 <sup>th</sup> : 200 euros		<u>2nd U 1200</u> : 150 euros

Each player can take one money prize. In case of a tie, only money prizes are divided equally. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place, qualifications to Continental Championships and medals will be awarded after applying tie-break criteria.

Cups to the first 3 Open winners and the first 3 women.

Medals and chess gifts to all winners by rating category (U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200).

The **3 top winners of the Men (Open) section** and the **winner of the Women section** will also receive by FIDE their free accommodation and full board in their respective Continental Championships 2016 which are qualifiers for the World Championship Cycle.

## **6. Titles - Qualifications**

6.1. The winner of the Men (Open) section receives the title of "World Amateur Champion 2015" and the winner of the Women section receives the title of "World Women's Amateur Champion 2015".

6.2. The 3 top winners of the Men (Open) section and the winner of the Women section will also receive by FIDE their free accommodation and full board in their respective Continental Championships 2016 which are qualifiers for the World Championship Cycle.

## **7. Accommodation packages**

to be booked and registered only through the Organising Committee (includes accommodation for 9 nights per person in the **5-star Porto Carras Grand Resort**, daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, free use of the hotel pools and sun umbrellas at the beach and all fees) :

- **490 euros total per person in a triple room for 9 nights**
- **540 euros total per person in a double room for 9 nights**
- **760 euros total per person in a single room for 9 nights**

The packages includes and the registration fee (40 euros).

Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.

Every participant and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee with the above offers. Registrations, bookings and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee. The above offers are guaranteed for registrations and bookings up to 27 February. After the deadline of 27 February, registrations may be offered at an increased cost and only upon availability.

**8. FIDE entry fee:** €30 directly to FIDE Bank account through the National federations (or players)

## **9. Flights / Transportation**

The nearest airport is Thessaloniki (IATA code: SKG), about 100 km north of Porto Carras.

The Organizing Committee can provide bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport to Porto Carras with return **for 60 euros per person upon request.**

## **10. Registration deadline**

Entries must be sent by 27 February 2015 to the email **fidewacc2015@gmail.com** or to the fax number **(+30) 2641500112**. All entries shall include full name, rating, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure and receipt of bank transfer. All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after a deposit of **300 euros per person** (free of bank charges) by 27 February 2015 to the following bank account:

Bank: National Bank of Greece

Bank Swift Code (BIC): ETHNGRAAXX

BENEFICIARY (ACCOUNT HOLDER'S) NAME: KOUTLOUGIANNIS LTD

IBAN: GR84 0110 1040 0000 1040 0100 904

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

The receipt of the bank wire transfer must be sent to the Organising Committee by fax or email. The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

## **11. Side Events / Excursions Program (on request)**

- Thessaloniki
- Mount Athos

## **12. More information / Tournament Director**

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