

EUROPEAN YOUTH RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



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EUROPEAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONS CROWNED

European Youth Chess Championship 2018 took place from 19th-30th August in Riga, Latvia, with participation of almost 1100 players coming from 46 different European federations. The concluded with impressive Closing ceremony held together with prize giving ceremony.

After nine rounds and harsh struggles for the top, twelve players were crowned as European Youth Chess Champions of the respective category. The Closing ceremony was attended by the ECU representative and the Minister of Finance of Latvia, Women Grandmaster, Mrs. Dana Reizniece-Ozola, who greeted all the players, congratulated them on huge success and officially closed the event.

The Winners are:

Open- U8: 1. Azadaliyev Jahandar (AZE) 2. Gordeev Denis (RUS) 3. Golovchenko Bogdan (RUS)

Girls -U8: 1. Zubkovskaya Ekaterina (BLR) 2. Preobrazhenskaya Diana (RUS) 3. Iudina Veronika (RUS)

Open - U10: 1. Pingin Artem (RUS) 2. Kuhn Clement (FRA) 3. Bialiauski Artsiom (BLR)

Girls -U10: 1. Shvedova Alexandra (RUS) 2. Shukhman Anna (RUS) 3. Zhapova Yana (RUS)

Open- U12: 1. Murzin Volodar (RUS) 2. Makoveev Ilva (RUS) 3. Mitusov Semen (UKR)

Girls- U12: 1. Karmanova Olga Dm. (RUS) 2. Bashylina Luisa (GER) 3. Tarasenka Aliaksandra (BLR)

Open - U14: 1. Pogosyan Stefan (RUS) 2. Tsoi Dimitry (RUS) 3. Bjerre Jonas Buhl (DEN)

Girls - U14: 1. Allahverdiyeva Ayan (AZE) 2. Hakobyan Astqhik (ARM) 3. Krasteva Beloslava (ECU)

Open - U16: 1. Sonis Francesco (ITA) 2. Remizov Yaroslav (RUS) 3. Zarubitski Viachaslau (BLR)

Girls- U16: 1. Bulatova Kamaliya (RUS) 2. Badelka Olga (BLR) 3. Antova Gabriela (ECU)

Open- U18: 1. Ioannidis Evgenios (GRE) 2. Vykouk Jan (CZE) 3. Erenberg Ariel (ISR)

Girls - U18: 1. Dimitrova Aleksandra (RUS) 2. Kiolbasa Oliwia (POL) 3. Kalaiyalahan Akshaya (ENG)







The conclusion of the European Youth Chess Championship brought 7 gold medals to Russia, and in total 16 medals, 2 gold medals to Azerbaijan and in total 3 medals, 1 gold medal went to Belarus, and in total 5 medals, Italy got one gold medal, and Greece received the Champion of the European Youth Championship. One medal also went to Armenia, France, Ukraine, Germany, Denmark, Czech Republic, Israel, Poland and England.

The event was marked by the excellent playing venue, and live transmission of the top boards of each category which was broadcasted together with live commentary made by WIM Anna Kantane and GM Toms Kantans.

Official Website of the Championship

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2018

European Youth Rapid&Blitz Chess Championship 2018 took place from 31st June-5th August in Oradea, Romania, with participation of almost 300 players from around 20 European federations who competed in different sections of 4 events.

The event opened with European Rapid Individual Youth Chess Championship which was played in 6 age categories (open and girls separately): U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, on 1st and 2nd of August. After 9 rounds played in each category the Winners beacame:

Open U8: 1. Usov Aleksandr (RUS) 2. Cruceru-Uceanu Tudor-Mihai (ROU) 3. Karvatskyi Oleksii (UKR)

Girls U8: 1. Cretu Sofia (ROU) 2. Ciocirlan Bianca-Alexandra (ROU) 3. Kiss Abiqel (ROU)

Open U10: 1. Bialiuaski Artsiom (BLR) 2. Pershin Patrik (RUS) 3. Magold Filip (ROU)

Girls U10: 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS) 2. Babic Milana (BIH) 3. Babic Masa (BIH)

Open U12: 1. Lazavik Denis (BLR) 2. Spizharny Mikhail (BLR) 3. Creanga Robert-Ionut

Girls U12: 1. Gaal Zsoka (HUN) 2. Mihelic Vesna (SLO) 3. Mikheeva Galina (RUS)

Open U14: 1. Tsaruk Maksim (BLR) 2. Baum Jonasz (POL) 3. Morgunov Marc (AUT)

Girls U14: 1. Trifoi Mihaela-Ioana (ROU) 2. Lehaci Miruna-Daria (ROU) 3. Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU)

Open U16: 1. Blohberger Felix (AUT) 2. Kozak Adam (HUN) 3. Psyk Radoslaw (POL)

Girls U16: 1. Hryshchenko Kamila (UKR) 2. Olde Grete (EST) 3. Hercog Nusa (SLO)

Open U18: 1. Deac Bogdan-Daniel (ROU) 2. Costachi Mihnea (ROU) 3. Banzea Alexandru Bogdan (ROU)

Girls U18: 1. Olde Margareth (EST) 2. Rozman Monika (SLO) 3. Polterauer Chiara (AUT)






After the end of the Rapid Individual Championship, the European Championship in solving problems took place in the afternoon on 3rd of August. The event was held in 3 age categories (boys and girls separately): U10, U14 and U18. The Winners were:

Girls U10: 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS) 2. Samson Maria (ROU) 3. Maria Lia-Alexandra (ROU)

Open U10: 1. Cnejev Vladimir-Alexandru (ROU) 2. Karvatski Olexsiy (UKR) 3. Bialiauski Artsiom (BLR)

Girls U14: 1. Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU) 2. Ojog Felicia (MDA) 3. Wikar Martyna (POL)

Open U14: 1. Lazavik Denis (BLR) 2. Siniauski Artsiom (BLR) 3. Prydun Andriy (UKR)

Girls U18: 1. Balan Briana Cleopatra (ROU) 2. Olde Margareth (EST) 3. Olde Grete (EST)

Open U18: 1. Psyk Radoslaw (POL) 2. Amon Nejc (SLO) 3. Costachi Mihnea (ROU)

European Teams Rapid Chess Championship took place on 3rd August with participation of 70 teams composed of four players from the same federation. The event was played in 7 rounds in two age categories U12 and U18, open and girls separately. The Winners became:

Girls U12: 1. Russia A 2. Russia B 3. Romania Verde

Open U12: 1. Belarus B 2. Belarus A 3. Romania Rosu

Girls U18: 1. Slovenia B 2. Slovenia A 3. Poland

Open U18: 1. Austria 2. Romania Galben 3. Poland

European Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2018 was played on the last day of the event, on 4th of August. The Championship was played in 3 age categories, boys and girls separately: U10, U14 and U18. After 9 played rounds in each category, the Winners were:

Open U10: 1. Usov Aleksandr E. (RUS) 2. Bialiuski Artsiom (BLR) 3. Karvatskyi Oleksii (UKR)

Girls U10: 1. Shukhman Anna (RUS) 2. Babic Masa (BIH) 3. Maria Lia-Alexandra (ROU)

Open U14: 1. Persanyi Barnabas (HUN) 2. Koziorowicz Michal (POL) 3. Subelj Jan (SLO)

Girls U14: 1. Lehaci Miruna-Daria (ROU) 2. Wikar Martyna (POL) 3. Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU)

Open U18: 1. Costachi Mihnea (ROU) 2. Horvath Dominik (AUT) 3. Mesaros Florian (AUT)

Girls U18: 1. Olde Margareth (EST) 2. Olde Grete (EST) 2. Hercog Nusa (SLO)







The organizers provided the live transmission of the top boards of each competition. The pgn files of each round can be downloaded from the official website of the Championship.

Top three ranked players of each category were awarded with cups and medals, together with special chess prizes and gifts.

Besides the chess activities for players, ECU and FIDE seminars for trainers and for chess in schools teachers certificate were organized during the Championship

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European Senior Chess Championship 2018

European Senior Chess Championship 2018 took place from 3re-13th August in Drammen, Norway. The Closing ceremony of the event took place on 12th of August with attendance of Mr. Morten L Madsen, the President of Norway Chess Federation, the Chief arbiter of the event, Karl-Johan Rist, while European Chess Union was represented by Mr. Gunnar Bjornsson, the Chairman of the ECU Events Commission.

The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+. The title of European Senior Chess Champion for category 50+ went to GM Simen Adgestein (NOR, 2576) who became the sole winner of the event with score of 8 points. The second place went to Conny Holst (SWE, 2147) and Peter M Gayson (ENG, 2150) took the bronze medal thanks to the tiebreak criteria.

Final rankings 50+

In women's section 50+, the first place came to WIM Brigitte Burchardt with 6.5 points who maintained the sole leadership until the end of the event. Olga Birkohlz (GER, 2048) came second and Sylvia Johnsen (NOR, 1977) ended the event as third.

Final rankings Women's section 50+

In section 65+ the top trio was determined by tiebreak system, since four players tied for the first place, each with 6.5 points. Eventually, Vladislav Vorotnikov (RUS, 2445) took gold, Askell O Karason (ISL, 2217) was second and Nils-Gustaf Renman (SWE, 2348) finished with bronze medal.

The best women player of section 65+ was Nona Gaprindashvili (GEO, 2305) and she was crowned as European Senior Women Chess Champion 2018. The second place went to Elena Fatalibekova (RUS, 2181) and the third place came to Tamar Khmiadashvili (GEO, 1969).

Final rankings 65+










The Championship was played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, with time control 90 minutes for 40 moves+ 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from the move one, with the total prize fund of 10.000 EUR.

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European Union Youth Chess Championship 2018

The 16th edition of European Union Youth Chess Championship, which was played in 4 age categories: U8, U10, U12 and U14, took place from 6th-15th August in Kouty nad Desnou, Czech Republic.

More than 100 players took participation in the Championship and fought for the title of European Union Youth Chess Champion. The Winners were:

Boys U8: 1. Stefan-Vlad Paunescu (ROU) 2. Wiktor Zmarzly (POL) 3. Lukas Strapec (SVK)

Girls U8: 1. Tereza Horkova (CZE) 2. Nadezhda Pritulina (EST) 3. Timea Haasova (SVK)

Boys U10: 1. David Cr. Radu (ROU) 2. David-Alexandru Botea (ROU) 3. Vaclav Finek (CZE)

Girls U10: 1. Ivelina Hristova (ECU) 2. Zofia Lazniewska (POL) 3. Lin Englert (GER)

Boys U12: 1. Aron Pasti (HUN) 2. Maciej Jeda (POL) 3. Teodor-Cosmin Nedelcu (ROU)

Girls U12: 1. Lucia Sevcikova (SVK) 2. Lucia Kapicakova (SVK) 3. Petya Karaivanova (ECU)

Boys U14: 1. Valentin Mitev (ECU) 2. Marek Mica (CZE) 3. Ondrej Vadila (SVK)

Girls U14: Nikoletta Toth (HUN) 2. Monika Marcinczyk (PO) 3. Mihaela-Ioana Trifoi (ROU)

All results and standings are available here.



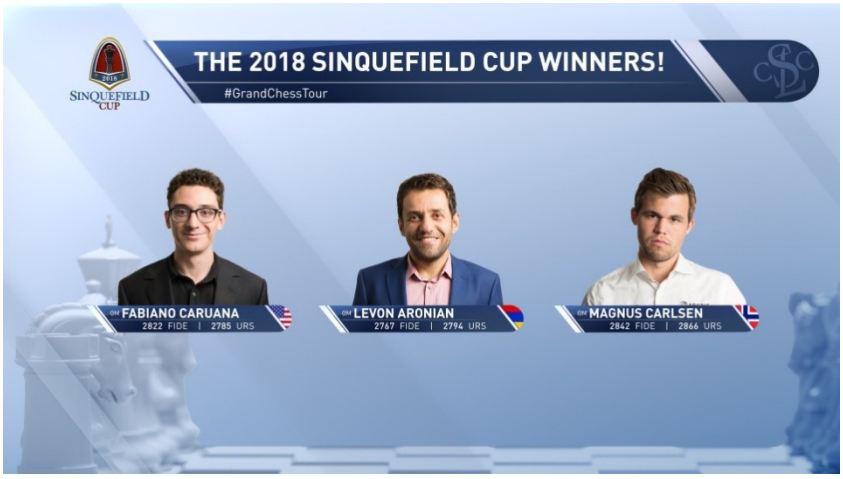
Players who took first three places in each of categories got a cup and diploma. Every participant of EUYCC got a medal. All eight champions EU left Kouty nad Desnou with a notebook! The next five players in each category also got valuable prizes. Each player got a T-Shirt with logo of EUYCC. The prizes were given by director of the event Mr. Zdenek Fiala together with the tournament director of ECU Mr. Petr Pisk and director of the hotel Dlouhe Strane Ms. Irena Svedova. EU Youth Chess Championship 2018 under the patronage of the ECU was organized by Sachovy klub Svetla nad Sazavou in cooperation with the Czech Chess Federation. Boys and girls have played in the same tournament. Eventually boys and girls were evaluated separately. Championship had 102 players from 11 federations. All games were on-line transmitted. Young players have been pleased by awarding best game of each round.

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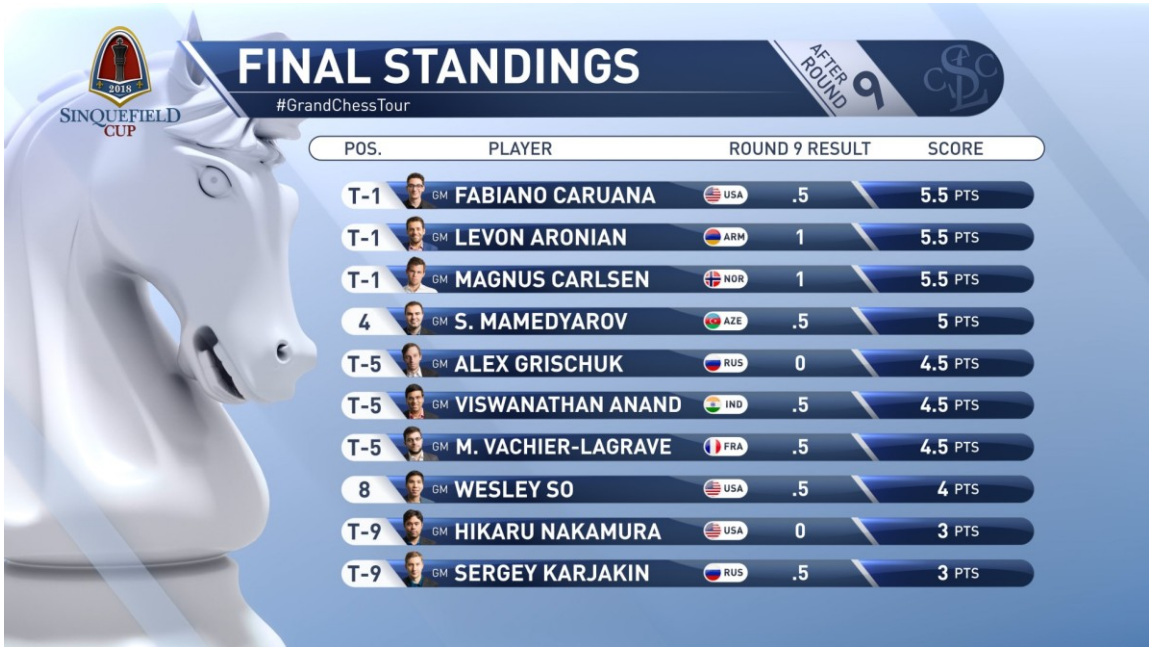
Grand Chess Tour 2018- Sinquefield Cup

The 4th leg of the Grand Chess Tour 2018 and the first chess event of the tour played by classical time control, the Sinquefield Cup, took place from 17th-28th August in Saint Louis Chess Club.

The Sinquefield Cup finished very unexpected with three Winners of the event! Fabiano Caruana, Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian tied for the first place of the event while caruana also tied for the fourth place in the Grand Chess Tour overall standings with Wesley So. According to the rules, one of the players would've had to be eliminated by a drawing of lots in a three-way tie, meaning that Caruana could potentially play two tiebreaks: One for the Siquefield Cup and another for the Grand Chess Tour.



Eventually, the top trio decided to share the title and not to have one eliminated player from participating in playoffs due to random chance. At the end, Hikaru Nakamura, Levon Aronian and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave qualified for the Grand Chess Tour Finals, while Fabiano Caruana and Wesley so played the match for the seat of the final event of GCT, which will take place in London from 11th-17th December.



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER:

- **FIDE events:**

World Junior and Girls U20 Chess Championship	Gebze, Kocaeli, Turkey	4th-16th September	Official Website
43rd World Chess Olympiad	Batumi, Georgia	23rd September-6th October	Official Website
Chess Governance Conference	Batumi, Georgia	29th September	Official Website

- **Other events:**

20th Trieste Chess Festival	Trieste, Italy	1st-8th September	Official Website
9th Hatay Open	Hatay, Turkey	2nd-8th September	Official Website
24th Heraklion Internationals	Heraklion, Greece	3rd-10th September	Official Website
72nd Moscow Blitz final	Moscow, Russia	8th September	Official Website
40th Nezhmedtinov Memorial	Kazan, Russia	12th-22nd September	Official Website

FUN ZONE

Interesting facts:

- **The Arabic world, the Chinese, and later the Europeans used the chessboard as a tool for calculating and a means for expressing mathematical concepts. In medieval England, financial accounts were settled on tables resembling chessboards. When the Normans created the royal office of collection for the crown, they called it the Exchequer, and its minister the "Chancellor of the Exchequer", because the court originally used a checkered cloth to cover the table where judgments were made.**
  Exchequer comes from Old French, where *eschequier* meant counting table, and *eschec* meant chess. This makes the "Chancellor of the Exchequer" literally the "Chancellor of the Chessboard!"

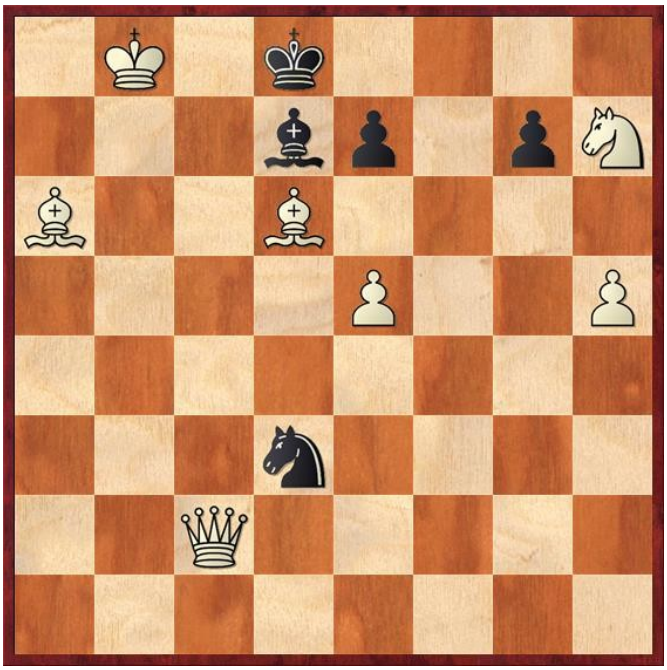


- **Chess is often cited by psychologists as an effective way to improve memory function. Also allowing the mind to solve complex problems and work through ideas, it is no wonder that chess is recommended in the fight against Alzheimer's. Some contend that it can increase one's intelligence, though that is a more complex topic. The effects of chess on young individuals had led to chess being introduced in school districts and various countries. It has been shown to improve children's grades and other positive effects as well.**

For this edition of the ECU Newsletter we prepared 4 puzzles where white mates in 3!









Solutions from the ECU Newsletter July 2018:

Puzzle 1:
1.Bg6! Qxd6 (1...Qxb8 2. Nf7#; 1...Qxe3 2. Nb5#) 2. d4#

Puzzle 2:
1. Nd4 Kxe4 (1...Nxe4 2. Rd5#; 1...Qxe4 2.Bf6#; 1...Bxe4 2. f4#) 2. Re7#

Puzzle 3:
1. Kf8 dxe2 (1...fxg4 2. Qe5#; 1... Rg1 2. Qe8#; 1...Kxe2 2. Re4#) 2.Qxh3#

Puzzle 4:
1. Rd3 Nb8 (1...0-0-0 2. Ne7#; 1...Rd8 2. Nd6#) 2. Rc8#