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1. Introduction

The European Youth Chess Championship 2025 (Open and Girls, U8-U18) took place in Budva, Montenegro, from 28th October to 8th November 2025.

The European Youth Championships included the following separate competitions: European Open U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 Championships, and the European Girls U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 Championships.

The Championship was organized by the Chess Federation of Montenegro, under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

2. Regulations

The Championship was played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, ECU General Tournament Regulations and ECU European Youth Championship Regulations.

A player is eligible to participate in the Championship if they fulfil the conditions that they have not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 or 18 years, respectively, by January 1st, 2025. All players born from 1st January 2007 onwards were eligible to participate.

The final regulations governing the competitions were published on the official website of the Championship - <https://eycc25.me/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/EYCC25-general-regulations.pdf> (see appendix A).

3. Technical details

3.1. Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Event	Place
Tuesday	October 28th		Arrivals	
Tuesday	October 28th	17:00	Opening Ceremony	Swimming Pool
Wednesday	October 29th	09:30	Technical Meeting	Playing Hall
Wednesday	October 29th	14:00	Round 1	Playing Hall
Thursday	October 30th	14:00	Round 2	Playing Hall
Friday	October 31st	14:00	Round 3	Playing Hall
Saturday	November 1st	14:00	Round 4	Playing Hall
Sunday	November 2nd	14:00	Round 5	Playing Hall
Monday	November 3rd			
Tuesday	November 4th	14:00	Round 6	Playing Hall
Wednesday	November 5th	14:00	Round 7	Playing Hall
Thursday	November 6th	14:00	Round 8	Playing Hall
Friday	November 7th	13:00	Round 9	Playing Hall
Friday	November 7th	20:00	Closing Ceremony	Playing Hall
Saturday	November 8th		Departures	

3.2. System of play

The European Youth Chess Championship 2025 in both categories and twelve groups was played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds.

3.3. Time control and default time

The time control for each game was: 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

The DGT 3000 clocks were set in mode 12 for the classical games.

Default time was 15 minutes, and all players respected it.

3.4. Tie-breaks

The following criteria, in order of priority, were used for players who scored the same number of points:

- a) Results of direct encounters (if applicable);
- b) Buchholz Cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Greater number of games played with black;
- e) Greater number of wins;

3.5. Dress-code

There were no dress code regulations, but all players were asked to respect the level of Championship and they did.

3.6. Technical equipment

The Electronic clocks DGT 3000 and DGT electronic boards were used for all games.

3.7. Games transmission

Organizer provided 116 DGT Chess Boards, therefore 116 games (Open U8 – 6, Open U10 – 8, Open U12 – 10, Open U14 – 10, Open U16 – 10, Open U18 – 15, Girls U8 – 4, Girls U10 – 8, Girls U12 – 10, Girls U14 – 10, Girls U16 – 10, Girls U 18 – 15) were transmitted on the Internet through the official web site of the Championship and more chess world platforms: chess.com, lichess.org, etc. The transmission of the games took place with a 15-minute delay.

4. Participants

The Championship was played in two (2) categories - Open and Girls, and twelve (12) groups (Open U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18; and Girls U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18).

There were 1169 players from 48 European chess federations participated in the Championship.

Group	Players	Starting list – link:
Open U8	91	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282636.aspx
Open U10	135	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282639.aspx
Open U12	124	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282644.aspx
Open U14	116	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282645.aspx
Open U16	110	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282647.aspx
Open U18	95	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282652.aspx
Girls U8	59	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282610.aspx
Girls U10	93	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282616.aspx
Girls U12	107	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282624.aspx
Girls U14	87	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282627.aspx
Girls U16	87	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282629.aspx
Girls U18	65	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282632.aspx

The statistics on titled players are the following: 14 IM, 2 WIM, 89 FM, 35 WFM, 38 CM, and 44 WCM. In total 222 titled players.

5. Principals

5.1. ECU Technical Delegate

The ECU Technical Delegates was Nina Rob (Slovenia).

5.2. Arbiters

#	Role	FIDE ID	Sure name	First Name	Title/Cat	Fed	Sex
1	Chief Arbiter	931012	Baralic	Nebojsa	IA-A	SRB	M
2	Deputy Chief	4264584	Karali	Tania	IA-A	GRE	F
3	Deputy Chief	932620	Vujacic	Igor	IA-B	MNE	M
4	Deputy Chief	719382	Horvath	Csaba	IA-D	HUN	M
5	Pairing officer	16504160	Ljeskovic	Luka	IA-D	MNE	M
1	Arbiter	13300598	Khachatryan	Vahagn	IA-B	ARM	M
2	Arbiter	14506203	Bratosevic	Mladen	IA-B	CRO	M
3	Arbiter	305235	Buchnicek	Petr	IA-B	CZE	M
4	Arbiter	15000524	Kocovski	Ivan	IA-B	MKD	M
5	Arbiter	14919362	Danada	Tomas	IA-B	SVK	M
6	Arbiter	14513200	Valkovic	Kristijan	IA-C	CRO	M
7	Arbiter	943657	Milojevic	Boban	IA-C	SRB	M
8	Arbiter	14908204	Diviak	Rastislav	IA-C	SVK	M
9	Arbiter	22227172	Muratet Carmona	Alexandra	IA-D	AND	F
10	Arbiter	14404222	Desancic	Ljubisa	IA-D	BIH	M
11	Arbiter	496553	Gaekwand	Satish	IA-D	ENG	M
12	Arbiter	1206435	Hamdouchi	Adina-Maria	IA-D	FRA	F
13	Arbiter	4632087	Grosse-Honebrink	Brigitte	IA-D	GER	F
14	Arbiter	4215311	Ballas	Kleon-Evangelos	IA-D	GRE	M
15	Arbiter	4285069	Oustabasidou	Eleni	IA-D	GRE	F
16	Arbiter	2323206	Hafthorsson	Jon Ulfur	IA-D	ISL	M
17	Arbiter	2803637	Balzarini	Tiziana	IA-D	ITA	F
18	Arbiter	4702492	Berisha	Besnik	IA-D	KOS	M
19	Arbiter	4701488	Misini	Burhanudin	IA-D	KOS	M
20	Arbiter	944327	Draskovic	Davor	IA-D	MNE	M
21	Arbiter	16504542	Milasinovic	Branka	IA-D	MNE	F
22	Arbiter	16503155	Miljanic	Zeljko	IA-D	MNE	M
23	Arbiter	16504615	Orbovic	Pavle	IA-D	MNE	M
24	DGT + Arbiter	16504178	Pekic	Momcilo	IA-D	MNE	M
25	DGT + Arbiter	935255	Goljovic	Rade	IA-D	SRB	M
26	Arbiter	930601	Lukic	Igor M	IA-D	SRB	M
27	Arbiter	6387233	Ayyildiz	Bugra	IA-D	TUR	M
28	Arbiter	34568735	Guzel	Salih	IA-D	TUR	M
29	Arbiter	6386890	Sarman	Sedat	IA-D	TUR	M
30	Arbiter	4704673	Boci	Petro	FA-D	ALB	M
31	Arbiter	32011180	Ruiz Delgado	Basilio	FA-D	ESP	M
32	Arbiter	22103155	Berisha	Agon	FA-D	KOS	M
33	Arbiter	944963	Pecurica	Milos	FA-D	MNE	M
34	Arbiter	910031	Perunicic	Zoran	FA-D	MNE	M
35	Arbiter	928640	Pentala	Nadezda	FA-D	SRB	F
36	Arbiter	945315	Tomin	Ksenija	FA-D	SRB	F
37	Arbiter	14953790	Valko	Michal	FA-D	SVK	M
38	Arbiter	15017311	Vujoski	Dario	NA	MKD	M
39	Arbiter	16501578	Mandic	Stefan	NA	MNE	M

5.3. Fair-Play Team

The Chief Fair-Play officer was IA Andreas Kontokanis from Greece.

5.4. Appeals Committee

The Chairman of the Appeal Committee was IA Geert Bailleul from Belgium, and the two other members of the Committee were Nina Rob from Slovenia and IA/WGM Ilaha Kadimova from Azerbaijan. The reserve members were GM Alojzije Jankovic from Croatia and IM Predrag Nikac from Montenegro. No appeals were submitted during the Championship.

6. Results and Standings

6.1. Results and Final Standings

Individual results of each round, the Final Standings, as well as rating statistics can be found in Appendix B.

The results of all rounds and final standings can be also found on the following web links:

Open U8: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282636.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Open U10: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282639.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Open U12: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282644.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Open U14: <https://s2.chess-results.com/tnr1282645.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Open U16: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282647.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Open U18: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282652.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U8: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282610.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U10: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282616.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U12: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282624.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U14: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282627.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U16: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282629.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>
Girls U18: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282632.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Note: All unplayed games and withdrawals from the Championship were due to player's illness.

1. Unplayed games during the Championship:

Open

O10	R1	42	Radovic, Relja	0	--+	0	Conan, Arthur Gabriel
O10	R1	50	Radovic, Koca	0	--+	0	Diz, Eitor Noe
O10	R9	42	Agarwal, Anay	3½	+--	3½	Wolf, Adam
O12	R1	43	Petrovic, Igor	0	--+	0	Maurstad, Astor Moe
O12	R1	57	Tomasevic, Bogdan	0	--+	0	ACM Ejsymont, Eryk
O12	R6	101	Pavlovic, David	2	--+	2	Leht, Karl Samuel
O14	R1	45	Tomasevic, Maksim	0	--+	0	Omarsson, Josef
O14	R2	56	Tigani, Alp	0	+--	0	Nimac-Kalcina, Vito
O14	R9	51	Brittner, Laurent	2½	+--	2½	Peric, Toman
O14	R9	55	Mihajlovic, Stefan	2	--+	2	Recica, Rron
O18	R6	36	Odner, Aarni	2	--+	2	Skarphedinsson, Ingvar Wu

Girls

G14	R1	43	Mataczyna, Aleksandra	0	+--	0	Zivkovic, Andjela
G16	R8	20	WFM Mueller, Riyanna	3½	--+	3½	WCM Calugareanu, Ioana-Denisa
G18	R9	26	Recica, Jona	3	+--	3	Pawicka, Magdalena

2. Withdrawals during the Championship:

Open

68	109	MNE		Radovic, Relja	U10	1536	0	0	not paired
69	117	MNE		Radovic, Koca	U10	1497	0	0	not paired
61	52	DEN	CM	Skytte, Robert	U12	1925	2	0	not paired after round 5th
62	101	MNE		Pavlovic, David	U12	1702	2	0	not paired after round 6th
63	105	MNE		Petrovic, Igor	U12	1657	0	0	not paired
64	119	MNE		Tomasevic, Bogdan	U12	1486	0	0	not paired
59	103	MNE		Tomasevic, Maksim	U14	1638	0	0	not paired
48	77	FIN		Odner, Aarni	U18	2052	2	0	not paired after round 6th

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44	12	GER	WFM	Mueller, Riyanna	F16	2045	3½	0	not paired after round 8th
33	61	ROU		Dumitrache, Elisa-Andreea	F18	1745	1	0	not paired after round 5th

6.2. Winners and Individual Prizes – Open

The first three players in each group were awarded cups and medals; the fourth and fifth players in each group were awarded a DGT 3000 chess clock.

Open U8

Rk.	SNo	Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	26	Netrebka, Myron	U08	UKR	1564	9	0	46,5	50	5	9
2	20	Zhakupov, Iskander	U08	FRA	1584	7	0	49	52	4	7
3	19	Levacic, Maks	U08	SLO	1590	7	0	49	51	5	6
4	4	Dede, Omer Taha	U08	TUR	1737	7	0	48,5	51,5	4	6
5	46	Babasoy, Kanan	U08	AZE	1448	7	0	46	50	4	6

Full standings: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282636.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Open U10

Rk.	SNo	Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	2	CM Protopopescu, Luca	U10	FRA	2174	7,5	0	49,5	53	5	7
2	1	CM Ten, Dam Bram	U10	NED	2185	7,5	0	47,5	52,5	4	6
3	5	Ivanovic, Leonid	U10	SRB	2097	7,5	0	45	49	4	7
4	4	CM Andre, Tomas	U10	SVK	2156	7	0	52,5	56,5	5	6
5	18	Peray, Ata	U10	TUR	1951	7	0	45	49	5	7

Full standings: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282639.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Open U12

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	24		Elci, Eren	U12	TUR	2054	8	0	45	48,5	4	8
2	61		Yildiz, Ali Aras	U12	TUR	1882	7,5	0	51	54	5	6
3	38		Demirkan, Mustafa	U12	TUR	1994	7	0	47,5	51	4	6
4	9		Celebi, Mehmet Alper	U12	TUR	2175	7	0	44,5	49	4	7
5	1	FM	Ulari, Marc	U12	FRA	2311	6,5	0	47,5	51	5	4

Full standings: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282644.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Open U14

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	1	IM	Ahmad, Khagan	U14	AZE	2455	7,5	1	48	53	5	6
2	4	FM	Ambartsumian, Tyhran	U14	ARM	2351	7,5	2	48	52,5	4	7
3	20	CM	Shilon, Rahav Eliran	U14	ISR	2251	7	0	43	46,5	4	6
4	23	CM	Leu, Dragos Stefan	U14	ROU	2236	7	0	42,5	46	5	7
5	15	FM	Golis, Wiktor	U14	POL	2300	6,5	0	50,5	54,5	5	5

Full standings: <https://s2.chess-results.com/tnr1282645.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Open U16

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	6	FM	Korchynskyi, Mykola	U16	GER	2382	7,5	0	49,5	54	4	6
2	35	FM	Kozlovic, Jernej	U16	SLO	2230	7	0	49,5	52,5	5	6
3	2	IM	Dotzer, Lukas	U16	AUT	2463	7	0	49	53	5	5
4	5	IM	Agasarov, Benik	U16	ARM	2391	7	0	47	50,5	5	5
5	16	FM	Rustamov, Rustam	U16	AZE	2310	7	0	43	46,5	4	5

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282647.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Open U18

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	8	FM	Sukiasyan, Vahe A.	U18	ARM	2446	7	0	45,5	49	4	6
2	19	FM	Cnejev, Vladimir-Alexandru	U18	ROU	2362	7	0	45,5	49	4	5
3	15	IM	Borrmann, Laurenz	U18	AUT	2393	7	0	42	46	5	5
4	5	IM	Trost, Edvin	U18	SWE	2457	6,5	0	46,5	50,5	4	5
5	10	FM	Palczert, Matyas	U18	HUN	2432	6,5	0	42	46	4	5

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282652.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>



6.3. Winners and Individual Prizes – Girls

The first three players in each group were awarded cups and medals; the fourth and fifth players in each group were awarded a DGT 3000 chess clock.

Girls U8

Rk.	SNo	Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	7	Zhu, Stella	F08	w FIN	1500	8	0	46,5	49,5	4	7
2	37	Koken, Ada Zeynep	F08	w TUR	0	7,5	0	49,5	54,5	4	7
3	10	Trzcinska, Wiktoria	F08	w POL	1450	7	0	41,5	45	5	6
4	4	Kaloh, Frida	F08	w SLO	1516	6,5	0	46,5	49	5	5
5	18	Arslan, Bilge	F08	w TUR	0	6	0	47,5	51	5	5

Full standings: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1282610.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Girls U10

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	24		Kravchuk, Daria	F10	w UKR	1609	8	0	51,5	55,5	4	8
2	2	WCM	Ahmadli, Mehriban	F10	w AZE	1791	7,5	0	48	52	4	6
3	4	WCM	Badescu, Eliza-Ioana	F10	w ROU	1786	7	0	48,5	52,5	4	7
4	5		Macakova, Bianka	F10	w SVK	1782	7	0	47	51,5	5	6
5	27		Karaman, Defne	F10	w FRA	1595	7	0	46	50,5	4	7

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282616.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Girls U12

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	7		Tolmaceva, Alona	F12	w LAT	1911	7,5	0	46,5	50,5	5	7
2	17		Rusitashvili, Tea	F12	w GEO	1826	7,5	0	45	49,5	5	6
3	20		Gruszecka, Alicja	F12	w POL	1804	7	0	45,5	49	4	5
4	15		Nguyen, Lam Vy Le	F12	w ENG	1828	7	0	44	47	4	5
5	5	WCM	Schirmbeck, Lilian	F12	w GER	1927	7	0	43	46,5	5	7

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282624.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Girls U14

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	3	WFM	Vujovic, Vera	F14	w SRB	2099	8	0	51,5	55	4	7
2	2	WFM	Ejsymont, Blanka	F14	w POL	2125	7,5	0	49	53	4	6
3	8	WFM	Siskou, Evangelia	F14	w GRE	1990	7	0	46,5	50,5	5	7
4	4	WFM	Matskevich, Varvara	F14	w POL	2064	7	0	46,5	50	5	6
5	12		Tokarz, Gabriela	F14	w POL	1946	6,5	0	46,5	50,5	5	5

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282627.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Girls U16

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	7		Stoll, Lucia	F16	w FRA	2122	7,5	0	48,5	52,5	4	6
2	10	WFM	Zagorac, Lara	F16	w CRO	2074	7	0	47	51,5	5	6
3	14	WCM	Aghaverdiyeva, Maryam	F16	w AZE	2036	7	0	46	50	4	5
4	1	WFM	Kirtadze, Anastasia	F16	w GEO	2303	7	0	45	50	4	5
5	23	WFM	Tsetskhladze, Mariam	F16	w GEO	1987	6,5	1	42,5	46	4	6

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282629.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>

Girls U18

Rk.	SNo		Name	Typ	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5
1	5	WFM	Siekanska, Maria	F18 w	POL	2188	8	0	48	51,5	5	7
2	12	WFM	Szczotka, Klara	F18 w	POL	2091	7,5	0	48,5	52,5	4	6
3	19	WFM	Maria, Lia-Alexandra	F18 w	ROU	2000	7	0	44,5	47,5	5	6
4	3	WFM	Tirpan, Ceren	F18 w	TUR	2195	6,5	0	46,5	50	5	6
5	25	WCM	Akat, Elifnaz	F18 w	TUR	1970	6,5	0	42,5	45,5	4	6

Full standings: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1282632.aspx?lan=1&art=1&rd=9&turdet=YES>



6.4. Direct Titles and Norms

According to the International Title Regulations (Qualification Commission) - Table for Direct Titles effective from 1 May 2025, the following arbiters got the direct title or norm (Appendix C):

- Netrobka, Myron (UKR), Open U8, will be awarded with CM Title – conditional (gold medal),
- Zhakupov, Iskander (FRA), Open U8, will be awarded with CM Title – conditional (silver medal),
- Levacic, Maks (SLO), Open U8, will be awarded with CM Title – conditional (bronze medal),
- Zhu, Stella (FIN), Gilrs U8, will be awarded with WCM Title – conditional (gold medal),
- Koken, Ada Zeynep (TUR), Girls U8, will be awarded with WCM Title – conditional (silver medal),
- Trzcinska, Wiktoria (POL), Girls U8, will be awarded with WCM Title – conditional (bronze medal),
- Ivanovic, Leonid (SRB), Open U10, will be awarded with CM Title (bronze medal),
- Kravchuk, Daria (UKR), Gilrs U10, will be awarded with WCM Title – conditional (gold medal),
- Elci, Eren (TUR), Open U12, will be awarded with FM Title (gold medal),
- Yildiz, Ali Aras (TUR), Open U12, will be awarded with CM Title (silver medal),
- Demirkan, Mustafa (TUR), Open U12, will be awarded with CM Title (bronze medal),
- Tolmaceva, Alona (LAT), Girls U12, will be awarded with WFM Title (gold medal),
- Rusitashvili, Tea (GEO), Girls U12, will be awarded with WCM Title (silver medal),
- Gruszecka, Alicja (POL), Gilrs U12, will be awarded with WCM Title (bronze medal),
- Korchunskiy, Mykola (GER), Open U16, will be awarded with IM Norm (gold medal),
- Stoll, Lucia (FRA), Girls U16, will be awarded with WFM Title and WIM Norm (gold medal),
- Sukiasyan, Vahe A. (ARM), Open U18, will be awarded with IM Title (gold medal),
- Cnejev, Vladimir-Alexandru (ROU), Open U18, will be awarded with IM Norm (silver medal),
- Siekanska, Maria (POL), Girls U18, will be awarded with WIM Title (gold medal).

6.5. Norms for IM Titles

Rd.		Name	FED	IRtg	Eval Pts	Eval Gam	%	IM Elo-Ø	IM Rp	GM Elo-Ø	GM Rp	Title
9	FM	Sukiasyan Vahe A.	ARM	2446	7	9	78	2369	2589	2369	2589	IM
9	FM	Cnejev Vladimr-Alexandru	ROU	2362	7	9	78	2303	2523	2314	2534	IM

7. Games

All recorded games in textual format can be found in Appendix D.

8. Playing area



8.1. Playing hall

The playing hall was located in the Jadranski Sajam (Adriatic Fair), Budva, Montenegro. It is located right next to the "Slovenian Beach", 5-10 minutes from the hotel complex.

The playing hall was good with good light conditions and with enough space for all players. For this purpose, the organizers set up two large tents to provide enough space. The organizer tried to immediately fix all the shortcomings and provide the best possible playing conditions for the competitors.

In the playing hall, in several places, the organizer provided water for the players, and other officials.



8.2. Restroom

The restrooms were located next to the playing hall, and one smaller in the playing hall. Players used it, under the supervision of arbiters or Fair Play Officer.

8.3. Fair-play room

The Fair-play room was located in the playing hall.

9. Transfers and Accommodation

The organizer, Chess Federation of Montenegro, provided an adequate transfer for all participants of the European Youth Chess Championship 2025.

All players stayed in the official hotel: Slovenska Plaza, Budva.

Conditions provided by the hotel were excellent.

10. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting of the European Youth Chess Championship 2025 took part on 29th October 2025, at 09:30 at the Playing Hall.

The Technical Meeting was attended by Nina Rob (ECU Technical Delegate), Jovan Milovic (Director of the Championship and the president of the Chess Federation of Montenegro), Andreas Kontokanis (Chief Fair-Play Officer), Geert Bailleul (Chairman of the Appeal Committee), all Deputies Chief Arbiters (Tania Karali, Csaba Horvath, and Igor Vujacic) as well as Head of Delegations, some players, trainers and arbiters.

During the Technical Meeting all presents were informed about the Tournament Regulations, by Chief Arbiter IA Nebojsa Baralic, and Anti-cheating measures by Chief Fair-play Officer IA Andreas Kontokanis.

During the Technical meeting, Chief Arbiter organized drawing of colours for the best ranked players in each group. Everything was noted by Pairing Officer, IA Luka Ljeskovic.

The Presentation (Appendix E) used during the Technical Meeting was sent to all Head of Delegations, after the Meeting.



11. Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony was held at the swimming pool (Slovenska Plaza Hotel) on 28th October, 2025. It was attended by Milan Jancic (Director of the Directorate for Sports Infrastructure), Zurab Azmaiparashvili (ECU Presiden), Jovan Milovic (president of the Chess Federation of Montenegro), Nikola Jovanovic (Mayor of Budva Municipality), chess legends and grandmasters from Montenegro, sponsors, players, arbiters, guests, etc.

The Closing Ceremony took place in the playing hall (Adriatic Fair) on 7th November 2025. It was attended by Winners, Zurab Azmaiparashvili (ECU President), Jovan Milovic (president of the Chess Federation of Montenegro), Nina Rob (ECU Technical Delegate), sponsors, players and guests. Prizes for the winners were awarded by Zurab Azmaiparashvili, Nina Rob, Jovan Milovic, Geert Bailleul Ilahe Kadimova, and Vanja Draskovic.

12. Ceremonial first move

The organizers from Montenegro paid a lot of attention to the ECU Youth Chess Championship 2025. This was indicated by the fact that several guests, representatives of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro, Budva City, special guests from foreign chess federations and public persons visited Championship and some of them made the ceremonial first move. The guests were the following:

- 1st round – Zurab Azmaiparashvili, ECU President, and Jovan Milovic, the president of the Chess Federation of Montenegro.
- 6th round – Nadja Lakovic, the member of Montenegro Parliament, in the presence of Jovan Milovic.



13. Fair-Play

The Fair-Play measures were applied according to the Anti-Cheating Guidelines.

I had an excellent cooperation with Mr. Andreas Kontokanis, Chief Fair-Play Officer and the whole Fair-Play team, starting from the preparation of the playing venue, the technical meeting and throughout all rounds of the Championship. No incident related to Fair Play was reported (Appendix F).

14. Health and safety measures

The organizers provided support of a medical team. Apart from a few mild cases caused by the virus, there were no serious interventions.

15. Organization

The Organizing Committee put in a lot of effort so that this Championship would be held at the highest level.

All members of the organization team, volunteers, as well as the staff of the hotel, where the participants were accommodated, did their best to make this event successful.

I congratulate the Organizing Committee on the great organization of the event.

16. Evaluations of Arbiters

During the round one match and sector arbiter was in charge of 13 – 17 games, with the help of one Deputy Chief Arbiter.

The day before the start, I held a meeting with all arbiters and we discussed all relevant topics (organization, Laws of Chess, Fair Play, Clocks, etc.). Also, we organized a few meeting during the Championship, and we discussed some cases from the previous rounds.

The arbiters' team performed on high level, showed great team spirit, helping and supporting each other for the success of the event. They were always dressed according to the expectations and level of Championship, and respected all my instructions.

The Deputy Chief Arbiters IA Tania Karali, IA Csaba Horvath, and IA Igor Vujacic did their job professionally.

A more detailed evaluation of the arbiters was made via the ECU website, based on the instructions of the ECU Arbiter Council.

17. Conclusion

The ECU Youth Chess Championship 2025 was organized on a very high level.

All requirements mentioned in the ECU General Tournament Regulations, ECU European Youth Championship Regulations, Anti-cheating Measures, and Medical protocol were completely fulfilled.

Since the participants in this tournament respected all regulations and requirements, there were not any problems. I would also like to mention the great sportsmanship of all players shown during the whole event.

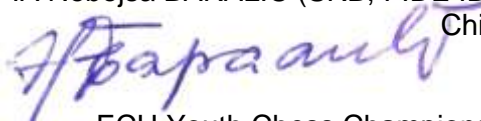
I am very grateful to ECU and Montenegro Chess Federation Team as well as all hotel staff for the excellent cooperation before and during the ECU Youth Chess Championship 2025.

It was a great pleasure for me to work as the Chief Arbiter in this very successful, interesting, and huge event.

Belgrade, 8th December 2025

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Chief Arbiter



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