

**European Senior Chess Championships**  
**Categories 50+ and 65+**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Budoni (Sardinia), Italy**

**1. Organizing Committee**

The tournament is organized under the auspices of the European Chess Union and the Italian Chess Federation.

Chief Organizer: UniChess – IO GM FST Roberto Mogranzini

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**2. Date and Venue**

The European Senior Chess Championship will be held in Budoni, Italy  
From 25<sup>th</sup> September (day of arrival) to 5<sup>th</sup> October (day of departure).  
The tournament will be held in Janna & Sole Hotel Resort \*\*\*\*.



**3. Event Website:**

[www.ecusenior.unichess.it](http://www.ecusenior.unichess.it)

**4. Tournament Schedule:**

25 <sup>th</sup> September		Arrival
	21:00	Technical meeting
26 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30	Opening ceremony
	15:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
27 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
28 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
29 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
30 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
1 <sup>st</sup> October	15:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	15:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round

3 <sup>rd</sup> October	15:00	8 <sup>th</sup> round
4 <sup>th</sup> October	09:30	9 <sup>th</sup> round
	16:00	Closing ceremony
5 <sup>th</sup> October		Departures

After consultation with ECU and the organizers, the Chief Arbiter can make changes in the above tournament schedule. Such changes will be announced in due time.

### **5. Participation:**

5.1 The European Senior Chess Championship is open to all players representing ECU Chess Federations who have been born in the year 1971 or earlier, regardless of their title or rating. There is also 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.

5.2 In accordance with the ECU tournament rule 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+).

5.3 Players who have reached the age of 65 by the 31st December 2021 are allowed to participate in the category SENIOR 50+ if they request it. In each age category an Open and a Women's competition is organized. There is also no limit of participants per federation.

### **6. System and rate of play:**

6.1 The championship is based on Swiss system in accordance with the ECU Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

6.2 Women tournament will be played separately. If in total the women participants are less than nine they will play in the Open tournaments with separate prizes.

6.3 Default time at the start of all rounds will be 15 minutes.

### **7. Ranking & Tie-Break System:**

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required: (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players - If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used.

The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on. If some but not all have played each other, the player with a score that could not be equaled by any other player (if all such games had been played) is ranked number 1 and so on., (b) Buchholz Cut 1, (c) Buchholz, (d) The greater number of games played with black, (e) The greater number of wins. In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Competition Rules shall be applied.

### **8. Appeals:**

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the European Chess Union. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

### **9. Officials**

Tournament Director GM IO FST Roberto Mognanzini.

Organizing committee responsible: Ms. Nadia Ottavi

The Chief Arbiter's and Chairman of the Appeals Committee's names will be announced not later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## 10. Prizes:

10.1 The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship 50+ receives the title "European Senior Chess Champion 2020 50+".

The winner of the European Senior Chess Championship 65+ receives the title "European Senior Chess Champion 2020 65+".

The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship 50+ receives the title "European Senior Women Chess Champion 2020 50+".

The winner of the European Senior Women Chess Championship 65+ receives the title "European Senior Women Chess Champion 2020 65+".

### 10.2 Money prizes

Total Prize fund: 8000 EUR

A player can get one prize only. According to the ECU Tournament Rules and regulations, the money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score. If one of the prize winners is absent during the closing ceremony, then: his/her money prize will be reduced by 20 % with a minimum of 100 €. Any other prize (medal, trophy) will not be awarded as long as a penalty of 100€ has not been paid. The money will be forfeited to ECU.

The first 3 places in each category will be awarded with cups and medals.

The prize fund may be reduced, in accordance with the European Chess Union in case of fewer than 100 participants, to 6.500,00 euros and to 5.000,00 in case of fewer than 50.

## 11. Qualifications to World Senior Championships:

According to FIDE Handbook D.04.03, the top 3 players from each category of the European Senior Championship 2020 are qualified with personal rights (free board and lodging) to the World Senior Championship 2022 or 2023 according to FIDE decisions.

Any change of these regulations is a FIDE matter.

## 12. Accommodation packages in the official hotel:

All packages in Janna & Sole Hotel Resort \*\*\*\* will include the accommodation starting from dinner on September 25<sup>th</sup> to breakfast on October 5<sup>th</sup>∗:

	Full board	Half board	Bed & breakfast
Double room	780,00 € per person	580,00 € per person	380,00 € per person
Single room	1000,00 €	800,00 €	600,00 €



Full board accommodation includes: three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and soft drinks during the meals.

Half board accommodation includes: two meals a day (breakfast and dinner) and soft drinks during the meals.

Bed & breakfast accommodation includes: only breakfast.

The 286 rooms are located in a wide green area well balanced with the local panorama within the terraced houses of one or two levels, each with independent entrances, balcony or terrace; all of them are comfortable and bright, tastefully decorated in the local style and offer air-conditioning, satellite TV, a safety deposit box, private bathrooms with shower and hairdryer.

Free wi-fi is assured in every area of the Janna & Sole Hotel Resort \*\*\*\*.

Rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of 30% of total amount (free of bank charges) is paid to:

EMMEDI SPORT ASD

Via Masala, 2

09013 Carbonia

Cod. Fiscale: 90043600924

IBAN: IT64 0030 6909 6061 0000 0178 580

Deposit fees must be paid by August 10.

The receipt of the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organizers.

The remaining balance shall be paid by September 20.

### **13. Registration deadline:**

Applications must be sent by September 5<sup>th</sup> by email to: senior@unichess.it All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and the entry fee for each player is set to 70,00 EUR (including ECU 20,00 EUR fee) to be paid by bank transfer (free of bank charges) by each National Federation willing to send participants.

The above-mentioned fees must be paid by September 5<sup>th</sup> to:

UniChess SSDRL

Via Dottori,90

06129 Perugia

VAT ID: 03649350547

IBAN: IT46X0344038420000000175200

The payment receipt must also be sent via email to the Organizers along with the application by each National Federation.

### **14. Visa:**

The OC will provide full support for players and accompanying people needing to apply for VISA in order to come to Italy.

All players and accompanying people in such need before applying for VISA must get in contact with the OC.

### **15. Flights / Transportation:**

Olbia airport is very easy to reach and it is well connected with most of European major cities, which means that most people won't need to book expensive flights.

The OC will provide free transfers from/to Olbia airport; while other airport will be served upon request and prices may vary depending on the number of people requesting the service.

Organizers can provide private transportation with taxi in any other date, with an additional cost.

### **16. Event regulations:**

The event is organized in full compliance with the Italian Chess Federation protocols regarding the limitations related to COVID-19. More generally the participation may be subject to possible new Government decisions that will be promptly announced in the official website under the section "COVID-19".

As the event is announced the Italian Government does not require any quarantine for people coming to Italy for a sport event. Border police may ask to show a negative PCR test conducted no more than 48 hours before travelling or a vaccine certificate.

In case of in case of cancelation for health reason and especially COVID-19 participants will be refunded. The complete refund will be provided if the competition will not take place because of the pandemic.

**17. Organizers Contacts:**

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