



**World Amateur Chess Championships**  
**Categories U-1700, U-2000, U-2300**  
**18 - 28 April 2016**  
**Halkidiki, GREECE**

**1. Invitation**

This is the official invitation to all national chess federations of FIDE to participate in the World Amateur Chess Championships for men and women with a FIDE rating under 2300. The championships will be held in Halkidiki, on the northern coast of the Aegean Sea. The dates are 18 April (arrivals, technical meeting) to 28 April 2016 (departures).

**2. Playing Venue**

The games will take place in the conference center of the 5-star Anthemus Sea Resort, on the Sithonia peninsula of Halkidiki, 95 km south of Thessaloniki airport. Anthemus Sea is an excellent holiday destination, surrounded by a sandy beach on the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea.

**3. Tournament Schedule**

Arrivals / Technical meeting:	Monday 18 April, 19:00
Round 1:	Tuesday 19 April, 15:00
Round 2:	Wednesday 20 April, 15:00
Round 3:	Thursday 21 April, 15:00
Round 4:	Friday 22 April, 15:00
Round 5:	Saturday 23 April, 15:00
Round 6:	Sunday 24 April, 15:00
Round 7:	Monday 25 April, 15:00
Round 8:	Tuesday 26 April, 15:00
Round 9:	Wednesday 27 April, 10:00
Prize Awards:	Wednesday 27 April, 17:00
Departures:	Thursday 28 April by 12:00

**4. Technical Regulations**

**4.1.** FIDE rated Swiss system in 9 rounds. There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700.

**4.1.1.** In order to participate in the U-2300 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline (18 February 2016). A player must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.

**4.1.2.** In order to participate in the U-2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (18 April 2016). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

**4.1.3.** In order to participate in the U-1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (18 April 2016). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

- 4.1.4. If a player exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play the upper rating category. If a player exceeds the FIDE rating of 2300 after the registration deadline, he/she can still play in the U-2300 section.
- 4.2. In each rating section, a separate championship for women shall be organised only if there are at least 10 women entries from at least 2 continents. Otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open).
- 4.3. The winner from each World Amateur Championship 2015 and from each Continental Amateur Championship 2015 (if they don't exceed 2300 rating) are qualified with personal rights (free accommodation, sharing a double room) and their places cannot be substituted.
- 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, f) sonneborn-berger.
- 4.6. The FIDE Technical Officials shall be announced one month before the event. The Appeals Committee will be elected during the Technical Meeting before the tournament starts.

## **5. Prize Fund (total: 9.000 euros)**

**U-2300 section:** 1<sup>st</sup>: €1.000, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €700, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €500, 4<sup>th</sup>: €400, 5<sup>th</sup>: €300

Women: 1<sup>st</sup>: €700, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €500, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €400

**U-2000 section:** 1<sup>st</sup>: €600, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €400, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €300, 4<sup>th</sup>: €250, 5<sup>th</sup>: €200

Women: 1<sup>st</sup>: €500, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €300, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €200

**U-1700 section:** 1<sup>st</sup>: €500, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €350, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €200, 4<sup>th</sup>: €150, 5<sup>th</sup>: €100

Women: 1<sup>st</sup>: €200, 2<sup>nd</sup>: €150, 3<sup>rd</sup>: €100

Each player can win only one money prize (the highest). 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.

## **6. Titles - Qualifications**

6.1. The 3 gold winners of the Men/Open sections receive respectively the titles of "2016 World Amateur Champion" (for the U2300 section), "2016 World Amateur Champion U2000" and "2016 World Amateur Champion U1700". The 3 gold winners of the Women sections receive respectively the titles of "2016 World Women's Amateur Champion" (for the U2300 section), "2016 World Women's Amateur Champion U2000" & "2016 World Women's Amateur Champion U1700".

6.2. The **3 top winners of the Men (Open) section U2300** and the **winner of the Women section U2300** will also receive by FIDE their free accommodation in a double room and full board in their Continental Championships 2017 which are qualifiers of the World Championship Cycle.

6.3. The **winner of each section U-2300, U-2000 and U-1700** (6 winners in total, men and women sections) will also qualify with personal right for the next World Amateur Championships 2017 with free accommodation (in double room) & full board, provided from the local Organising Committee.

## 7. Accommodation packages

to be registered and booked only through the Organising Committee (includes accommodation for 10 nights per person in the **5-star Anthemus Sea Resort**, daily full board with breakfast, lunch and dinner, free use of the hotel pools and sun umbrellas at the beach and all organising fees):

- **480 euros total per person in a triple room for 10 nights**
- **590 euros total per person in a double room for 10 nights**
- **830 euros total per person in a single room for 10 nights**



7.1. Additional nights are possible upon request and in proportional discount.

7.2. 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 18 February 2016. After the deadline of 18 February, registrations may be offered at an increased cost and only upon availability.

7.3. FIDE entry fee: 30 euros to be paid directly to FIDE through the player's National Federation.

## 8. Flights / Transportation

The nearest airport is Thessaloniki (IATA code: SKG), about 95 km north of Anthemus Sea. The Organising Committee can provide bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport to Anthemus Sea, with return included, for **60 euros per person** upon request for 18 and 28 April.

## 9. Registration deadline

Entries must be sent by 18 February 2016 by email to [info@chess2016.org](mailto:info@chess2016.org) or to the fax number (+30) 2641500112. All entries shall include:

\* Full name and FIDE ID / \*FIDE rating / \* Accommodation type / \*Dates of arrival & departure.

All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after a deposit payment of €150 euros per person, free of bank charges, paid online through the event's travel agency website (AT Holidays Ltd) within a week after the deadline of 18 February 2016. The receipt of the deposit payment must also be sent via email to the Organising Committee. The remaining balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

## 10. Side Events / Excursions Program (on request)

- Mount Athos
- Thessaloniki Tour

## 11. More information / Tournament Director

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