



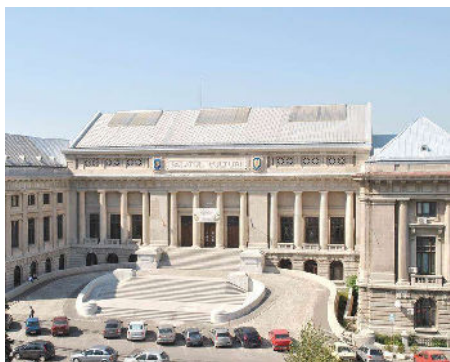
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS FESTIVAL 2023

3 – 9 July, 2023, Ploiesti, Romania

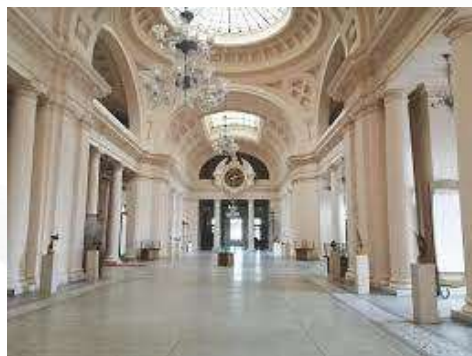
1. Invitation

ISCU and FIDE together with the Romanian Chess Federation, Ploiesti municipality and Prahova County Council, Prahova Chess County Association and Romanian Education Ministry invite schools to participate at the 1st edition of the International Schools Chess Festival.

W E L C O M E



Culture Palace, city of Ploiesti



Playing hall in Culture Palace



Hotel Central 4*



Kids event in downtown park

2. Schedule

Monday	3 July		Arrival Day
Tuesday	4 July	10:00	Captains meeting
Tuesday	4 July	15:00	Opening
Tuesday	4 July	15:30	Round 1
Wednesday	5 July	10:00	Round 2
Wednesday	5 July	16:00	Round 3
Thursday	6 July	Various activities	Free day
Friday	7 July	10:00	Round 4
Friday	7 July	16:00	Round 5
Saturday	8 July	10:00	Round 6
Saturday	8 July	16:00	Round 7
Saturday	8 July	20:00	Closing ceremony
Sunday	9 July		Departure Day

3. Participation

- Are entitled to register teams representing schools with 4 players U12 - 2 boys and 2 girls. Players must have FIDE ID. All chess players who shall not have reached the age of 12 before January 1st 2023, are eligible to be member of a team. Each team has a captain.
- A team can register substitutes 1 boy and 1 girl.
- Any FIDE member federation and any FIDE continental federation can register school teams.
- Schools can directly register teams to participate.
- Schools must certify that players are scholars of the respective school.
- Participation may be limited due to the playing venue capacity. The principle first come – first served is applicable for registrations.

4. Registration

- The deadline for registration is **31st May, 2023**. Every applicant should send the registration form to the organizers by the deadline.
- There is a Registration fee of 100 Euro for every team and of 50 Euro for every additional accompanying person (family members, additional coaches). Registration fees are compulsory and represent transportation from the Bucharest International Airport, accreditations, badges, organizational costs.
- Payment deadline for Registration fees is **31st May, 2023**.

5. Accommodation and board

- All registered teams and accompanying persons are accommodated at Hotel Central 4*, 60Euro/day/person in double room with full board.
- In case of large participation (up to max. 120 teams, plus accompanying persons), other similar hotels will be available.
- Hotel reservation deadline is **31st May, 2023**, according to Chapter 4.

6. Payments

- After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the applicants will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- A minimum of 30% prepayment for accommodation and board must be paid by **31st May, 2023** (non-refundable). Second installment of 70% for accommodation and board must be paid until **25th June, 2023**.
- Sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send the confirmation of the hotel reservations to the participating school/ federation.

7. Technical Rules

- The Competition is governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and Laws of Chess.
- The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for the Competition.
- The competition will last 7 days – arrival day, 4 playing days, a free day for special programs and educational activities, departure day. In case a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 10 minutes from the actual start of the game, he/she shall lose the game.
- The time control is 45 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move one.
- There shall be 7 rounds (one day - two rounds).
- Each match shall be played over 4 boards, separate boards 1 and 2 for boys, and boards 1 and 2 for girls.
- The pairings, scoring and tiebreak regulations are in accordance with the Pairing Rules for the Chess Olympiad.
- Final standings and tie-breaks are determined as in the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations:
 - a. Match Points (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
 - b. Extended Sonneborn Berger for Teams Cut-1 (EMGSB)
 - c. Game Points
 - d. Buchholz Cut 1
- Appeals procedure: a protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 1 hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 100 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited. The appeal has to be lodged by the team captain. The decisions of the AC are final.

8. Prizes

- The best three teams shall receive Cups according to these tie-breaks. All members, including the captain of the best three teams will receive medals and memorable gifts.

- The best three players on the boards receive gold, silver and bronze medals and memorable gifts. If two or more players have equal TPRs, the tie shall be broken as follows:
 - a. Direct Encounter
 - b. Buchholz Cut 1
 - c. Buchholz
 - d. Number of Games Played with Black
 - e. Number of Games Won
- The tie-breaks will be calculated according to the definitions in the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations.
- All participants will receive diplomas/certificates of participation.

FIDE special award for the Winner of the competition: 1st ranked team will be eligible for a travelling grant and accommodation at the World Schools Team Championship in Kazakhstan, 3-8 August 2023.

9. Visa information

- Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on **31 May, 2023**, together with registration data and due payments. The Organizers will issue invitations only after all the prepayments are made.
- Schengen Visas are valid in Romania.

Contact information:

International Schools Chess Festival website: www.iscu.info

Organizers contact: contact@iscu.info

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Free day program - Options:

- Visit Ploiesti museums (free);
- Visit Sinaia Royal Peles Castle (5hrs. paid)
- Bucharest tour – Romania's capital main touristic attractions (6 hrs. paid);
- Following prince Vlad the Impaler „Dracula” footprints tour to Bran Castle and medieval city of Sighisoara (10 hrs. paid)
- Open air chess event for kids, enjoy chess together with 200 local young players

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Free day tour options:

- Sinaia, Peles Royal Castle



- „Dracula’s footprints”



Bran Castle



Medieval City of Sighisoara – birthplace of Vlad „Dracula”



Chess event in downtown Sighisoara

- Bucharest sightseeing tour

