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Turkey wins 28 medals at the European School Chess Championship 2024 in Limerick, Ireland.

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European Youth Team Chess Championship 2024 breaks the participation record with 56 teams in 4 groups.



European Youth Team Chess Championships U12 & U18

Rhodes "Summer Cup 2024"

Rhodes
20 June-01 July 2024



European Senior Team Chess Champions 2024 crowned in Terme Čatež, Slovenia



In brief..

European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024 took place from 6-16 May in Terme Catez, Slovenia. The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, with the participation of 52 teams coming from more than 20 European federations, and England won triple gold.

European School Chess Championship 2024 was held from 30 May to 7 June in Limerick, Ireland, with nearly 200 players from 18 federations. Turkish players achieved a historical result, winning 28 medals (all 12 gold medals, 8 silver, and 8 bronze)!

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2024 will be played from 20 June - 1 July in Rhodes, Greece and broke the participation record with 56 teams from 15 federations.

European Chess Union published the official invitation for the **ECU General Assembly 2024** which will be held on 19th of September in Budapest, Hungary.

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England wins triple gold at the European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024

The European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024 took place from 6-16 May in Terme Catez, Slovenia.

The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, and England won three gold medals in the event.



Heading into the last round in the 50+ section, three teams had the same score of match points to tie for the top: England 1, Hungary and Italy. The co-leaders won their last-round matches to maintain the leading position, and the tiebreak criteria determined the Winner and the medalists.

England 1 defeated England 2 team in the last round, and had the best tiebreaks (Olympiad Sonneborn Berger) to clinch the title.

Hungary took a narrow 2.5-1.5 victory against Slovakia 1, and finished second according to the tiebreak criteria. Italy was victorious against Netherlands LSG and claimed bronze medal according to the tiebreaks.

Scoring impressive 17 match points in the 65+ section, England 1 emerged as the sole Winner of the event. England 1 needed only a draw in the last round to secure gold, but they won against Croatia Agroproteinka for the convincing result.

Slovakia 1 defeated Finland to finish the event with the score of 15 match points, and claimed silver medal. Slovenia 1 was convincing against Hungary 1 in the last round, winning the match with 3.5-0.5 score, and secured bronze medal scoring 14 match points.

England's Women's team clinched the European Women's Senior Team Chess Champion title in the 50+ section, and Germany won the European Women's Senior Team Chess Champion title in the 65+ section.

The Closing ceremony of the event took place in the playing venue, with the attendance of the ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, and the ECU Vice Presidents Mr. Alojzije Jankovic and Mr. Jean Michel Rapaire who also joined the Awarding ceremony. The Secretary General of the Slovenian Chess Federation and the Tournament Director Nina Rob addressed the players at the Closing ceremony, while the ECU President officially declared the event closed.

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European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024

European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024 took place from 6-16 May in Terme Čatež, Slovenia, organised by the Slovenian Chess Federation, under the auspices of the European Chess Union.

The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, with the participation of 52 teams coming from more than 20 European federations.



European Senior Team Chess Championship 2024 - The best individual players

The best players per boards were determined according to the performance, and received medals in both age categories.

Board 1 (50+): 1.GM Johann Hjartarson (Iceland)
Board 2 (50+): 1.GM Zoltan Varga (Hungary)
Board 3 (50+): 1.GM Keith Arkell (England)
Board 4 (50+): 1.IM Fabrizio Bellia (Italy)
Board 5 (50+): 1.GM Stuart Conquest (England)

Board 1 (65+): 1.GM Alexander Beliavsky (Slovenia)
Board 2 (65+): 1.IM Louis Roos (France)
Board 3 (65+): 1.IM Vojko Mencinger (Slovenia)
Board 4 (65+): 1.IM Chris Baker (England)
Board 5 (65+): 1.IM Nicolas Giffard (France)



The ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili addressed the players at the Closing ceremony and officially declared the event closed.



The ECU Vice President Mr. Alojzije Jankovic awarded best individual players.

The best individual players per each board received Medals.



Turkey wins 12 golds at the European School Chess Championship 2024

The European School Chess Championship 2024 took place from 30 May to 7 June in Limerick, Ireland.

Nearly 200 players coming from 18 European federations participated in the event, and Turkish players achieved a historical result winning 28 medals (12 gold, 8 silver and 8 bronze)!

The Winners are:

Open U7:

- 1.Omer Taha Dede (TUR), 7/7 points
- 2.David-Christian Talaba (ROU),6 points
- 3.Amandeep Singh (ENG), 5 points

Girls U7:

- 1.Miray Akinci (TUR), 7/9 points
- 2.Kumsal Islek (TUR), 7 points
- 3.Goksu Yildiz (TUR), 6 points

Open U9:

- 1.Ata Peray (TUR), 7/9 points
- 2.Efe Aynaoglu (TUR), 7 points
- 3.Aaron-Mathias Dragoi (ROU),6.5points

Girls U9:

- 1.Elem Tolan (TUR), 7.5/9 points
- 2.Irmak Keser (TUR), 6.5 points
- 3.Anne-Sophie Constantin-Ciuntu (ROU), 6 points

Open U11:

- 1.Ali Poyraz Uzdemir (TUR), 8/9 points
- 2.Ege Oz (TUR), 8 points
- 3.Murat Kutay Gokturk (TUR), 6.5points

Girls U11:

- 1.Zeynep Sonmez (TUR), 8.5/9 points
- 2.Shelley Potikha (ISR), 6 points
- 3.Elif Deniz (TUR), 6 points

Open U13:

- 1.CM Ali Alper Celik (TUR), 7/9 points
- 2.Dragos Stefan Leu (ROU), 6.5 points
- 3.Umut Anil Dogan (TUR), 6.5 points

Girls U13:

- 1.Zumral Yazici (TUR), 6/7 points
- 2.Cagla Yudum Sahin (TUR), 6 points
- 3.Arva Avdoan (TUR). 4.5 noints



Photos by Irish Chess Union

Open U15:

- 1.Egehan Yildiz (TUR), 7/9 points
- 2.Efe Yalcinkaya (TUR), 6 points
- 3.Alper Demirtas (TUR), 6 points

Girls U15:

- 1.Pelin Seyhan (TUR), 4.5/7 points
- 2.Maryna Petrenko (UKR), 4 points
- 3.Eylul Ceren Gedik (TUR), 4 points

Open U17:

- 1.IM Adar Tarhan (TUR), 8.5/9 points
- 2.IM Eray Kilic (TUR), 8 points
- 3.Kerem Tuna Yilmaz (TUR), 7 points

Girls U17:

- 1.WCM Ecrin Efsa Buyuk (TUR), 8points
- 2.Hatice Asli Mustu (TUR), 8 points
- 3.Lara Putar (IRL), 6.5 points



The Closing ceremony took place after the last round, with the attendance of the President of the Irish Chess Union Mr. Desmond Beatty and the Chairman of the ECU Events Commission Mr. Paris Klerides.

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European School Chess Championship 2024

European School Chess Championship 2024 took place from 30 May to 7 June in Limerick, Ireland.

The event was played in 6 age categories, U7,U9,U11,U13, U15 and U17, open and girls sections separately. All rankings, results and final report can be found on the ECU Website.



European Youth Team Chess Championship 2024 will take place from 20 June - 1 July in Rhodes, Greece.

The event will break the participation record with 56 teams coming from 15 European federations.

European Youth Team Chess Championship 2024

The event will be played in two age categories U12 and U18, open and girls sections separately. Teams in the Open sections feature four players + one reserve player, and teams in the Girls sections feature two players + one reserve player.

Championships will be played in 7 rounds, swiss system, with the time control of 90 min for the whole game + 30 sec increment for every move played starting from move 1.

The winning team will receive the title "European Youth Champion Team 2024" in its respective category.

The event will be held in the Conference Hall of the 5-star Rodos Palace Hotel and is co-organized by Rhodes Chess Club "Ippotis".

The top-seeded teams in the Open U12 section are: Poland (average rating of players 2194), Romania (average rating of players 2061) and Turkey (average rating of players 2017). In GU12 section, the best-rated teams are Hungary (average rating of players 1862), Poland (average rating of players 1853), and Germany (average rating of players 1765). The top seeds in the U18 category are Israel (average rating of players 2468), Poland (average rating of players 2435) and Armenia (average rating of players 2425). Poland (average rating of players 2236), Israel (average rating of players 2124) and Germany I (average rating of players 2045) headline the field in the GU18 category.

Detailed information can be found on the official website of the event.



ECU General Assembly - Invitation

The ECU General Assembly 2024 will take place in Budapest, Hungary, on Thursday, 19th of September 2024, during the 2024 Chess Olympiad.

The official venue of the ECU GA will be the venue of FIDE Congress. The Assembly starts at 10.00 am. All the information about airports and hotels for the FIDE Congress will be published by FIDE.

Proposals from Members to be included in the agenda for the General Assembly shall reach ECU Secretariat not later than three months, deadline Thursday 20th June 2024, before the start of the General Assembly.

Detailed information can be found on the ECU Website.

*Rožnov pod
Radhoštěm,
Czech Republic*

The 22nd edition of the European Union Youth Chess Championship U8-U14 will take place from 4th-13th August 2024 in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic. The event is organized by the Czech Chess Federation under the auspices of the European Chess Union.



European Union Youth U8-U14 Chess Championship 2024

The Championship is open for citizens of a member state of the European Union or of a Schengen state. Each federation can register one player, a boy or a girl, in each of the categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, and unlimited number of extra (additional) players. The player has to be registered as a player by the respective Federation on January 1st, 2024. Registration forms must be sent back no later than June 5th, 2024 by email.

The event will be played in four categories: U8, U10, U12, and U14, with separate prizes for the best ranked girls in the tournaments. The events will be played in 9 rounds, swiss system, with the time control of 90 min for the whole game + 30 sec increase for each move played.

The playing venue of the event is Sports hall Hotel Energetic in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm.

The first three players from each category will receive championship trophies, medals and diplomas. Every player of each category will receive commemorative championship medal and a diploma. Furthermore, players will receive prizes. The winners of each tournament receive a laptop, other medalists will receive a digital clock. Prizes will receive at least the first six players of each category. The total value of the prize fund will be at least 6.000 Euro. Girls in each category will be evaluated separately.

Official regulations of the event can be found on the ECU Website.

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Jesper Hall,
Chairman of
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- 4** **THE SMART METHOD TO TEACH CHESS,
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We are super excited to share the launch of the Academic Course, Chess in Primary Education. It is provided within the context of the Life-Long Learning Department of the University of the Aegean.

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All the peer-reviewed chess related research in one place

ECU EDU is working behind the scenes to create an intuitive and user-friendly platform that collects all chess related research papers.

Despite the wealth of research available on the topic of chess, a comprehensive and systematic review of the literature has yet to be conducted. By this motive, the dataset was created by Seyhan Nisel in 2022 and extended by John Foley to provide a comprehensive and structured resource for researchers, educators, players, and enthusiasts in the chess community. It aims to facilitate research, analysis, and understanding of the academic literature related to chess, covering various aspects such as game strategies, psychology, cognitive development, artificial intelligence, and interdisciplinary connections.

The dataset is a compilation of chess-related academic articles, containing essential information for each publication. It serves as a rich resource for researchers and the broader chess community to access, analyse, and gain insights from the existing body of chess literature. Users can filter, sort, and search the dataset based on their interests and research questions, which allows them to identify relevant publications and uncover trends, patterns, and relationships within the field.

For scholars,
students, and
curious minds

« Inspiring Women in Chess - Interview with Djuna Tree from England »

In April was Djuna Tree awarded by the English Chess Federation for her contributions to women's chess. Since she became a **chair of the Battersea Chess Club in London, female participation has increased from 2% to 15%**. Djuna also managed to successfully increase the number of female participation in **London Chess League from 2% to 9%**, a league that she founded with the help of her friend, Karina Kowalczyk.

"We have proven that women and girls play chess at a high level, and will participate wherever chess spaces will welcome them. Eighty-five female players have taken part this year. I think this is a recognition of our whole committee both at Battersea and the London Chess League, and to all of our members, who welcome male and female players from all walks of life. I'm very proud that our club has a committee with 50% female officers. The men and women who volunteer to run our club do a fabulous job, and we have made a real impact to the inclusiveness of chess both at Battersea and across the London League."

Djuna, who works as a an autism specialist and a chess coach, describes herself as a woman in her thirties who likes playing chess. For the past seven years she lived in London, but has just moved to Paris to seek for new opportunities and for a fresh start.

How and why did you start engaging yourself in supporting and promoting women's chess?

I attended a summer league in 2018 and found I was the only woman out of 100 players. I decided to return the next year with two gender-equal teams and encourage my friends to take part. I think it's really strange that so few women and girls are in chess spaces, and I really want to encourage people to find it more normal for half of the players to be female.

How many members does your club have and how many female?

At Battersea we have over 100 members and 17% are female. This has been a lot of growth from basically zero,



and our goal is 50%.

What activities and initiatives are you organizing for girls and women?

We hosted the London Women's Chess Festival in 2023 and I founded the London Chess League's first ever women's division (the Natasha Regan Trophy) with the help of my friend Karina Kowalczyk. Battersea's women's team plays in regular matches against other women's teams around the city. We also have great female players in our mixed teams, and while women's events have an important place, I know many women and girls prefer to play in the open category (myself included). Having an inclusive environment for casual chess is also really important and I think it's why we do see so many women on Tuesday nights!

Photo: Djuna Tree with Aga Sapkowska Milewska from the English Chess Federation

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« It seems really clear that most people want an inclusive club with no unnecessary comments about people's gender - just chess for all. »

How is your club supporting you in your efforts?

I was very honoured that my club chose me as its first female Chair, and that we were able to elect a committee with 50% female officers. It seems really clear that most people want an inclusive club with no unnecessary comments about people's gender - just chess for all. Our members have been fantastic in supporting some changes like introducing a harassment policy. I also think that as the number of women goes from basically zero to more than ten or fifteen per cent, people start naturally moderating their behaviour and treating it like a mixed space. That makes a huge difference because if you walk into an all-male club where they clearly feel awkward about your presence, most women would just leave.

Are you cooperating with other chess clubs?

Absolutely, Karina and I have been working with other clubs to put on events for their women's teams, or in a couple of cases to start women's teams and encourage players to join. We are very grateful to Hammersmith Chess Club, Wimbledon Chess Club, Lewisham Chess Club, the London Universities Women group, and She Plays To Win.

What are the main obstacles in your engagement?

It's sexual harassment and the total inadequacy of complaints procedures at every level. I am sympathetic that the work of responding to complaints mainly falls on volunteers, and more funding is needed to make procedures easy and effective.

What are your vision and goals for girls and women generally and for your chess club?

I have moved to Paris for a fresh start. It is still early for me to be finding out about the community but I have found there is the Club Féminin mark for chess clubs that do a good job of including women; there also seems to be more women's competitions for me to take part in than what I found in London. I think I am likely to focus more on women's chess in future.

What I really hope at Battersea is that we've created an environment where everyone is respected no matter his or her ability. I hope the women's league continues and can attract more clubs and more players. That will only happen if we take those women seriously if they experience harassment. When I go to the gym it is not complicated to say that a guy is bothering me and most young women expect this to be dealt with immediately or they won't come back.

My challenge to other chess organisers is this: please learn basics about including women at organisational level. Know that women get interrupted more in meetings. Know that women are more likely to be dismissed as emotional. Know that our chess ability gets underestimated relative to men. Please listen to the female officers that you do have and include them in important conversations. Remind yourself that anything below 50% female is not a normal gender balance, at your club or on your committee.

Thank you very much to Djuna for the interview.

Regina Theissl Pokorna

"Females and Males Working Behind The Scene" with Zuzana Hagarová from the Slovak Chess Federation

In our Spotlight articles, we introduce you the women **but also men working behind the scene, doing a fantastic work to support women in chess.** They play a key role as players, arbiters, coaches, volunteers,....

Zuzana Hagarová, Slovakia - Member of the Commission focused on women's agenda at the Slovak Chess Federation

I am a WGM/IM. Professionally I am a web application's programmer and partly also teaching programming, but chess is very important part of my life. I am not only an active player, but also a coach (especially for girls). Since 2024 I am a member of the Slovak Chess Federation's committee with an agenda focused on women. I am a multiple Slovak women champion, European women-team champion 1999 and a long-time member of the Slovak women's national team since 1994 (includes 11 times Chess Olympiads and 7 times European Team Championships).

What is the % of female chess players in Slovakia and how many professional female chess players do you have?

Approximately 10% of active chess players in Slovakia are women. There are no professional female players in the sense that their job is playing chess. Every female player has a regular job or is studying. For example, our WGMs: Eva Repková is not only the vice-president of ECU, but also works in a family business, and Zuzana Borošová has a law degree and works at court. On the other hand, in terms of training volume and participation in the tournaments, I'd say that 4 Slovak female players are professionals and the remaining 6 are semi-professionals. In term of love for chess, the number is much higher:-)



Photo: Zuzana Hagarová

What are the main projects and areas of responsibility of the Slovak Chess Federation Women's Commission?

We don't have a separate commission for women's chess in Slovakia, the whole agenda falls under the representation's commission. Although the conditions have improved recently thanks to increase of the state support, women's chess is still underestimated in Slovakia. Currently, the support for women's top players is still lower than for men. It is not as bad as in the recent past (e.g., in 2022 the 1st prize at the Slovak Women's Chess Championship was a symbolic €350, without conditions for titled players...), but still our top female

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players have half the fees of their male colleagues in their national team contract. That gap seems very big to me...

So, I see the main role of the women's section in improving the conditions for the top female players and the integration of young talents into the women's national team. Our A-team is one of the oldest women's national teams in Europe, so the challenge is to motivate and encourage young talents to work on themselves and not to quit competitive chess when they move from junior to women's category.

What events and initiatives have you planned for this year?

The main event of the year is the Chess Olympiad, and the individual trainings of the top female players with GM Igor Štohl are also directed towards it.

Other important events include the Women's European Championship, the Junior and Youth World Championship and the European Championship.

Preparation of the girls representing Slovakia in youth categories is covered by the National Chess Academy and its coaches.

As a novelty for the top players we have included in the sport's calendar a women's and girls' camp in the High Tatras. We want young and adult players to get to know each other better and also motivate each other.

Do you have any tips on how to get more females involved in chess?

For me, the key is to help girls with transition from junior to women's category. There are many tournaments for youth, the best ones have support from their chess federation or clubs. But for women it is more difficult, the competition is higher and the support is smaller...

It is also important to show girls that chess provides more possibilities. Good examples and stories of women from the chess world can help us. And not only players, but also arbiters, coaches, captains, organizers, content creators. :-)

Text by: Frank Jaeger,
Councilor of the ECU
Arbiters Council



Application procedure for FIDE or International Arbiters

Arbiters who want to get an International Arbiters title must first be registered as National Arbiters with FIDE, collect the necessary norms and complete the seminar. But how is the application procedure to FIDE?

The application process is described in the FIDE handbook B06.5. To do this, the applicant fills out the relevant form FA2 (or IA2) and sends it to the person responsible for his federation, who then forwards it to FIDE.

Since January 1, 2024, new international arbiters must also take part in a seminar. These seminars take place online in English and are offered by the FIDE Arbiters Commission.

You can see that many of the title applications are rejected by the FIDE Arbiters Commission. In some federations (e.g. Germany and Italy) applications are examined by the National Arbiters Commissions before being forwarded to FIDE. In some cases, stricter rules apply in Germany than at FIDE. For example, in Germany only International Arbiters are allowed to issue IA norms.

The three International Arbiters Nebojsa Baralic (SRB), Gerhard Bertagnolli (ITA) and Jens Wolter (GER) are responsible for examining title applications in the FIDE Arbiters Commission.

However, the aim of all federations should be to pay more attention to the quality of the title applications submitted. Common errors are:

- Only the current forms may be used for title norms after July 1, 2021.
- There is no need for a written assessment by the referee. However, the checkbox on the form must be checked that the arbiter has achieved the required performance.

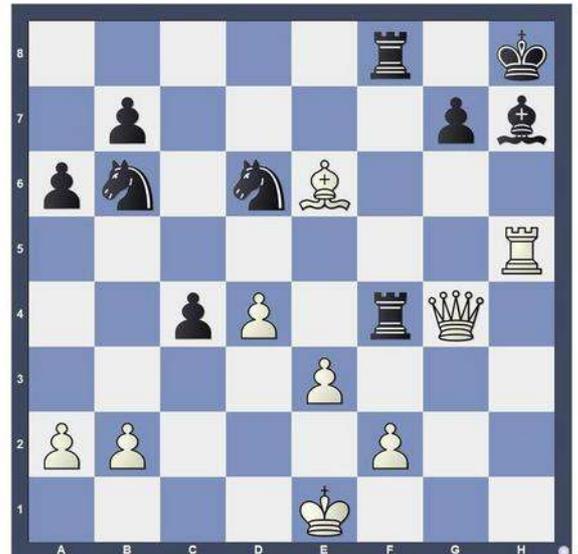
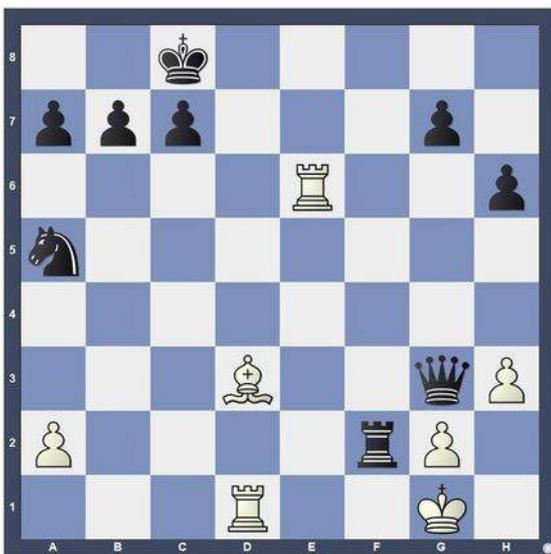
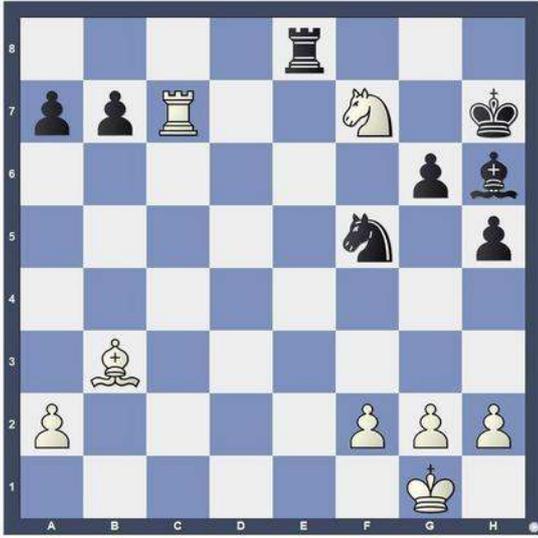
- Title norms must be issued and signed by the chief arbiter or the organizer of the tournament (only if she or he has the title International Organizer) promptly after the tournament.
- You cannot issue a norm for yourself.
- The tournament must meet the requirements for an FA or IA norm.
- If you only have swiss system tournaments, there must be a tournament in which more than 100 players played in all rounds.
- It is not permitted to obtain two norms in tournaments that overlap in time (exception: tournaments last more than 30 days).
- A maximum of one Blitz or Rapid tournament is permitted.

Over 200 title applications were reviewed for the 1st FIDE Council Meeting 2024. The rate of rejected applications was 12%. After the application has been examined by the FIDE Arbiters Commission, the next FIDE Council or the next FIDE General Assembly will decide on the report of the FIDE Arbiters Commission and thus also the title applications. However, you will only receive the title of FIDE Arbiter or International Arbiter once the application has been published on the FIDE website for at least 60 days. Please help to increase the rate of successful title applications!

ECU Arbiters Council

ECU Arbiters Council publishes monthly articles in the ECU Magazine about their activities and actual arbiters' topics.

Detailed information can be found on the ECU Arbiters Council website:
<https://arbiters.europechess.org>



> Believe firmly that in chess there are no rules without exceptions.

In May 2024 edition of the ECU Magazine, we present four positions where White mates in two moves!

Rueben Fine said about chess

> A plan is made for a few moves only, not for the whole game.

> I'd rather have a Pawn than a finger.

> The king is a strong piece – use it !

> Chess is a contest between two men which lends itself particularly to the conflicts surrounding aggression.

Solutions from April Magazine

#Puzzle 1:
1.Nxc7+! Rxc7 2.Rd8#

#Puzzle 2:
1.Rh4+!! gxh4 2.Rh5#

#Puzzle 3:
1.Nf6+! gxf6 2.Qh7#

#Puzzle 4:
1.Rh8+! Bxh8 2.Qh7#



"Chess makes you smarter!"