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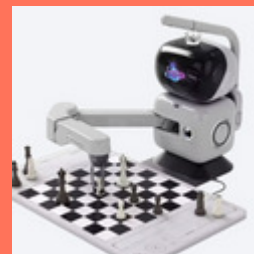
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EUROPEAN CHESS UNION 40 years anniversary



Europe's Chess Legacy

Nicolas Spichas

In this edition of the ECU E-Magazine you may read about European Union Youth Chess Championship 2025, upcoming European Chess Club Cup and European Team Chess Championship, activities of the ECU Commissions and more...



Chess Makes You Smarter.

In August 2025 edition of the ECU E- Magazine you may read about:

- European Union Youth Chess Championship 2025
- European Team Chess Championship 2025
- European Chess Club Cup 2025
- ECU Board Meeting decisions and main information
- Upcoming ECU events
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European Chess Union has its seat in Switzerland.
European Chess Union is an independent association founded in 1985 in Graz, Austria. European Chess Union has 54 National federations members, and each year organises more than 20 prestigious events.
Website: europechess.org

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In brief...

European Team Chess Championship 2025 is set to take place from 4-15 October in Batumi, Georgia. The event will be played in Open and Women's sections separately, each competition featuring 9 swiss rounds and classical time control. Each team comprises four players + one reserve player in each competition. The Championship will feature 75 teams, 39 teams registered for the Open competition, while 36 teams registered for the Women's Championship.

European Chess Club Cup 2025 and European Women's Chess Club Cup 2025 will take place from 18-26 October in Rhodes, Greece. The event broke the participation record with 122 teams participating in both events (102 teams registered for Open tournament and 20 teams registered for the Women's competition). Among 800 players representing their clubs and teams, the lists features reigning World Champion, former World and European Champions, and world known chess names. Both tournaments will be played in 7 rounds, swiss system.

European Union Youth U8-U14 Chess Champions crowned in Czech Republic

European Union Youth U8-U14 Chess Championship took place from 18-27 August in Roznov pod Radhostem, Czech Republic.

The event was played in 4 age categories: U8, U10, U12 and U14, boys and girls playing the same tournament in the same category. Eventually boys and girls were evaluated separately. The rate of play was 90 min for the whole game + 30 sec increment for each move played, with 9-swiss rounds in each section. The event attracted many chess players. This year's participation was record-breaking with 127 players from 16 national ECU federations.

The Winners are:

U8 - Lev Jevglevski (EST)
GU8 - Sophia-Lenina Matala (ROU)
U10 - Filip Sirbu (FRA)
GU10 - Julia Szczurek (POL)
U12 - Matvii Bilochenko (POL)
GU12 - Maelys Manouvel (FRA)
U14 - Andrii Diachek (POL)
GU14 - Tess Hujova (CZE)



EU Youth Chess Championship 2025 under the patronage of the European Chess Union was organized by Sachovy klub Svetla nad Sazavou in cooperation with the Czech Chess Federation.

Detailed report, results and more information can be found on the [ECU website](#).

Prizes & Special prizes



Players who took first three places in each of categories got a cup and diploma. Every participant of EUYCC got a medal. All eight champions EU are leaving Roznov pod Radhostem with a notebook! The next five players in each category also got valuable prizes. Every player got a T-Shirt with a logo of EUYCC. The prizes were given by director of the event Mr. Zdenek Fiala.

Young players have been pleased by awarding best game of each round. Thanks to the performance during the last four rounds these players were awarded: Pastor Zuccolo Matteo (FRA), Grigore Melania-Cristina (ROU), Rzadkowska Lila (POL), Belocky Daniel (CZE), Adam Sare (FRA), Jongejan Evienne (NED), Svabova Klara (CZE), Rzadkowska Kaja (POL), Jevglevski Lev (EST), Szczurek Julia (POL), Pasca Alexandru-Daniel (ROU), Bolla Zsofia (HUN), Bravo Pausader Ines (FRA), Ser Karina (LTU), Ganea Yanis-Andrei (ROU), FM Petroff Vlad (ROU).

European Team Chess Championship 2025



The 2025 European Team Chess Championship will take place from 4-15 October in Batumi, Georgia.

The event will be played in Open and Women's sections separately, with 9 swiss rounds in each competition and time control of 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes for rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for every move starting from move 1.

Teams are comprised of four players + reserve player in both open and women's sections. The official hotel of the event is 5***** Grand Bellagio Convention and the playing venue of the championships is located within the Hotel complex.

The first three teams in the Open and Women's sections will each receive cups. Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive gold medals and diplomas. Members of the second and third-placed teams shall each receive silver and bronze medals and diplomas respectively.

The best – performing players in the Open and Women's sections on each board (10 players in total) will receive gold medals. Performance shall be calculated as per ECU tournament rules. Second and third placed players in both sections will receive silver and bronze medals.



The European Team Chess Championship 2025 gathers 74 teams (39 teams registered in the Open competition and 35 teams registered for Women's Championship).

Detailed information can be found on the [Official website of](#)

39 teams registered for European Team Chess Championship 2025

The field is headlined by Netherlands (average rating of players 2671), Germany (average rating of players 2678), Hungary (average rating of players 2663), Azerbaijan (average rating of players 2656), England (average rating of players 2643), Serbia (average rating of players 2644), Ukraine (average rating of players 2634), Armenia (average rating of players 2634), Spain (average rating of players 2633), and Greece (average rating of players 2607).

Starting rank lists can be found [here](#).



Photo from European Team Championship 2023

36 teams registered for European Women's Team Chess Championship 2025

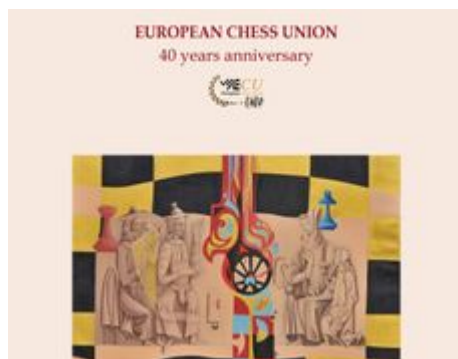
The rating favourites are: Georgia 1 (average rating of players 2461), Poland (average rating of players 2399), Ukraine (average rating of players 2381), Bulgaria (average rating of players 2366), Azerbaijan (average rating of players 2352), Spain (average rating of players 2344), Germany (average rating of players 2343), Armenia (average rating of players 2340), France (average rating of players 2338), and Switzerland (average rating of players 2330).

Upcoming

ECU Congress and General Assembly 2025



Schedule of the ECU Congress 2025



The ECU Congress 2025 and the annual ECU General Assembly will take place from 9-11 October in Batumi, Georgia.

The ECU Congress features meetings of the ECU Commissions (Events Commission, Women's Commission, Arbiters Commission), ECU Board Meeting, annual General Assembly and the gala celebration of ECU's 40 years anniversary.

ECU Congress opens with the ECU Commissions' meetings, with Events Commission and Women's Commission meetings taking place on 9th of October. Arbiters Council and Mitropa Association meeting will follow on 10th of October, and ECU Board Meeting is scheduled for 10th of October.

The ECU General Assembly is scheduled for 11th of October with the timetable from 9:30 - 13:30, and the ECU 40-years anniversary gala will take place on the 11th of October in the evening.

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the European Chess Union, the ECU prepared and printed the first publication of "Europe's Chess Legacy" book, authored by Nicolas Sphicas. The book will be distributed to the national chess federations during the ECU Congress in Batumi.

All the events of the ECU Congress 2025 will be held in the Courtyard by Marriot Batumi Hotel.

Detailed information about the ECU Congress 2025 and the ECU General Assembly can be found on the [ECU Website](#), or the [official website of the European Team Chess Championship 2025](#).

Upcoming

European Chess Club Cup 2025 breaks participation records

The 40th European Chess Club Cup and the 29th European Women's Chess Club Cup are taking place from 18-26 October in Rhodes, Greece.

The events will be simultaneously played in the Rodos Palace Hotel, with 7-swiss rounds in each competition, and the time control of 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes until the end of the game, with 30-second increment for each move, starting from the move one.

Record-breaking total of 122 teams registered for the event with 100 teams in the Open section, and 20 teams in the Women's competition. The event will gather more than 800 players representing their clubs, and the best-rated players are GM Arjun Erigaisi, World Champion GM Gukesh D, GM Wei Yi, GM Vincent Kyemer, GM Anish Giri, GM Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, GM Vladimir Fedoseev. The best-rated players of the women's section are GM Zhu Jiner, GM Anna Muzychuk, GM Aleksandra Goryachkina, GM Nana Dzagnidze, GM Mariya Muzychuk, and GM Divya Deshmukh.

The total prize fund of the Championship is 40.000 EUR, with 26.000 EUR prize pool in the 40th European Chess Club Cup, and 14.000 EUR prize pool in the 29th European Women's Chess Club Cup. The best-ranked three teams in each section will receive trophies and medals, and the best individual players for each board will receive a prize.

Detailed information about the event can be found on the [Official website](#).

Provisional starting list of teams and players can be found [here](#).



Upcoming

European Senior Chess Championship 2025

The European Senior Individual Chess Championship 2025 will take place from September 26th (arrival day) to October 6th (departure day) at the "Sunny Rabac" restaurant by Valamar, in Rabac, Croatia.

The event will be played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, open and women's sections separately. In case of less of nine players in the women's section, the event will be merged with the respective Open age category, with separate prizes for the best women players.

Each tournament will be played in 9 rounds, swiss system, with time control of 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.

More than 160 players from 30 European federations registered for the event, and the top rated players are: GM John Nunn (ENG, section 65+), GM Zurab Sturua (GEO, section 65+), GM Jean-Marc Degraeve (FRA, section 50+), GM Lubomir Ftacnik (SVK, section 65+), GM Josep Oms Pallisse (ESP, section 50+), GM Rainer Knaak (GER, section 65+), GM Frank Holzke (GER, section 50+), GM Margeir Petursson (ISL, section 65+) and others.



The total prize fund of the event is 8.000 euros, with trophies and medals for the three best ranked players in each category.

Detailed information and tournament regulations can be found on the [Official website of the event](#) or through the [ECU Website](#).

Starting rank list of players can be found [here](#).

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Rabac, Croatia



Katowice to Host the European Individual Chess Championship 2026

The City of Katowice, and the Silesian Chess Federation are proud to announce that the European Individual Chess Championship 2026 will take place in Katowice, Poland, from 7–19 April 2026.

Katowice has already established itself as one of Europe's leading chess hubs, having successfully organized four editions of the European Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships, each attracting a record number of participants. The city's proven organizational experience, world-class venues, and welcoming atmosphere provide the ideal conditions for hosting the most prestigious event on the European chess calendar.

Thanks to its central location in Europe, Katowice offers excellent accessibility for both players and fans. Combined with the city's passion for chess and its strong organizational record, the 2026 European Individual Chess Championship is expected to be one of the largest and strongest in the history of the competition.

"Katowice has already hosted many chess events, including the European Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships. Now we have been granted the organization of another major tournament — the European Individual Chess Championship 2026. This means that next April, our city will once again write an important chapter in the history of the royal game and become the true chess capital of Europe. It is a great reason for pride," says Marcin Krupa, Mayor of Katowice. *"Chess not only develops logical thinking and foresight, but also teaches respect for the*

opponent. Regardless of the outcome, it always shapes the character of players. In Katowice, we know this very well, as our club Hetman GKS Katowice is home to many talented and awarded chess players," he added..

Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President of the European Chess Union: *"Katowice has become a trusted and valued partner of the European Chess Union. The city's commitment to excellence and its passion for promoting chess give us full confidence that the European Individual Chess Championship 2026 will be a historic success. We are pleased to host this Championship in Katowice and Poland while Polish Chess federation celebrating its 100th years anniversary."*

Łukasz Turlej, FIDE General Secretary, resident of Katowice: *"As someone born and raised in Katowice, I am especially delighted that my hometown will host the European Individual Championship. I know the dedication of the local organizers and the enthusiasm of the people of Katowice. I am also glad that both the most prestigious European titles and the qualification spots for the FIDE World Cup will be awarded here."*

Andrzej Matusiak, President of the Silesian Chess Federation: *"In recent years, we have had the honor of hosting many top events and welcoming great players, such as former World Champions Karpov, Kasparov, and Anand, as well as the current World Champion Gukesh. Hosting the European Individual Championship is both a great honor and a recognition of the efforts of our entire chess community."*



ECU Board Meeting



Communication of the ECU Board Meeting

The European Chess Union held its latest Board Meeting on 19 August 2025, via Zoom, chaired by ECU President Zurab Azmaiparashvili.

Key Information and Decisions

- The ECU Board discussed and decided on the special prizes to be awarded at the 40th anniversary gala on 11th of October in Batumi. An ECU anniversary book will be published, and various promotional activities will take place.
- The Board considered a letter from the Isle of Man Chess Association to become an associate member of the ECU, together with a proposed resolution from the English Chess Federation. The ECU Board will recommend to the ECU General Assembly that the Isle of Man Chess

Association be accepted as an associate member.

- The ECU TV will offer new broadcasting opportunities to interested parties with live video broadcasts, materials and interviews. The broadcast packages will be tested in a pilot project at the upcoming European Club Cup 2025.

European Chess Championships

- The Board reviewed and approved a proposal to revive the European Junior Chess Championship U20. The proposal will be submitted to the ECU General Assembly for discussion and final approval.
- The Board unanimously awarded the organization of the European Individual Chess Championship 2026 to Katowice, Poland. The

Championship will take place from 7 to 19 April 2026.

- The following European Championships were awarded:
- European Amateur Chess Championship 2026 – Istanbul, Turkey
- European Seniors Team Chess Championship 2027 – Aquil Terme, Italy
- European Women's Chess Championship 2027, combined with the European Club Cup 2028 – Mellieha, Malta
- The next ECU Board Meeting will take place in Batumi, Georgia, on 10 October 2025, one day prior to the annual ECU General Assembly.

Detailed information can be found [here](#).

ECU Annual Academy training programme

The ECU Annual Academy training programme commences on 17th of November 2025 and will run until the 28th of April 2026 with the support of the FIDE Development Fund.

The lecturers are the world-renowned chess coaches, and the trainings are organised in two groups: A – for players rated 1900+, and B – for players rated U1900. Each group will have 24 live sessions for a total of 48 hours of instruction. Participants will have the opportunity to watch the lectures and recordings for a limited time if they are unable to watch all the live sessions.

The program is based on the new ECU-ETC Trainers' Syllabuses and aims to systematically develop chess talents.

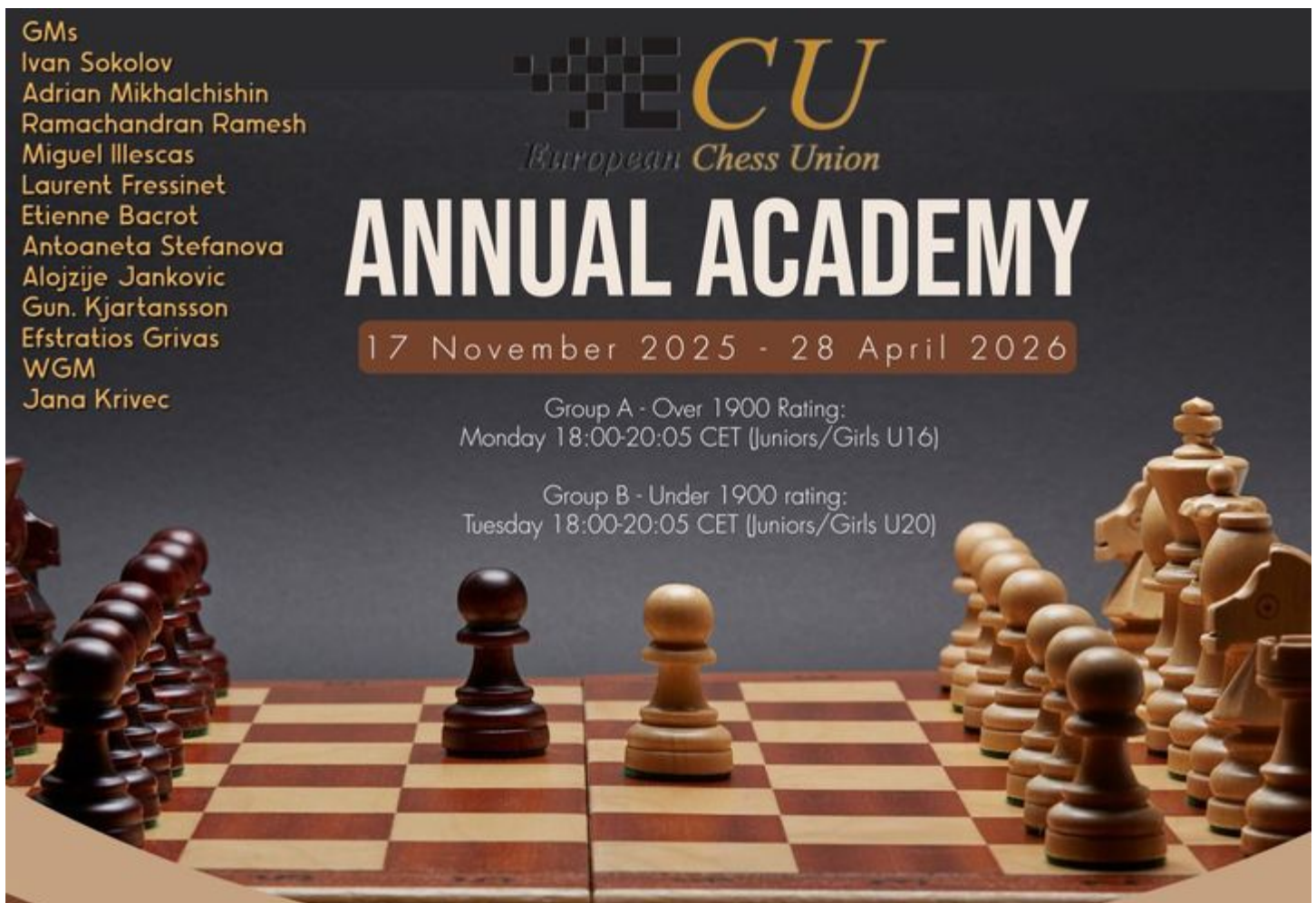
The lecturers are: GM Ivan Sokolov, GM Adrian Mikhachishin, GM Miguel Illescas, GM Efstratios Grivas, GM Antoaneta Stefanova, GM Laurent Fressinet, GM Etienne Bacrot, GM Ramachandran Ramesh, GM Alojzije Jankovic, GM Gudmundur Kjartansson, and WGM Jana Krivec.

Each European National Chess Federations is entitled to register free of charge 2 Girls; one on each group.

The program is open for a limited number of additional participants, from all continents, for each group. The cost is 200eur for 48 hours of top-level training.

Each participant will receive an ECU-ETC official Certificate for the respective group upon completion of the programme.

Detailed information, registration links, and contact information can be found in the invitation published on the [ECU Website](#).

The poster features a dark background with a chessboard and chess pieces in the foreground. The ECU logo is at the top center, followed by the text 'ANNUAL ACADEMY' in large white letters. Below this, the dates '17 November 2025 - 28 April 2026' are displayed in a brown box. The program details for Group A and Group B are listed below. On the left side, a list of GMs and WGMs is provided in gold text.

GMs
Ivan Sokolov
Adrian Mikhachishin
Ramachandran Ramesh
Miguel Illescas
Laurent Fressinet
Etienne Bacrot
Antoaneta Stefanova
Alojzije Jankovic
Gun. Kjartansson
Efstratios Grivas
WGM
Jana Krivec

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European Chess Union

ANNUAL ACADEMY

17 November 2025 - 28 April 2026

Group A - Over 1900 Rating:
Monday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U16)

Group B - Under 1900 rating:
Tuesday 18:00-20:05 CET (Juniors/Girls U20)

Checkmating Distance: How Chess United the Greek Islands in 2025

What happens when technology, education, and chess join forces?

The answer came this summer through the Inter-Island Actions 2025, an ambitious project by the School Chess Committee of the Greek Chess Federation (GCF). The aim was to break barriers and connect students scattered across the Aegean and Ionian Seas. The initiative was inspired by Georgios Georgopoulos, Vice President of the School Chess Committee, while the implementation of the project was undertaken by Dimitrios Ntountaniotis, member of the School Chess Committee of the GCF.

Turning Isolation into Opportunity

For many children living on remote islands, distance often means limited access to extracurricular activities and fewer chances to engage with peers from other regions. This program flipped the script: 65 students from 14 schools across 8 islands - Lemnos, Corfu, Crete, Tinos, Mykonos, Skiathos, Skopelos, and Naxos - came together in a unique educational experience that transformed geography into a chessboard of possibilities.

The summer of 2025 became a season of strategy and connection. The journey began with online orientations and digital lessons on the rules of chess, paving the way for thrilling individual and team championships.



Text by Vera Avramidou, President of Schools Chess Committee of the Greek Chess Federation

Action Timeline

- May 25: Online briefing for school coordinators
- May 26 – June 10: Final confirmations of participation
- June 21 – 22: Pairings and instructions sent
- June 24 – 29: Inter-Island Individual Championship
- July 3 – 5: Inter-Island Team Championships

All games unfolded online through the popular platform lichess, with a time control of 15 minutes plus 3 seconds increment per move, proving that distance doesn't stand a chance against creativity and technology.

Individual Championship

- Middle & High School: The crown went to a student from the 3rd Experimental High School of Ierapetra. The runner-up spot? A dramatic three-way tie among players from the 2nd Experimental High School of Ierapetra and the General High School of Moudros, Lemnos.
- Primary School: The first place was claimed by a student from the 1st Primary School of Mykonos. The runner-up spot went to a student from the 2nd Primary School of Skiathos, while third place was taken by a student from Ano Mera Primary School of Mykonos. Fourth place went to another student from the 2nd Primary School of Skiathos, and a student from the same school completed the top five of the tournament's final stage.

Team Championship

- Middle and High Schools: The champion team was a mixed group of students from the 4th Gymnasium of Corfu, the General Lyceum of Tinos, and the Gymnasium of Ano Mera, Mykonos. The second place was awarded to the team from the 3rd Experimental Gymnasium of Ierapetra. Third place went to the team from the General Lyceum of Moudros, Lemnos.
- Primary Schools: The champion was a mixed team from the 1st and 2nd Primary Schools of Skiathos. The second place was taken by a mixed team from the 1st Primary School of Mykonos, the Primary School of Ano Mera, Mykonos, and the Primary School of Glossa, Skopelos.

Beyond the moves and checkmates, the Inter-Island Chess Initiatives became a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and intellectual growth. For weeks, computer screens lit up with chessboards, laughter, and spirited competition. Students built friendships across the sea, teachers saw their efforts rewarded, and communities witnessed something truly powerful: chess transforming distance into opportunity. As the last pieces fell, the Greek Chess Federation awarded medals to the winners and participation certificates to all participants - but the real victory was the shared experience. Chess, once again, proved that it knows no borders. One move at a time, these young players showed us that when minds connect, bridges are being built.

When children understand values, they can live by the rules

Back to School Classroom Tips

The start of a new school year is the perfect time to set the tone for your chess classroom. It can be tempting to lay out a list of “dos and don’ts,” but research and practice suggest that children are

more likely to follow rules they’ve helped create themselves. By co-creating these rules in the first lessons, you’ll set a foundation for how children behave and treat each other in the classroom.

So, how do we do this in a

primary school chess classroom, and why is it important?

Teach Values First, So Rules Make Sense

Values are the big ideas we believe are important. Rules are the specific actions we agree to follow.

[Read more](#)

CHESS CLASSROOM CONTRACT

OUR SHARED VALUES

We brainstormed these together:

COMMITMENTS



Respect

We handle pieces gently and treat others kindly.



Focus

We play our best, stay focused, and enjoy learning.



Fair Play

We play fairly, follow the rules, and are honest in our games.



Patience

We think before we move and give others time to think.



Responsibility

We take responsibility for our actions and learn from mistakes.



Sportsmanship

We encourage each other, and celebrate effort over winning.

OUR CONTRACT

We promise to follow our Chess Commitments so everyone can learn and enjoy the game.

SIGNATURE



SIX-PIECE AGREEMENT

IN OUR CHESS CLASS



we respect each other



we try our best



we play fairly



we are patient



we learn from mistakes



we celebrate effort



Preparing Beyond the Lesson Plan

There's a line from Norbert Quitter, The chess educator, that has stayed with me and made me think:

"Chess challenges me to prepare, adapt and grow, because children are the most demanding teachers you can have."

Anyone who has spent time in a classroom or at a chessboard with a child knows the truth of this statement. Children constantly test the limits of our preparation, creativity and patience. They are not demanding because they are naughty; they are

demanding because they are enthusiastic. They notice inconsistencies, they bring unfiltered honesty, and they push us, intentionally or not, beyond what we thought we could do.

[Read more](#)

**Every
Student
Is a Move
You
Didn't
See
Coming**



ECU Education Commission

Let's prepare our chess class for the next academic year

Join the Global Conversation!

Every last Wednesday of the month, the ECU Education Commission holds a Discussion Group Meeting for chess educators to share knowledge and experiences and discuss

ideas on various topics related to Chess in Education.

Discussion Group Meetings allow participants to learn from each other and gain new insights through different perspectives.

In this month, we will discuss ideas and best practices on how to prepare for the next academic year. Let's tick the essentials on the list for a good start.

[More info and registration](#)

DISCUSSION GROUP

EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



Join the Discussion!

HINTS & TIPS - EXCHANGING IDEAS - SHARING BEST PRACTICE

Wednesday
24 September 2025

ECU Education Commission | www.edu.europechess.org



This month's topic

Let's prepare our chess class for the next academic year

Chess and Strategy Games in the Classroom

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS, TRAINING COURSE FOR EDUCATORS

Who is the course for?

The course is available for schools with teachers and staff involved in the programme, as well as for individual teachers,

educators, and chess tutors who wish to introduce more variety into the classroom.

What will you learn?

✓You will have a deeper understanding of the educational benefits of simple strategy games and puzzles.

✓You will expand your teaching repertoire to make your lessons more engaging in the classroom.
✓You will learn how to improve your students' thinking skills by using a variety of games.

[More info and registration](#)

FIDE Certified course

Discover new games and puzzles the chessboard offers for education



The course certificate of attendance meets the licence renewal requirements for educators who hold a title from the FIDE Education Commission

Course instructors



John Foley



Brigitta Peszleg



**Join the next
training course on the
26-28 September 2025**

ECU102 - Teaching Mathematics through Chess

Who is the course for?

This interactive 2-day course is designed for anyone working in primary and/or secondary education, from chess tutors, school/maths teachers, parents, to homeschoolers. The course showcases rich

maths tasks that can be explored through the theme of chess. The activities can be used in maths or chess lessons, chess clubs, in group work and 1:1 tutoring sessions. You do not need to be a chess player to teach or be a student who knows how

to play chess. These tasks are inclusive, challenging and a great way to spark mathematical thinking using chess.

Included resources:

Course book, Teaching tips and ideas with exercises and online worksheets. [Register here](#)

FIDE Certified course

Teach key mathematics concepts through the theme of chess



The course certificate of attendance meets the licence renewal requirements for educators who hold a title from the FIDE Education Commission

Course instructors



John Foley



Hari Neocleous



**Join the next
training course on the
4-5 October 2025**

ECU Education Commission

For Teacher, Tutors and Educators of all kinds

Join us in London for a weekend of ideas, inspiration and practical tools for the classroom to use chess as an educational tool.

Whether you already teach chess or are simply curious about its benefits, you'll leave with fresh

strategies and flexible tools to enrich your teaching practice and engage students in new ways. No prior chess experience is needed. If you care about helping children learn and grow, this weekend is for you.

The event is organised in

collaboration with experts from the FIDE Chess in Education Commission and the ECU Education Commission.

[More info and registration](#)

EVERY LESSON COUNTS MasterClasses in Chess in Education

London
11-12 October 2025



More info and Registration

24 September 2025

19:00 - 20:30

Discussion Group Meeting
in **English**

26-28 September 2025

ECU107

Chess and Strategy Games
in the Classroom

Course language: **English**

04-05 October 2025

ECU102

Teaching Mathematics
Through Chess

Course language: **English**

11-12 October 2025

Every Lesson Counts

MasterClasses in Chess in
Education

London, Mindsport Centre

17-19 October 2025

ECU101

Die SMART Methode zum
Schach lehren

Course language: **German**

18-19 October 2025

ECU101

The SMART Method to
Teach Chess

Course language: **English**



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SenseRobot - Chess Meets the Future event at Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival

The Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival will take place on the 30th of September 2025 in Budapest, Hungary.

The Festival features chess tournaments, unique game variants, community matches, Chess Palace adventure courses, and variety of events with all-day entertaining programs.

Supported by the European Chess Union, SenseRobot - Chess Meets the Future event, will be held on Tuesday, 30th of September, at the Hungarian National Gallery, with the time-table from 10:00 - 17:30 (local time). The guests will have a chance to try out the world's first AI-powered chess robot that uses a robotic arm to play with real 3D chess pieces. It will be all day long SenseRobot experience zone. The players and visitors will be able to try the training mode of the SenseRobot or challenge the Robot to a game.

At 13:00 (local time), the Morgan Stanley Stage of the Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival will host a live human vs. robot match, where a young Hungarian chess talent takes on SenseRobot in a special showcase.

Detailed information about the event can be found [here](#).



The Judit Polgar's Global Chess Festival will once again celebrate the diversity and the countless faces of chess, with the motto #ChessConnectsUs.

More information and detailed programme schedule of the Global Chess Festival events are available on the [official webpage](#).





Feel the board, hear the move, master the game.

SenseRobot Chess is the European Chess Union's official AI training partner and the first home robot that plays, teaches and speaks—now offered on ECUHub for a crystal-clear \$ 999 final price (delivery, taxes & VAT already inside).

Buy now — \$ 999



ECUHub special offer for SenseRobot

Exclusively through the ECU Hub - you can now get your AI Chess Robot for a special price of \$999 without extra costs! The price includes shipping, taxes, and VAT, with no hidden fees!

Why Sense Robot Chess is a Game-Changer?

- It is Official ECU Partner - Trusted by European Chess Union

- AI-powered board that moves pieces automatically
- Perfect for training, analysis, and playing against world-class engines

- Connects seamlessly with online platforms

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Back in time...

About 13th World Chess Champion - Garry Kasparov

Garry Kasparov (born April 13, 1963, in Baku, Azerbaijan) is widely regarded as one of the greatest chess players of all time. He rose to prominence as a teenager, becoming the youngest-ever World Chess Champion in 1985 at age 22 after defeating Anatoly Karpov. Kasparov's reign at the top of the chess world lasted 15 years, during which he defended his title successfully against Karpov in several epic matches (1986, 1987, 1990) and later against challengers such as Nigel Short (1993) and Viswanathan Anand (1995).

Kasparov was world champion until 2000, when he was defeated by Vladimir Kramnik. Despite losing the title, he remained the world's highest-rated player until his retirement in 2005. His peak rating of 2851 in 1999 stood as the highest ever until Magnus Carlsen surpassed it in 2013.

Kasparov played a landmark role in the interaction between chess and computers, most famously in his matches against IBM's Deep Blue in 1996 and 1997. These encounters highlighted both human brilliance and the growing power of artificial intelligence. Kasparov retired from professional play in 2005 but remains a towering figure in chess history.



Garry Kasparov said about chess:

- Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment.
- Attackers may sometimes regret bad moves, but it is much worse to forever regret an opportunity you allowed to pass you by.
- Chess is mental torture.

In this edition of the ECU E-Magazine we prepared three positions where white mates in two. Solutions will be published in the next edition.

Solutions from ECU E-Magazine July 2025

#Puzzle 1: 1.Qe1+!! Rxe1 2.g3#

#Puzzle 2: 1.Qg6+!! Nxg6 2.fxg6#

#Puzzle 3: 1.Ng5+!! Kh8 2.Nf7#





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