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15-year-old Anastasiia Hnatyshyn clinches European Women's Chess Championship 2026



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In brief

European Women's Chess Championship 2026 took place from 24 May – 6 June in Batumi, Georgia. The event gathered 165 players from 32 European federations, and was played in 11 rounds, swiss system. A historic result was made by 15-year-old Anastasiia Hnatyshyn from Ukraine who clinched the title and became one of the youngest ever European Champions.

European Senior Chess Championship 2026 was held from 1–11 June in Acqui Terme, Italy with the participation of nearly 250 players coming from 34 European federations. The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, open and women's sections separately. GM Jean-Marc Degraeve (France) won the Open 50+ tournament, IM Silvia Alexieva (France) triumphed in Women's 50+ section, GM Zurab Sturua (Georgia) clinched Open 65+ championship and WIM Elena Krasenkova (Poland) won gold in Women's 65+ category

European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2026 was organised from 6–10 July in Rzeszow, Poland. The event gathered nearly 1000 players who competed over six age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, open and girls sections separately in both Rapid and Blitz competitions. 24 players were crowned European Rapid or Blitz Chess Champions in the respective categories.

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Anastasiia Hnatyshyn wins European Women's Championship

15-year-old Ukrainian rising star Anastasiia Hnatyshyn emerged as the sole winner of the European Women's Chess Championship 2026 in Batumi, Georgia!



EWCC2026

Anastasiia Hnatyshyn (UKR, 2207) entered the final round as the sole leader of the event, playing with the Black pieces against IM Klaudia Kulon (POL, 2377). Kulon earned an early edge out of the opening, but Hnatyshyn fought precisely and held the game to a draw, which was enough to clinch the gold medal and the title!

The game between the runners-up, IM Sabrina Vega Gutierrez (ESP, 2375) and IM Olga Badelka (AUT, 2392), ended in a draw after a long fight in a balanced position, as both players tried to win to catch Hnatyshyn at the

top. Following this result, Anastasiia Hnatyshyn was announced as the sole winner of the event with a score of 9/11 points. Meanwhile, IM Sabrina Vega Gutierrez (ESP, 2375), IM Olga Badelka (AUT, 2392), and IM Nurgul Salimova (BUL, 2404) tied for second place, scoring 8.5/11 points each.

IM Nurgul Salimova (BUL, 2404) was victorious in the last round against IM Mai Narva (EST, 2426) after a highly sharp encounter where Narva pressed too hard for a win with the White pieces and eventually lost control of the game. Salimova gained the

upper hand and converted her advantage into a win, joining the tie for 2nd–4th place. Due to the tiebreak criteria, Nurgul Salimova finished the event in fourth place.

Anastasiia Hnatyshyn concluded the tournament with an impressive score of 9/11 points. It has been a phenomenal event for the Ukrainian sensation, who earned an IM norm, gained 214 rating points, became the top U20 girl in the live ratings, and qualified for the next FIDE Women's World Cup! By winning the Championship, Hnatyshyn also earned a direct WGM title.



The Closing ceremony of the event took place in the playing venue of the event, with the attendance of the ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President of Georgian Chess Federation Mr. Akaki Iashvili, ECU Tournament Director Mr. Petr Pisk, tournament officials, players, and distinguished guests. The Ceremony was inaugurated with the intonation of anthems of Georgia and the European Chess Union.

The opening speech of the Closing ceremony was given by the President of the Georgian Chess Federation, Mr. Akaki Iashvili who thanked the European Chess Union for entrusting the organization of the tournament to the Georgian Chess Federation. He congratulated the winners, with special praises for 15-year-old Anastasiia Hnatyshyn.

ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili addressed the distinguished guests and players, thanking the Georgian Chess Federation and its President, Mr. Akaki Iashvili, for the great organization of the championship. He also thanked Chief Arbiter Mr. Geert Bailleul and the entire arbiters' team, Chairman of the Appeals Committee Mr. Stephane Escafre and its members, the anti-cheating team, the organizing committee, the media team, and the ECU TV crew for their excellent, well-coordinated work throughout the championship. Mr. Azmaiparashvili warmly congratulated Anastasiia Hnatyshyn and the Ukrainian Chess Federation on the gold medal and title, while also congratulating the medalists and all participants for their excellent play and fighting spirit.

Detailed and final report from the European Women's Chess Championship 2026 can be found [here](#).

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Closing ceremony – Photo report





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Melih Cicek

European Senior Chess Champions crowned in Italy

European Senior Chess Championship 2026 took place from 23 April – 3 May in Acqui Terme, Italy. The event was played in two age categories: 50+ and 65+, open and women's sections separately, gathering nearly 250 players coming from 34 European federations.



GM Jean-Marc Degraeve (FRA, 2494) emerged as the winner of the 50+ Open competition, scoring 7/9 points. Five players tied for silver with the score of 6.5/9 points, but GM Daniel Gormally (ENG, 2391) won silver thanks to best tiebreak criteria, and GM Martin Mrva (SVK, 2354) claimed bronze.

IM Silvia Alexieva (FRA, 2195) emerged victorious in the Women's 50+ Championship with the score of 8/9 points. Alexieva finished a half-point ahead of WGM Elvira Berend (LUX, 2239) who won silver medal with 7.5/9 points, while IM Elena Sedina (ITA, 2229) came third with 7/9 points.

GM Zurab Sturua (GEO, 2484) triumphed in the Open 65+ category with the score of 7.5/9 points. Eric Boulard (FRA, 2224) and IM Gerard Welling (NED, 2223) tied for second place scoring 7/9 points (each), but Eric Boulard had better tiebreaks to win silver medal, and Gerard Welling came third.

WIM Elena Krasenkowa (POL, 2006) clinched the title in the Women's 65+ competition with the score of 7/9 points, a half-point ahead of WFM Margarita Baliuniene (LTU, 1974) who came second with 6.5 points. WIM Ligia-Letitia Jicman (ROU, 2091) was third with the score of 6 points.

Final report and rankings can be found through the [ECU Website](#).
Photos by Melih Cicek

Closing ceremony

The Closing ceremony of the event took place with the attendance of the ECU Vice Presidents Mr. Gunnar Bjornsson and Mr. Jean-Michel Rapaire, Tournament Director Ms. Cristina Pernici Rigo who awarded the winners, the Chief Arbiter of the event Mr. Panagiotis Nikolopoulos who read the results and announced the Winners, and distinguished guests and players.



European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Champions 2026 crowned

The European Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2026 under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 years, was organised 6 July (arrivals) to 10 July (departures) at the Podpromie Playing Hall in Rzeszow, Poland.

The event gathered nearly 1000 players who competed over six age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, open and girls sections separately in both Rapid and Blitz competitions.

The first event on the schedule was European Youth Rapid Chess Championship 2026, which took place from 7-8 July, and was played in 9 swiss rounds, over six age categories, open and girls separately.

The European Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2026 followed and took place on July 9, being played in 9 double rounds (18 rounds in total) throughout the same age groups.



Photos from the Official website of the event

EYRBCC2026

The Winners are:

Rapid U8:

- 1.Nikolas Bausys (LTU)
- 2.Demyan Voznyy (UKR)
- 3.Kyrylo Nerubatskyi (UKR)

Rapid GU8:

- 1.Marta Kryvutska (UKR)
- 2.Karolina Briukhovych (UKR)
- 3.Ameliia Malakhova (UKR)

Rapid U10:

- 1.Oleksandr Savchuk (UKR)
- 2.Matei-Andrei Badescu (ROU)
- 3.Tymofii Petrenko (UKR)

Rapid GU10:

- 1.Eliza-Ioana Badescu (ROU)
- 2.Sofia Baghramyan (ARM)
- 3.Nina Bos (POL)

Rapid U12:

- 1.FM Oleksii Nakonechnyi (POL)
- 2.Chicheng Leon Chen (AUT)
- 3.Tomas Andre (SVK)

Rapid GU12:

- 1.Ema Jaksza (SLO)
- 2.Bao Anh Nguyen Doan (POL)
- 3.Maria Kinash (UKR)

Rapid U14:

- 1.Wiktor Golis (POL)
- 2.Oskar Chiszko (POL)
- 3.Andrii Diachek (POL)

Rapid GU14:

- 1.Solomiia Svitenko (UKR)
- 2.Sara Maria Sunea (ROU)
- 3.Michalina Popczynska (POL)

Rapid U16:

- 1.Maksym Pankiv (UKR)
- 2.Peter Balint (AUT)
- 3.Filip Ochedzan (POL)

Rapid GU16:

- 1.Kira Izafatava (POL)
- 2.Arya Aydogan (TUR)
- 3.Gabriela Tokarz (POL)

Rapid U18:

- 1.Krzysztof Raczek (POL)
- 2.Maksym Dubnevych (UKR)
- 3.Hubert Ratajczak (POL)

Rapid GU18:

- 1.Klara Szczotka (POL)
- 2.Yevheniia Toroptseva (UKR)
- 3.Bozhena Pidubna (UKR)



Blitz U8:

- 1.Nikolaos Bausys (LTU)
- 2.Kyrylo Nerubatskyi (UKR)
- 3.Murat Bardakci (UKR)

Blitz GU8:

- 1.Karolina Briukhovych (UKR)
- 2.Marta Kryvutska (UKR)
- 3.Ameliia Malakhova (UKR)

Blitz U10:

- 1.Myron Netrebka (UKR)
- 2.Manvel Vardanyan (ARM)
- 3.Tymofii Petrenko (UKR)

Blitz GU10:

- 1.Eliza-Ioana Badescu (ROU)
- 2.Nina Bos (POL)
- 3.Sofia Bghramyan (ARM)

Blitz U12:

- 1.Oleksii Nakonechnyi (POL)
- 2.Andras Ilko-Toth (HUN)
- 3.Daniil Shyhin (UKR)

Girls U12:

- 1.Bao Anh Nguyen Doan (POL)
- 2.Daria Kravchuk (UKR)
- 3.Anna Horodna (UKR)

Open U14:

- 1.Wiktor Golis (POL)
- 2.Antoni Radzimski (POL)
- 3.Oskar Chiszko (POL)

Girls U14:

- 1.Hanna Owczarek (POL)
- 2.Sara Maria Sunea (ROU)
- 3.Solomiia Svitenko (UKR)

Blitz U16:

- 1.Maksym Pankiv (UKR)
- 2.Pawel Sowinski (POL)
- 3.Matvii Sobol (UKR)

Blitz GU16:

- 1.Kira Izafatava (POL)
- 2.Gabriela Tokarz (POL)
- 3.Arya Aydogan (TUR)

Open U18:

- 1.Kamil Warchol (POL)
- 2.Maksym Dubnevych (UKR)
- 3.Cyprian Mulawa (POL)

Girls U18:

- 1.Bozhena Piddubna (UKR)
- 2.Emilia Sprzeczka (POL)
- 3.Yevheniia Toroptseva (UKR)



ECU General Assembly 2026

The ECU General Assembly 2026 and elections will take place on Saturday, 18 July 2026, in Bucharest, Romania.

The ECU General Assembly will be hosted at the premises of the Romanian Olympic Committee, emphasising the European Chess Union's strong commitment to the Olympic family and its strategic goal of including chess in the Olympic Games.

The event will open on Saturday, 18 July, with two distinguished guests of honour: Nadia Elena Comănesci – five-time Olympic champion in gymnastics and one of the greatest athletes in history and Mr. Mihai Claudiu Covaliu – Olympic champion in fencing and President of the Romanian Olympic Committee

Detailed information about the ECU General Assembly, official invitation and Agenda of the Assembly can be found through the [ECU Website](#).

European Junior U20 Chess Championship 2026

The European Junior U20 Chess Championship 2026 will be held at Hotel Grand, Cetinje, Montenegro, from 5th August to 16th August 2026.

The event will be played in two categories: Open U20 and Girls U20, with 9 swiss rounds in each competition, and the time control of 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with a 30-second increment per move, starting from the move one.

The event is open to players born on or after 1st of January 2006, representing National federations listed as the ECU members. Each ECU National Federation can register one invited player in one of the categories, open or girls. The players placed 1-3 in the 2025 European Open and Girls Youth U18 Chess Championships have the right to participate as invited players. In addition, ECU member federations have the right to send unlimited number of the additional players in both categories.

All registrations shall be submitted through National Federations until the registration deadline - 10th of July 2026. After the registration deadline, late registration participant must pay the penalty for late registrations as per the official regulations of the event.

List of registered players until today can be found [here](#).



The organizer will arrange transfers between the airports (Podgorica or Tivat) and the hotel. Transfer is free for all players and accredited persons on the 5th of August (arrival day) and the 16th of August (departure day). Upon request, the organizers may provide transportation on other days, or from airports Dubrovnik (Croatia) and Tirana (Albania) for an extra fee.

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

Prize fund

The total prize fund of the event is 15.000 EUR, and the list of prizes including direct titles and qualification for FIDE World Junior U20 Chess Championship is shown in the official regulations of the event.

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



European Union Youth U8-U14 Chess Championship 2026

The 24th edition of the European Union Youth Chess Championship U8-U14 will take place from 17-26 August in Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic.



Detailed information about the event can be found through the [ECU Website](#).

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

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 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.

The winners of each event receive a laptop, other medalists will receive a digital clock. Prizes will be given to 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. The tournament will be live broadcasted, with the first 25 boards of each competition broadcasted online. Webcast will be screened in the hall of the hotel, and the viewers will be able to watch the webcast through the organizer's website.



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How would you describe your teaching philosophy?

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think about who we are teaching. Children learn in different ways, at different speeds, and for different reasons. Some need encouragement before they gain confidence. Others need to be challenged. Some simply need someone who believes in them.

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Enrique Piedra is a Physical Education teacher and chess educator at Citrus Grove K-8 Centre in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida, USA

The successful completion of the third cycle of the Chess in Primary Education Academic Training Course in June 2026 marks another important milestone for the European Chess Union Education Commission and the University of the Aegean. With a record 38 participants, the programme continues to demonstrate the growing international demand for university-level professional development in Chess in Education.

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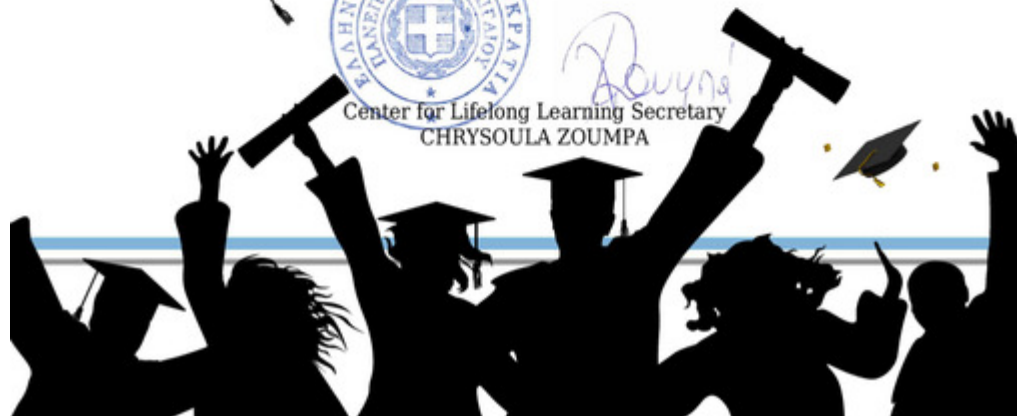
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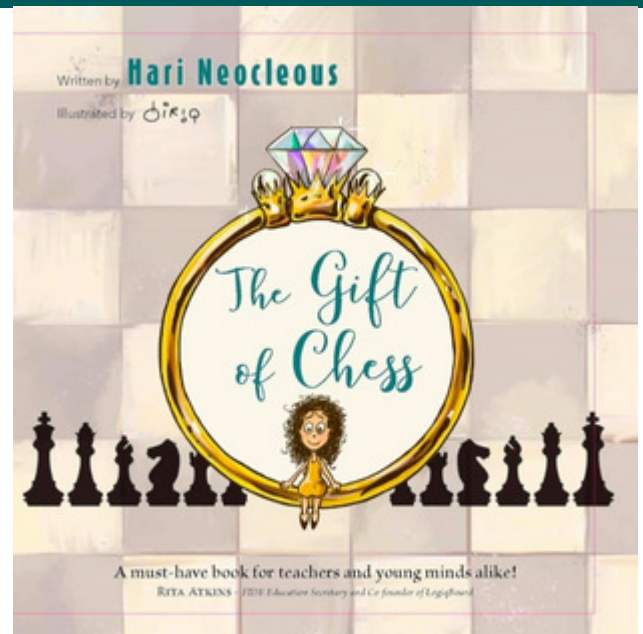
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Hari's book is an inspiring, reflective read that explores what chess gives us beyond the moves and rules. It celebrates the idea that the greatest rewards of chess are often invisible: confidence gained after overcoming challenges, friendships built across the board and the joy of discovering what we are capable of.

Written by Hari Neocleous

Illustrated by Dirk Dewitte



Presented through poetry, storytelling, and beautiful illustrations, the book invites children to see chess as a lifelong companion. The book takes young readers on a journey to discover the many "gifts" that chess offers.

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Congratulations Hari!! ❤️

Given Hari's background as a primary maths teacher and chess educator, the book reflects the philosophy she has championed for years, that chess is a powerful educational tool that, with a great teacher, can nurture the whole child.



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Chess for Everyone

ChessFest London 2026 is the UK's largest free public chess festival, transforming London's iconic Trafalgar Square into a giant outdoor chess village.

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KEEP IT FUN

Use mini-games, stories, puzzles and playful challenges to create enjoyable lessons that children look forward to.

CHALLENGE THEM

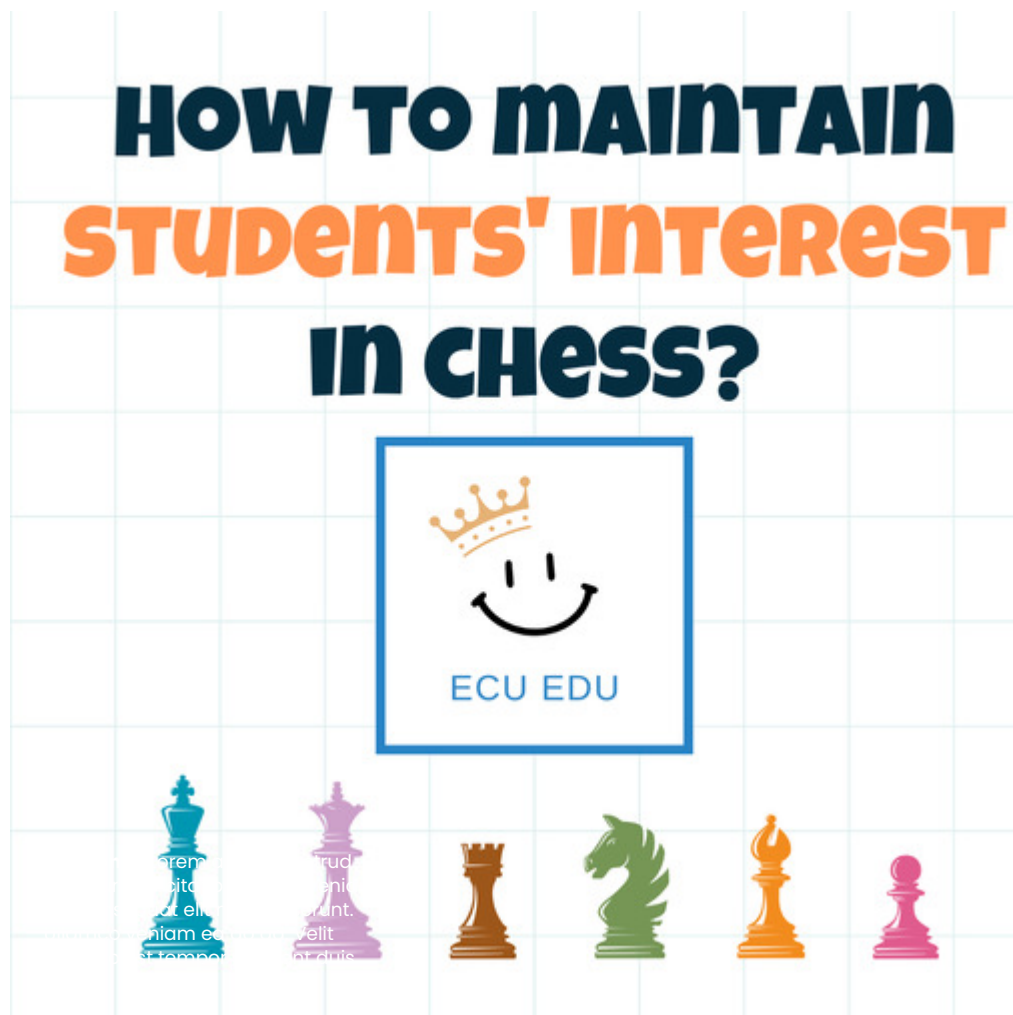
Provide tasks that are achievable yet demanding enough to build confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

MAKE IT SOCIAL

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Don't let Tie-Breaks scare you!

Text by: IA Tania Karali

Arbiters very often get asked about tie-breaks. Although it is true that pairing programs can calculate everything, "this is what the program says" is not the proper answer. In this article, we are going to show how to calculate two of the most common tie-breaks, Direct Encounter and Buchholz when unplayed games are involved.

Direct Encounter

FIDE Handbook:

"6.1 If some or all the tied participants have met each other, the sum of the scores from these encounters is used to produce separate standings [...]"

"6.2 If all the tied participants have met each other, the separate standings determine all rankings among them, except for any further ties among any subset of them, for which Article 6 shall be reapplied until no further ties can be resolved."

Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts.
1	Player 1	*	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	6½
2	Player 2	0	*	1	½	1	½	0	½	1	½	5
3	Player 3	½	0	*	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	4½
4	Player 4	½	½	½	*	½	½	1	½	0	½	4½
5	Player 5	½	0	0	½	*	1	1	½	0	1	4½
6	Player 6	½	½	½	½	0	*	1	1	½	0	4½
7	Player 7	½	1	½	0	0	0	*	1	1	½	4½
8	Player 8	0	½	1	½	½	0	0	*	1	½	4
9	Player 9	0	0	0	1	1	½	0	0	*	1	3½
10	Player 10	0	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	0	*	3½

In the above table, we see that Players 9 and 10 have 3.5 points each. The tie is easy to break as Player 9 won the game between them and, thus, direct encounter favours him. We also see that players 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 have 4.5 points each. Direct encounter will help us break this tie too, but it is a little more complicated.

Name	3	4	5	6	7	Pts.
Player 3	*	½	1	½	½	2.5
Player 4	½	*	½	½	1	2.5
Player 5	0	½	*	1	1	2.5
Player 6	½	½	0	*	1	2
Player 7	½	0	0	0	*	1.5

Name	3	4	5	Pts.
Player 3	*	½	1	1.5
Player 4	½	*	½	1
Player 5	0	½	*	0.5

Pro tips!

-Stay updated and always be aware of any changes in the regulations (of tie-breaks or anything else).
-Check all FIDE-approved tie-break definitions and the articles mentioned [here](#).
-Mario Held has written an excellent paper on tie-breaks with many examples: [here](#). Keep in mind that it was written in 2024 and article 16.4 has been updated since then!

Direct Encounter Tie-Breaks Calculation

Firstly, we need to isolate the results among the tied players (table 2). We have added a column to sum the results of this subgroup and we can see immediately that Players 6 and 7 have scored less than the others, therefore, they get a clear placing within the subgroup. Players 3, 4 and 5 have scored 2.5 points within the subgroup, so we need to make it even smaller.

Isolating the results of Players 3, 4 and 5 does the trick (table 3). We can now see that Player 3 is the at the top of the new subgroup and Players 4 and 5 follow.

The calculation of Bucholz Tie-Breaks is shown in the continuation of the text on the next page.

Arbiters Corner

Let's now look at an example of calculating Buchholz when unplayed games are involved.

Player X has faced the opponents shown in the table 1. We also examine the results of his opponents; Players 1 and 2 are shown in the next tables, while Players 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 had no forfeits during the event.

Player X won by forfeit in Round 1 because Player 1 didn't show up to play. But what is Player 1's contribution to Player X's Buchholz?

Rd.	Name	Pts.	Result
1	Player 1	0	1F
2	Player 2	2	1
3	Player 3	5	1
4	Player 4	6	0
5	Player 5	4	1
6	Player 6	4	1
7	Player 7	5	½

According to the FIDE Handbook:

"16.4 To calculate the participant's own tie-break [Player X's], each of their unplayed rounds is evaluated as if the participant had played against a dummy, with the result (win, draw, loss) corresponding to the points awarded. The dummy's score for the tie-break calculation is the participant's own score. However, it shall not exceed: 16.4.1 the scheduled opponent's adjusted score (see Article 16.3)

"16.3 When a participant has unplayed rounds, for the sole purpose of calculating the tie-break of their opponents, the participant's score is adjusted in the following way:

[...] 16.3.2 Unplayed rounds of category 16.2.5 are evaluated as draws."

"16.2.5 Requested byes that are either followed only by VURs or in the last round of a tournament" where VUR=voluntarily unplayed round

Rd.	Name	Pts.	Result
1	Player X	5,5	0F
2	Player A	1	0F
3	not paired	0	0
4	not paired	0	0
5	not paired	0	0
6	not paired	0	0
7	not paired	0	0

Rd.	Name	Pts.	Result
1	Player B	3	1
2	Player X	5,5	0
3	Player C	1	1
4	Player D	3,5	0
5	Player E	3	0F
6	Player F	3	0F
7	not paired	0	0

Normally, instead of Player 1, we would consider a "dummy opponent". However, according to article 16.4 the dummy's score cannot exceed the scheduled opponent's adjusted score.

How much is Player 1's adjusted score? Looking at his results we see that he lost by forfeit in Round 2 and was not paired for the rest of the event.

Article 16.3.2 states that Rounds 3-7 (for which Player 1 was not paired) are evaluated as draws, therefore, the adjusted score of Player 1 (for the purposes of calculating his opponents' buchholz) is $5 \times 0.5 = 2.5$ and the "dummy opponent's score cannot exceed that.

Looking at Player 2's results, we see that he scored 2 points, but was not paired in the last round.

Calculating Bucholz

According to 16.2.5, this game is also evaluated as a draw (for the purposes of calculating his opponents' buchholz), therefore, his contribution to Player X's Buchholz is 2.5 points.

Summing up, the Buchholz score for Player X is as follows:
 2.5 (dummy opponent) + 2.5 (Player 2) + 5 + 6 + 4 + 4 + 5 = 29



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