

1. INVITATION

The Municipality of Maribor and **Šahohlačnik**, Organisation for Chess, under the patronage of **the Government of Republic Slovenia** and **Slovenian Chess Federation**, have the honour to invite all the FIDE member federations to participate in the World Youth Chess Championships 2012 (under 8, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 18 years old – open and girls), which will take place in Maribor, Slovenia, between November 7th (arrival) and November 19th 2012 (departure).

Maribor is proud European Capital of Culture in 2012 and during the year we host many attractive events. Chess, with the program **BLACK&WHITE WORLD**, is an important part of these whole year celebration, and **World Youth Championship 2012** is one of the topic events of this program.

Join us in our old, beautiful city! Become a part of the big sports-cultural celebration!

Let's tell this story together.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. All participants including parents, coaches, observers and relatives are obliged to stay in official hotels. Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to accredited people by the organisation. No participant will be allowed to book directly in the official hotels. All bookings must be through the organisers.

2.2. Every National Federation can register one player in each category (under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 years old, open and girls). This total of twelve (12) Official Players plus one Accompanying Official shall be hosted by the Organisers. A player must not have reached his 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, or 18th birthday, respectively, on January 1st of the year 2012.

2.3. The players placed 1-3 in the previous World Youth Championships, and the respective Champions of the Continental Youth Championships, shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championships of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulation of Art. 2.2 above is met. Such players shall also be classified as Official Players.

2.4. Other than Official Players, other players shall be classified as Additional Players. All other persons other than players or the Accompanying Official shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. A Federation may register any number of Additional Players and Accompanying Persons but they shall be responsible for their costs of board and lodging.

2.5. In order to provide appropriate tournament conditions, the Federations must complete carefully the official registration form (attached to this file) and send it back to the organizing committee by **7th September 2012**. Any other form will not be accepted.

3. FIDE ENTRANCE FEES

3.1. In accordance with the FIDE regulations, an entrance fee of 70 € (Euros) is asked for every guest player (mentioned in 2.2 and 2.3 above) and must be sent directly to the organiser (see 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4) by the national Federation before the event. The organiser will collect FIDE fees in the Name of FIDE and for the FIDE account.

The deadline for all payments is 7th September.

3.2. In accordance with the FIDE regulations, an entrance fee of 140 € (Euros) is asked for every additional player and must be sent directly to the organiser (see 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4) by the national Federation before the event. The deadline for all payments is 7th September.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

4.1. The deadline for registration is **7th September 2012**. After this date a penalty of 100 € (Euros) for each late registration will be charged to participants till **1st November 2012** latest. After this date, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or charge higher hotel costs for participants.

4.2. All guest players should make their application by the above deadline. **After this date no guest player application will be accepted** and their application will be treated as if they were an additional player.

4.3. The registration form must include the Federation, FIDE ID, surname, first name, international rating and FIDE title and the passport details of every player and every accompanying person. It must also include the name, details and phone number/ address/ fax/ email of the head of the delegation. An identity photo (2x3 cm) must also be sent for each player (guest, additional or qualified) and each accompanying person by **1st November 2012**. The photo can also be taken on arrival at the Hotel at the cost of 3 € (Euros).

4.4. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation. **Only member Federations of FIDE are entitled to submit registration forms**. Individual applications will not be accepted if the national Federation does not confirm such registration.

4.5. Each player (guest, additional or qualified) and each accompanying person must pay to the organizing committee the amount of **100 € (Euros)** at the moment of their registration (**before 7th September 2012**). This payment is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. This payment includes transportation from and to Ljubljana (Slovenia)/Zagreb (Croatia)/Graz (Austria) Airport – all of them are International Airports, accreditation, identification badges and organisation cost.

4.6. Personal rights players, guest players and one coach for each Federation should be advised to the organisers by **7th September 2012**. If a person pays a deposit and does not participate, then the amount is not refundable. After this date a penalty of 100 € (Euros) for each late registration will be charged to participants. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations.

4.7. Travel details. The venue is Maribor, Snow Stadium and Hotel Habakuk*****. Maribor is fantastic place to find connection directly from all over the world and is app. 100 km from Ljubljana and Zagreb or 45 km from the Graz Airport. There are dozens of regular and charter flights per day from all important airports all over the World.

There is an Airport in Maribor also, with some charter flights (contact organiser).

4.8. A player registered in a lower category of age due to a mistake in specifying his / her birthday will have his / her registration suspended until rectification.

5. INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

5.1. Those who need assistance with their visas must return the **VISA FORM** before **7th September 2012**.

5.2. The Organisers will supply official letters of invitation only after all the payments are effected (FIDE Fees, Organisation Fees and Costs of Board & Lodging for every member of the delegation).

6. PAYMENT

6.1. **BANK TRANSFERS.** When registering, the above mentioned **Organisation Fee of 100 €**(Euros) and **the FIDE Entry Fee** (players) must be transferred to the following account:

Bank Name: Nova Kreditna Banka Maribor (NKBM)
Address: Ulica Vita Kraigherja 4
Maribor 2000, Slovenia

Account Holder: SAHOHLACNIK d.o.o.
Istrska ulica 60 g
Maribor 2000, Slovenia, EU

IBAN Number: IBAN: SI56 0451 5000 0634 791
SWIFT Address: SWIFT: KBMASI2X

All bank commissions must be paid by sender; although even if these are paid by the sender, there is usually a transfer cost on receiving side (10 Euro) for each transfer - this will also be charged to sender.

The deadline for registration and payments is 7th September 2012!

6.2. As soon as the payment transfer is confirmed, the Organisers will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations. Also all confirmed registrations will be declared on the official web site, where Federations may check their participants' status on a daily basis. **The costs of board and lodging** must be transferred to the above mentioned account till **1st October 2012 – deadline!**

All bank commissions must be paid by sender; although even if these are paid by the sender, there is usually a transfer cost on receiving side (10 Euro) for each transfer - this will also be charged to sender.

6.3. Players will not be paired until all the payments are effected to the organisers.

7. HOTELS - BOARD & LODGING

7.1. Accommodation will be offered in the hotels in/near Maribor, booked by the organizing committee. There are different hotels, from 3*** - 5*****. Some of them are within walking distance from the main playing venue, other are within 10 minutes to the Snow Stadium Maribor. In the hotel there will be free wireless connection in the lobby and in most of the rooms. The service is full pension (three meals).

7.2. We offer full pension accommodation to the guest players and to one (1) trainer for each Federation from November the 7th (including dinner) to November the 19th (including lunch) in 2b – 4b rooms in 3*** and 4**** hotels. Federations, who wish to upgrade, must pay the price difference according to the Hotels List.

7.3. The accommodation charges must be paid in advance. The payment will be done only in Euros.

7.4. If a participating Federation does not send a player in any age category, they cannot substitute this for another age category.

7.5. The deadline for registration is **7th September 2012**, we strongly recommend they fulfil this date or there will be a surcharge of 5% .

7.7. Rooms will be booked on the principle of FCFS (First Come First Serve Basis).

7.8. All accommodation prizes are valid for the period from 6th November to 20th November 2012. If any participants will be arriving earlier or leaving later they will pay the difference from the regular hotel pricelist.

7.9. Other information regarding hotels you could find on the official web site – ACCOMODATION.

HOTELS: FULL PENSION

Hotel 5*** (5 stars) – playing venue, 100 rooms**

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| double room | 90 €/ day per person |
| single room | 120 €/ day per person |

Hotel 4*** (4 stars) – playing venue, 100 rooms**

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| triple room | 70 € / day per person |
| double room | 76 €/ day per person |
| single room | 90 €/ day per person |

Hotel 4***+ (4 stars+) - 500 rooms**

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| triple room | 59 €/ day per person |
| double room | 65 €/ day per person |
| single room | 80 €/ day per person |

Hotel 4*** (4 stars) - 300 rooms**

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| triple room | 56 €/ day per person |
| double room | 59 €/ day per person |
| single room | 80 €/ day per person |

Hotel 3** (3 stars) - 500 rooms**

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| four p/r room | 53 €/ day per person |
| triple room | 56 €/ day per person |
| double room | 59 €/ day per person |
| single room | 75 €/ day per person |

A detailed list with all hotels will be published on the web site and sent additionally to the National federations till 01.07. 2012.

* according to Slovenian law – all hotel guests should also pay touristic tax. The hotel tax is 1.01 euro per person/per day, 0,51 euro per person/per day from 7 – 18 years and free under 7 years.

8. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. The national rankings will not be taken into account for pairings. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Official tie-break rules of FIDE will be accepted.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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| Wednesday | 7th November | | Arrival of Delegations |
| | | 19:00 | Opening ceremony |
| | | 21:00 | Technical Meeting |
| Thursday | 8th November | 15:00 | 1 st round |
| Friday | 9th November | 15:00 | 2 nd round |
| Saturday | 10th November | 15:00 | 3 rd round |
| Sunday | 11th November | 15:00 | 4 th round |
| Monday | 12th November | 10:00 | 5 th round |
| | | 17:00 | 6 th round |
| Tuesday | 13th November | | Free day |
| Wednesday | 14th November | 15:00 | 7 th round |
| Thursday | 15th November | 15:00 | 8 th round |
| Friday | 16th November | 15:00 | 9 th round |
| Saturday | 17th November | 15:00 | 10 th round |
| Sunday | 18th November | 10:00 | 11 th round |
| | | 19:00 | Closing ceremony Monday |
| | 19th November | | Departure of Delegations |

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals committee will consist of 5 members and two reserves. 3 members will be declared after **7th September 2012** following the decision of FIDE. Other members will be appointed at the Technical Meeting.

11. ARBITERS

Chief arbiter will be **Guran Unal**, IA from Turkey.

There will be minimum 32 arbiters. There will be other invited arbiters.

12. JOURNALISTS

All journalists who wish to participate in the event, may contact the organisers and should be accredited. The press room will have WI-FI internet connection as well as other facilities.

13. STANDS

Anyone who wishes to rent a promotional stand on location should contact the organisers for rental conditions. No one (except FIDE) will be allowed any promotional space or to have a stand for merchandise or other services, without approval of the Organising Committee.

14. TOURNAMENT BULLETIN

Daily there will be various bulletins: General bulletin (with all important information, but without games) and special bulletins for each group, with games and information.

We offer a free General bulletin each round to each national delegation. Special bulletins will be sold.

15. SEMINARS

During playing sessions, seminars will be conducted for Trainers and Arbiters simultaneously. Full details will be announced on the FIDE website in August.

16. WEATHER CONDITIONS

In November, in Maribor is autumn. There is around 15° C and there may be rain showers during this time. We propose to all participants to have a rain coat and protective / warm clothing.

17. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage in Slovenia is 220 Volts. The plugs used for appliances are twin round plug.

18. CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The local currency is EURO (€).

19. PRIZE FUND

19.1. Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy. For first place the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration, if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally this is still equal, then the total points of medallists will be taken for tie-break.

19.2. Top three places in each tournament will be awarded with trophies and medals and various beautiful gifts.

There will be special gifts for the places from 4th – 8th.

19.3. All players and arbiters will be given diplomas for participation.

19.4. Prize Giving Ceremony will be the celebration, open for anybody with the accreditation.

19.5. There will be some special gifts: the youngest boy and the youngest girl in the tournament, Mister in Miss photogenic etc.

21. WEB SITE

Official web site for the World Youth Championships 2012 is:

www.wycc2012.com

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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