



18th European Chess Solving Championship 2025

25-27 April, Athens, Greece

Invitation

Athens
November 23, 2024

The Greek Chess Composition Committee has the honor to invite the European national teams and individual solvers to participate in the 18th European Chess Solving Championship. The event will be held **from Friday, April 25th to Sunday, April 27th** in the **center of Athens in Greece.**

VENUE

The main hall of **University of Athens.**

Address: Panepistimiou Street 30, **right outside the “Panepistimio” metro station.**

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SCHEDULE

Friday, Apr. 25	17.00 – 20:30	Open Solving (90'+90')
Saturday, Apr. 26	10:30 - 14:00	ECSC 1st day
	evening	relevant events
Sunday, Apr. 27	09:30 - 13:00	ECSC 2nd day
	16:00 (approximately)	Closing ceremony

TRANSPORTATION & DIRECTIONS

To get from the airport to the competition venue, **you first need to reach Syntagma Square** (and then head towards the University of Athens).

From the airport, there are two ways to reach Syntagma Square:

- a) **By metro**, which departs **directly from the airport**. Get off at "Syntagma" station (single ticket: €9, return ticket: €16). The journey takes approximately 40-50 minutes. This ticket is valid for other means of transport (metro/buses) within 90 minutes.
- b) **By bus X95**, which departs **right outside the airport** and terminates at Syntagma Square (single ticket: €5.50, payable by tapping your credit card on the machine inside the bus or purchasing a physical ticket from the kiosk at the bus departure area of the airport). The journey takes approximately 75 minutes.

From Syntagma Square, you can reach the competition venue either:

- **On foot** (600 meters, approximately 10 minutes), or
- **By metro**, taking the red line for one stop (from "Syntagma" to "Panepistimio" – direction "Anthoupoli").

ACCOMMODATION

There will be **no designated hotel for the event**. However, hundreds of hotels and Airbnb options are available within walking distance!

ENTRY FEE

€70 (€85 for registrations after 1st of March 2025, **€20** for participation in the Open only). The registration fee is to be paid **in cash** to the organizer upon arrival.

MONETARY PRIZES AND AWARDS

The results from ECSC 2025 will count towards the **WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26** series. The **monetary prizes** listed below **will be granted by**

HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah.

The WFCC will issue a formal announcement about this new and highly significant initiative.

The **monetary prizes for the solvers of ECSC 2025** are set at a **total of €10,000** distributed as follows:

a) **General Standings** (Total: €3,800)

1st €1000, 2nd €900, 3rd €800, 4th €600, 5th €500

b) **Special Categories** (Total: €5,400)

- Women: 1st €450, 2nd €350, 3rd €250
- Seniors: 1st €450, 2nd €350, 3rd €250

- Greek Solvers: 1st €450, 2nd €350, 3rd €250
- Juniors U23: 1st €450, 2nd €350, 3rd €250
- Juniors U18: 1st €250, 2nd €200, 3rd €150
- Juniors U14: 1st €250, 2nd €200, 3rd €150

c) **Solvers' Rating Categories** (Total: €800)

1st up to 2600 €200, 1st up to 2400 €200, 1st up to 2200 €200, 1st up to 2000 €200

Prize Rules

- Each solver can receive only one monetary prize (the highest one available).
- Prizes for Women, Seniors, and Juniors will be awarded regardless of the number of participants in each category.
- If the number of participants in any prize category is lower than the number of allocated prizes, the remaining funds will stay at the disposal of the Fujairah organizers.
- If a solver does not attend the prize-giving ceremony in person, their prize will be reduced by 20% and sent via bank transfer.

In addition to the monetary prizes, **regular ECSC awards** will also be presented, including **cups, medals, and certificates** to the winners.

DIRECTORS, ORGANIZERS

The **Director of the ECSC** will be **Borislav Gadjanski** (FIDE Solving Judge).

The **Director of the Open Solving Tournament** will be **Axel Steinbrink**, with **Nikos Mendrinos** responsible for selecting the problems.

The organizers have entrusted Axel Steinbrink with overseeing the smooth execution of these two solving events.

Organization: Nikos & George Mendrinos in cooperation with the Greek Chess Composition Committee.

INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, ACTIVITIES, VISAS

You can reach us at: **2025ecsc@gmail.com**

The official announcements for the ECSC will be available on the WFCC website wfcc.ch where a link for participant registration will soon be available.

Relevant activities to be announced in the official website.

The organizing committee will provide invitation for visas. Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the organizing committee.

We look forward to welcoming you to Athens!