



1st YOUTH European Chessminton Championships (ECC) *powered by OLIVER*

European Championships in the Age Groups U13 / U15 / U19 in
Chessminton, the new hybrid sport combining chess and badminton

July 26/27, 2025 in Waghäusel (Germany)

INVITATION

Organizer: [Badminton department SSV Waghäusel](#)

Governing Body: [German Chessminton Federation \(Verband Chessminton Deutschland e.V.\)](#)

Date: **July 26, 2025 (Saturday):** starting 09:30 Mixed doubles & doubles
starting 12:00 Singles & Team tournament
July 27, 2025 (Sunday): starting 09:00 Semifinals and finals

If the number of participants is low, the semifinals or finals may be preponed to Saturday. The exact schedule will be published two weeks in advance at chessminton.de/ecc2025.

Location: Rheintalhalle, Rheinstr. 26, 68753 Waghäusel, Germany

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Registration: chessminton.de/ecc2025

Alternatively, you can register via e-mail to info@chessminton.de

These European Championships are open to anyone residing in a European state or holding the citizenship of a European state. In case of doubt, evidence must be provided. Furthermore, players must be able to prove their identity with a valid ID during the tournament.

Age groups: **U13:** born 2012 or younger **U15:** born 2010 or younger
U19: born 2006 or younger

Disciplines: Girls' Singles (GS), Boys' Singles (BS), Girls' Doubles (GD), Boys' Doubles (BD), Mixed Doubles (MX), Team tournament (TT); Every player can be registered in 3 disciplines; In team tournament (TT) every player can be registered in max. 2 teams (i.e. 2 teams of different age groups).

Entries:

	Entries		Entries		Entries
GS U13	24	GS U15	24	GS U19	24
BS U13	24	BS U15	24	BS U19	24
GD U13	16	GD U15	16	GD U19	16
BD U13	16	BD U15	16	BD U19	16
MX U13	16	MX U15	16	MX U19	16
TT U13	8 teams	TT U15	8 teams	TT U19	8 teams

Some disciplines might be cancelled in case the number of participants is low.



Entry fees:

20 EUR per player and discipline; **80 EUR** per team; For withdrawals after July 15, 2025, the entry fees for eligible players must be paid regardless of the reason. The entry fee is due upon registration and must be **transferred** to the following account:

Recipient: German Chessminton Federation

IBAN: **DE19 8306 5408 0005 4324 80**

Bank: VR-Bank ABG-Land / Skatbank (BIC: GENODEF1SLR)

Registration by: **June 14th, 2025 (Saturday)** – closing date of registration

Awards: Cups (for 1st and 2nd place), medals (for 3rd place) and certificates (for 1st to 3rd place)

Tournament system: Knockout system (group system also possible if the number of participants is low)

At least 25% of the players will be seeded, and the seeding list will be determined based on the sum of the two indicators (see below under "Admission, paragraph 2"). The tournament bracket will be set up so that in a pure knockout system, the first seed can potentially play the fourth seed, and the second seed can play the third seed in the semifinals.

If a group system is used, a win in a group match will be scored **2:0** as group points, a loss will be scored **0:2** as group points, and a draw (i.e., a tie after four phases) will be scored **1:1** as group points. The respective ranking in the group is determined by:

- a) the difference in group points from all group matches,
- b) if a) is not decisive: the difference in points from all four phases of all group matches (in the team competition, the difference in individual match score points of all group matches);
- c) If b) is not decisive: the point difference from the first and second phases of all group matches (in team competition, the point difference from the total score of the individual matches of all group matches);
- d) If c) is not decisive: the draw.

If a match is withdrawn before the start of the match, the match will be scored 0:44 (0:88 in doubles/mixed doubles) against the withdrawing side.

If a match is withdrawn after the start of the match, the match will be scored as follows: All phases that could not be completed or started due to the abandonment will be scored 0:11 (0:22 in doubles/mixed doubles) against the withdrawing side; for all other phases, the phase result remains.



Team tournament:

- a) Each team consists of at least two **male** players and at least two **female** players, who together, as a team, can represent a maximum of **two different European countries**. If two European countries, A and B, are represented, the team's players must be nationals or residents of either country A or country B;
- b) Each team may have a maximum of one male or one female player who is also registered for another team (i.e., a team of a different age group); this player may also play for both teams;
- c) Each team match consists of the following five **individual matches** ("Sudirman Cup format" in badminton): **Boys' Doubles (BD), Girls' Doubles (GD), Boys' Singles (BS), Girls' Singles (GS), Mixed Doubles (MX)**; This is also the preferred order of play, but may be adjusted by the tournament organizers to avoid delays in the tournament;
- d) All four phases must be played in each individual match;
- e) Each individual match won is scored 2:0 (as individual match score points) for the winning team; a draw (i.e., a tie after four phases) is scored 1:1 (as individual match score points) for individual match points;
- f) The team match is won if one team has more individual match score points than the other team. In group mode (non-knockout mode), all five individual matches of a team match are always played to completion; in knockout mode, the team match is terminated as soon as one team has an unassailable lead based on individual match score points;
- g) If no winner can be determined in knockout mode based on individual match score points, the total score of all five individual matches will determine the outcome (the total score is the score from all four phases; for singles individual matches, the total score is multiplied by 2 to ensure comparability with the doubles/mixed individual matches). If no winner can be determined after this, the total score of the BD/GD/MX individual matches will decide; if no winner can be determined after this, the draw will decide;
- h) A team match may be played if **at least three players** from a team (at least one male and at least one female) are available to play; otherwise, this will be considered as withdrawal. If **only three players** from a team (at least one male and at least one female) are available to play, but at least two male players and at least two female players from the opposing team are available to play, in this case either the boys' doubles (BD) not played or the girls' doubles (GD) not played will be scored with 0:2 (based on individual match score points) or as 0:88 (based on total points).



Admission:

If there are more registrations than the number of entries, the players/teams will be admitted as follows:

1) In all disciplines (except for the team tournament), the admission of players is based on whether an official nomination has been received from the responsible national chessminton federation of a European country. This ensures that as many different European countries as possible are represented in each age group. Two entries are reserved for the host country, Germany, in each competition (except for the team tournament), which will be nominated by the German Chessminton Federation.

2) If there are more or fewer entries (i.e. starting spots) than corresponding nominations at the time of the registration deadline, the admission of players in all disciplines (except for the team tournament) will be based on the sum of the following two indicators (cut-off date: April 30th, 2025):

- A. National badminton ranking position (NR) in the respective age group in one of the three disciplines (singles/doubles/mixed), expressed as the result of the calculation formula $\left(1 - \frac{NR}{100}\right) * \left(\frac{WTRP}{4918}\right)$, wherein this value is max. 1 and min. 0 and the world team ranking points WTRP of the respective European country are determined from the "BWF World Team Ranking - Total Points" (<https://bwfbadminton.com/rankings/?id=3>, as of January 7, 2025); instead of the national badminton ranking position, the best achieved ranking (BR) in one of the three disciplines (singles/doubles/mixed) at an official BEC tournament between January 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025, expressed as the result of the calculation formula $\left(1 - \frac{BR}{50}\right)$ can also be used. If a national badminton ranking position is not available, this ranking position may be estimated provided that the player has participated in at least two national badminton individual competitions or at least two seasons in national badminton league competitions in the last four years;
- B. ELO chess rating (Blitz ELO if available, otherwise Rapid ELO if available, otherwise Classic ELO) – in relation to the score 2900 (maximum value is 1). If both indicator A and indicator B are greater than zero for a player, this player will receive a Chessminton bonus of 0.5 points. If the total sum of indicator A and B (and the Chessminton bonus) is exactly the same for 2 players, indicator B is considered first, followed by indicator A. If these are also identical for 2 players, the draw decides.

3) Team tournament: In the team tournament, one entry is reserved for the host country, Germany, in each age group. The remaining 21 team entries will be assigned in the order U19-U15-U13 according to the arithmetic mean ranking of the respective country in both rankings – the "BWF World Team Ranking" (<https://bwfbadminton.com/rankings/?id=3>, as of January 7, 2025) and the "FIDE Top Federations MIXED" ranking (https://ratings.fide.com/top_federations.phtml, as of January 2025). If a team represents two countries, an arithmetic mean of the rankings of both countries will be used. If, after applying these admission criteria, there are still team entries available, further teams may be admitted for a country which is already represented by an admitted team, whereby the strength of the four best players (two male and two female), to be determined in accordance with paragraph 2, shall be decisive for the admission;

4) Substitutions: If eligible players withdraw after the draw, players on the waiting list can still substitute the withdrawing players up to 10 minutes before the start of the respective discipline. In doubles/mixed doubles, this also applies to individual players of the doubles pairing. If an entire team withdraws in the team tournament, the teams on the waiting list can substitute the withdrawing team up to 10 minutes before the start of the respective team match.



Rules:

Chessminton variant „STANDARD“ (see official rules of the *German Chessminton Federation* on chessminton.de/rules)

1st phase: 5-minute Blitz chess game (without increment)

2nd + 3rd phase: In each phase one Badminton game up to 11 points

4th phase: 5-minute Blitz chess game (without increment)

Chess games are scored in a badminton-like manner, from 11:0 to 11:9, based on the winner's time used by the end of the game ("winner's time"): The winner receives 11 points, and the loser receives 1 point for every 30 seconds of surviving the winner's time (0 points for winner's time of < 30 seconds or 9 points for winner's time of > 4 minutes 30 seconds). A draw is scored 11:10 for Black; for details, see the table below:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Chess-minton level	Remaining time of the winner at the end of the game shown on the clock	The winner's time used by the end of the game ("winner's time")	The winner who has the remaining time shown on the clock (column 2) or the winner's time used by the end of the game (column 3) wins with the following fine score:
0	≥ 4:30 minutes	< 0:30 minute	11:0
1	≥ 4:00 minutes	< 1:00 minute	11:1
2	≥ 3:30 minutes	< 1:30 minutes	11:2
3	≥ 3:00 minutes	< 2:00 minutes	11:3
4	≥ 2:30 minutes	< 2:30 minutes	11:4
5	≥ 2:00 minutes	< 3:00 minutes	11:5
6	≥ 1:30 minutes	< 3:30 minutes	11:6
7	≥ 1:00 minutes	< 4:00 minutes	11:7
8	≥ 0:30 minute	< 4:30 minutes	11:8
9	> 0:00 minute	< 5:00 minutes	11:9

The points from all four phases are added together, and the player/pair with the highest total points wins (in knockout rounds, in the event of a tie, the last player/pair to be in the lead after a completed phase wins).

In knockout rounds, the fourth phase is not played if the winner has already been determined after three phases.

In doubles/mixed doubles, two chess games are played between the two sides in the first and fourth phases (with the players from each side who did not play against each other in the first phase playing against each other in the fourth phase). In mixed doubles, the girls/women play against the boys/men in the first phase. Unlike in singles, the points from the two badminton games are multiplied by 2.

Tournament management: Representatives of the organizer and of the governing body

Shuttlecocks: Oliver Apex 200 Badminton shuttlecocks (Sales price: 37 EUR a dozen)

Other: 1) All players must be ready to play at the start of the event and throughout the tournament. The tournament organizers may consider a match lost if a player is not ready to play within two minutes of the second call.

2) All players may be required to operate the badminton scoreboard.



3) After the end of a chess game, players must restore the chess pieces to their initial position and reset the chess clocks to the starting time.

4) Hearing protection is permitted in chess.

5) In chess, the player who makes the second illegal move immediately loses the game.

6) The rest periods between individual phases should normally not exceed 120 seconds.

7) Players who have reached places 1 to 3 are required to participate in the awards ceremony. Otherwise, a penalty fee of EUR 90 per player will be charged.

8) The organizer will set up a cafeteria and offer food and drinks for sale.

Sustainability:

For reasons of sustainability and climate protection, we recommend using public transport. The nearest train station is Waghäusel (approximately 4 km away).

Accommodation:

Affordable overnight accommodations are available in the SSV Waghäusel clubroom. For more details, please send an email to info@chessminton.de.

Liability:

The organizer / governing body assumes no liability for accidents and damages of any kind.

Changes:

The organizer reserves the right to make changes, these changes will be announced by email or on the corresponding websites of chessminton.de.

Registration for and participation in this tournament require the processing of personal data. By registering for this tournament, you consent, in accordance with the governing body's privacy policy (Art. 6 (1) (a) GDPR), to the storage and public retrieval of your first and last name, gender, year of birth, nationality, country of residence, club affiliation, ELO, DWZ, FIDE ID, UCR points, ranking points of your national federation, player ID, achieved results, and rating points for further processing on the media operated by the organizer (including websites). You consent to the creation of results, reports, images, and videos, as well as their publication live or subsequently on the internet, in online services (including Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube), in magazines, print media, and the press (e.g., daily newspapers, radio stations, and TV stations).

By submitting the registration, you accept all the terms and conditions of this invitation.
More details can be found on chessminton.de/ecc2025



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