



MONTE-CARLO
SOCIÉTÉ DES BAINS DE MER

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FEDERATION MONEGASQUE DES ECHECS

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Cercle d'Echecs de Monte-Carlo

European Women Individual Rapid Chess Championship 8-12 January 2026

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1. ORGANIZERS

The Federation Monegasque des Echecs, under the auspices of the European Chess Union

2. DATE AND VENUE

8 january to 12 january 2026 **Hotel Novotel boulevard 16 Princesse Charlotte 98000 Monaco**

Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-5275-novotel-monte-carlo/index.shtml>

Distance railway to Hotel Novotel: 100 meters

3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Jean-Michel Rapaire

E-mail: cemc@libello.com

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4. ARBITERS

Stéphane ESCAFRE (FRA) - Chief arbiter

5. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The European Individual Blitz Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 13 rounds, with the time control 3 minutes game + 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The European Individual Rapid Chess Championship will be played according to the Swiss system, in 11 rounds, with the time control 15 minutes game + 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

The Championship is open to all players representing Chess Federations which are ECU members regardless of their title and rating.

There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.

Registration starts after 1st August 2025. Applications must be sent to the Tournament Director, Jean Michel Rapaire by mail : cemc@libello.com

Registration deadline is 19 December 2025.

Entry fees and accommodation payments shall reach the below bank account no later than 1st December 2025. After this we don't guarantee the rates of the hotels.

Bank details:(for payments in EUR):

Beneficiary's Bank: BNP Paribas 1, boulevard des Moulins 98000 Monte Carlo

Beneficiary's Account: Beneficiary: Fédération Monégasque d Echecs

RIB : 30004 09170 00003296989 76

IBAN : MC 58 3000 4091 7000 0032 9698 976

BIC : BNPAMCM1XXX

Please state names of the players concerned.

Notes:

1. The entry fee once paid will be not refunded.
2. All bank charges for bank transfer are to be borne by the players.
3. List of the players who have paid the application fee and the players who have booked hotel accommodation will be regularly updated on the tournament website.
4. If in doubt, please contact the Organizers by e-mail at: cemc@libello.com
5. Those players who register after 31 december 2024 will be allowed to participate only in case free places are available.
6. Players who wish to receive a bill are kindly requested to send all necessary information in advance to the Tournament Director at: cemc@libello.com

6. ENTRY FEE

Entry fee: Rapid 40€ (20€ for ECU) Blitz 20€ (10€ for ECU)

Note: The following categories of players registered not later than 31 december 2024, shall pay no entry fee:

- medallists of European Women Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2024,
- players having ELO rating in rapid or blitz chess of 2400 and above as of 1st November 2025.

7. SCHEDULE

Thursday, 8th January 2026

15.00-21.00 Arrival. Registration of participants

BLITZ

Friday, 9th January 2025

10.00-13.00 Registration of participants

13.00: Opening ceremony

13.30: Round 1

13.50: Round 2

14.10: Round 3

14.30: Round 4

14.50: Round 5

15.30: Round 6

15.50: Round 7

16.10: Round 8

16.30: Round 9

16.50: Round 10

17.10: Round 11

17.30: Round 12

17.50: Round 13

18.30: Closing ceremony

8. PRIZE FUND: 15.200€

Prizes: 13.500€ + 1700€ category prizes

Each player can take one money prize the highest one

PLACE PRIZE in EUR: 13.500€

1st 2000€
2nd 1700€
3rd 1500€
4th 1300€
5th 1100€
6th 1000€
7th 800€
8th 700€
9th 600€
10th 500€
11th 400€
12th 300€
13th – 20th 200€

The money prizes are distributed according the ECU [tiebreaks](#) among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes).

CATEGORY PRIZE in EUR: 1.700€

Best Veteran 50+ player born in 1976 or before: 200€
Second Veteran 50+ player born in 1976 or before: 100€
Best player having rating below 2200: 100€
Best player having rating below 2000: 100€
Best player having rating below 1800: 100€
Best player having rating below 1600: 100€
Best MNC player: 200€
Second MNC player: 100€

Prize offered by the league Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur

Best Paca player: 300€, player must be resident
Second Paca player: 200€, player must be resident

Prize offered by the Comité Départemental des Alpes Maritimes

Best Alpes Maritimes player : 200€, player must be resident

RAPID

Saturday, 10th January 2026

10.00-13.30 Registration of participants
14.00: Opening ceremony
14.15: Round 1
15.20: Round 2
16.30: Round 3
17.40: Round 4
18.50: Round 5

Sunday, 11th January 2026

10.00: Round 6

11.10: Round 7

12.20: Round 8

13.30: Round 9

15.20: Round 10

16.30: Round 11

19.00: Closing ceremony of the competition

8. PRIZE FUND: 31.300€

Prizes: 27.800€ + Category Prize 3.500€

Each player can take one money prize the highest one

PLACE PRIZE in EUR: 27.800€

1st 5000€

2nd 4000€

3rd 3000€

4th 2200€

5th 2000€

6th 1800 €

7th 1600€

8th 1400€

9th 1200€

10th 1000€

11th 800€

12th 600€

13th - 20th 400€

The money prizes are distributed according the ECU [tiebreaks](#) among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes).

CATEGORY PRIZE in EUR: 3.500€

Best Veteran 50+ player born in 1976 or before: 400€

Second Veteran 50+ player born in 1976 or before: 200€

Best player having rating below 2200: 200€

Best player having rating below 2000: 200€

Best player having rating below 1800: 200€

Best player having rating below 1600: 100€

Best MNC player: 250€

Second MNC player: 150€

Prize offered by the league Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur

Best Paca player: 600€, player must be resident

Second Paca player: 400€, player must be resident

Third Paca player: 300€, player must be resident

Fourth Paca player : 200€, player must be resident

Prize offered by the Comité Départemental des Alpes Maritimes

Best Alpes Maritimes player : 300€, player must be resident

9. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Monaco Chess Federation offers special conditions (rooms, breakfast and transfer free, gift cards 300€ for lunch and dinner) for the medallists of European Women Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2024

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| - GM Alexandra KOSTENIUK | SUI |
| - GM Anna USHENINA | UKR |
| - IM Yuliia OSMAC | UKR |
| - IM Sarasadat KHADEMALSHARIEH | ESP |
| - IM Aleksandra MALTSEVKAYA | POL |
| - IM Eline ROEBERS | NED |

10. Playing Hall

Hotel Novotel 16 boulevard Princess Charlotte 98000 Monaco

11. ACCOMMODATION

No obligation, we suggest the following hotels

Hotel NOVOTEL 16 boulevard Princesse Charlotte **98000 Monaco**

Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-5275-novotel-monte-carlo/index.shtml>

Single room with breakfast : 186€

Double room with breakfast : 206€

Aparthotel Adagio Palais Joséphine, 24 avenue du Général de Gaulle 06240 Beausoleil

www.adagio-city.com/fr/hotel-6798-aparthotel-adagio-monaco-palais-josephine/index.shtml

Distance from the playing hall (One Monte-Carlo): 400 meters

All apartments and Studio have a kitchen

- Studio (1 to 3 persons) 1 big bed and 1 sofa (80€ to 95€)
- apartment, living room with 1 sofa 1 bed room with 1 sofa (1 to 5 person) (95€ to 120€)

Aparthotel Adagio Monte Cristo, 2A rue des Martyrs de la Résistance 06240 Beausoleil

Website : <http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-6799-aparthotel-adagio-monaco-monte-cristo/index.shtml>

Distance from the playing hall (One Monte-Carlo): 100 meters

All apartments and Studio have a kitchen

- Studio (1 to 3 persons) 1 big bed and 1 sofa (80€ to 95€)
- apartment, living room with 1 sofa 1 bed room with 1 sofa (1 to 5 person) (95€ to 120€)

All apartments and Studio have a kitchen

Breakfast: 16€ per person

Taxe de séjour: 5.36€ per night per person

12. TRANSFER

No transfer is organised.

It is very easy to get to Monaco

from Nice Airport bus n°80 , every 45 minutes, 1 way ticket : 20€, or take the free tram from the airport to Nice Saint Augustin train station, then take the train to Monaco 1way ticket :6€ from Nice central station, every 20 minutes , 1 way ticket : 5€

12. INSURANCE

Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the period of the championship.

13. VISAS

Persons wishing to obtain a Letter of Invitation from the organizers for visa purposes, shall stay at one of the tournament official hotels.

Persons who need visa support are requested to contact the Tournament Director at

cemc@libello.com

14. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Office phone : +33650576354 Tournament Director: Jean Michel Rapaire

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