

## The regulations for 2017-2018 European Youth Open Grand Prix

### 1. Format of the European Youth Open Grand Prix:

The Grand Prix will be series of three (3) tournaments held over two (2) calendar years 2017-2018.

I Serie – Russia, Kirishi – May 2017

II Serie – Armenia, Jermuk – October 2017

III Serie – Russia, Kirishi – May 2018

Each tournament will have 12 players.

### 2. Qualifiers for the Grand Prix:

The players who qualify for selection to play in the Grand Prix will be chosen on the following prioritized basis:

**2.1 Age of the participants:** Players should fulfill the conditions that they have not reached the age of 16 years respectively by 1st January 2016 (born on 2000 or after)

**2.2 Wild card:** World and European Champions U16 of the year 2016

**2.3 By rating:** Five European players with the highest ratings according to FIDE rating list by 01.01.17.

**2.4 ECU nominees:** Two players will nominated by the ECU president

**2.5 Host city nominees:** Another two are announced by the organizers of Grand Prix Series in Kirishi (Russia) and one more from Jermuk (Armenia).

### 3. Tournament format:

**3.1** In each tournament the 12 players shall play a round robin tournament of 11 rounds.

**3.2** If a player withdraws after completing 50% or more of the games, the rest of his/her games are lost by default. In case a player completes less than 50%, all his/her results are annulled.

**3.3 Time control:** for each player 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move from move one until the end of game

### 4. Confirmation of participation:

**4.1** Participants of GP have to confirm the participation in GP series before March 1st and sign appropriate contracts.

**4.2** If a player refuses to participate after signing a contract without providing a satisfactory reason European Chess Union reserves right to take some measures against the mentioned player.

**4.3** If a qualified player withdraws by any reason, he or she will be replaced by the next player from the list of European Youth Cup (Qualification).

**4.4** If a qualified player by FIDE rating list withdraws by any reason, he or she will be replaced by the next player from the FIDE rating list.

### 5. Prize Fund: 5.1 The prizes for each tournament:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize holders will be awarded with diplomas and prizes. The organizers have established prizes for other participants as well.

In case of any tie in any tournament, the Grand Prix ranking points will be split equally. The overall winner of the Grand Prix will be the one who will score the most number of cumulative points.

#### 5.2 The points for each tournament:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 150 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 120 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 100 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place – 90 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place – 80 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place – 70 points, 7<sup>th</sup> place – 60 points, 8<sup>th</sup> place – 50 points, 9<sup>th</sup> place – 40 points, 10<sup>th</sup> place – 30 points, 11<sup>th</sup> place – 20 points, 12<sup>th</sup> place – 10 points.

#### 5.3 Tie Breaks:

- No. of actual game result points scored in the three tournaments
- No. of 1st places (in case of a tie – points given accordingly);
- No. of 2nd places (in case of a tie – points given accordingly);
- No. of wins;
- Drawing of lots

#### 5.4 Accumulated prize fund:

5 prizes will be awarded from the minimum accumulated prize fund of 7200 euros:

- 1st place – 3000
- 2nd place – 2000
- 3rd place – 1000
- 4th place – 700
- 5th place – 500

#### 6. Financial details:

6.1 Organizers guarantee the following minimum organizational costs which are:

- A) Full board and lodging costs for 20 people: 12 players, 4 persons of European Chess Union and 4 persons of organizing committee.
- B) Accompanying person has free breakfast if he/she shares a room with invited player
- C) Registration fee: All players and accompanying persons (including coaches) have to pay 100 euros
- D) ECU fees: each organizer must pay to ECU 5000 US \$

#### 7. Interviews:

The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game. Both players shall be available for the daily press conference.

#### 8. Media service:

Organizer has to fulfill following media services during the event:

- Provide high quality photos and video production summarizing the daily activities.
- Live games broadcast.
- ECU logo should be presented during all media activities.

## 9. Appeals committee

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by European Chess Union. Other two members of Appeals Committee will be chosen among trainers and participants.

## 10. Organizing Committee

Chairman of Organizing Committee will be ECU Youth Grand Prix Director

Main organizer:

ECU Youth Grand Prix Director:  
Gennady Nesis