

REGULATIONS

EUROPEAN CORPORATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

ASNIERES 2026

November 27th & 28th, 2026

I. ORGANISATION

1. The European Corporate Chess Championship 2026 is organized by Asnières Le Grand Échiquier, under the auspices of the European Chess Union and with the support of the town of Asnières-sur-Seine.
2. **Schedule:**
 - Friday, November 27th, 2026 — 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm: Rounds 1 to 4
 - Saturday, November 28th, 2026 — 10:00 am to 5:00 pm: Rounds 5 to 9
 - Saturday, November 28th, 2026 at 7:30 pm — Gala evening & closing ceremony at the Château d'Asnières-sur-Seine (89 rue du Château)
3. **Venue:** Espace Concorde-Francis Delage — 27 rue de la Concorde, 92600 Asnières-sur-Seine
4. The tournament is open to teams from corporate entities based in Europe. **The registration deadline is November 15th, 2026.**
5. Each team must provide the Chief Arbiter, before the start of the competition, with an ordered list of 4 or 5 players with their FIDE ID if applicable. Players are ranked in order of Elo rating. Each team may include a maximum of 2 players from outside the corporate entity. No changes will be accepted after the start of the competition (e.g. no replacement by an additional player in the event of a forfeit).
6. **Guaranteed prize fund: 7,000 €**
7. The registration fee is 400 €/team. A corporate entity may register as many teams as it wishes. A welcome gift will be offered to all teams.
Registration fees include:
 - ECU registration fees,
 - Tea, coffee and water in the playing room,
 - Reception with dinner cocktail at the closing ceremony — 5 persons invited per team. Additional accompanying persons will be charged 50 €/person.

II. TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team:

- May have only one player rated above 2400 ELO (FIDE Rapid Rating — FIDE rating lists of November 2026).
- Must include at least one player rated below 2000 ELO in each round (FIDE Rapid Rating — FIDE rating lists of November 2026).
- In each round, at least two players on the team must have an employment relationship (or similar) with the corporate entity they are playing for. Players are ranked in order of the initial team composition (FIDE rating lists of November 2026) in order to match amateurs against amateurs as much as possible.
- All participants must be over 16 years of age.

III. DRESS CODE

It is recommended that each team wear a jacket, shirt, T-shirt or polo shirt bearing the corporate entity's logo and/or name.

IV. RULES AND STANDINGS

8. **Time control:** 15 minutes for the whole game, plus 5 seconds of increment per move starting from move one.
9. The Laws of Chess are those in force on the date of the tournament, namely those adopted by the FIDE Congress and applicable since January 1st, 2023.
10. **Team line-up:** Before each round, the team captain hands the arbiter the list of 4 players for that round, respecting the order of the initial ordered list.
11. The Elo rating to be taken into account is, in order: FIDE Rapid Rating, then FIDE Classical Rating. FIDE rating lists of November 2026.
12. Pairings will be done according to the Swiss system (C.04). The average Elo of each team is calculated across all players listed on the team sheet. A player with no FIDE rating is estimated at 1500 for this calculation.
13. **Game points:** A game won counts 1 point; a draw is recorded as X and is not counted in the final score; a game lost on the board counts 0 point; a game lost by forfeit counts -1 point.
14. **Match points:** The match score is determined by the sum of the teams' game points. A negative score is reduced to 0. The team with the most points wins the match. A match won is worth 3 match points; a draw 2 match points; a match lost on the board 1 match point; a match lost by forfeit 0 match point.
15. **Standings — tiebreak criteria (in order):**
 - Match points
 - Differential (games won – games lost)
 - Game points
 - Average Elo (pro rata participations) — lowest wins
 - Youngest team

A match won by forfeit or bye is worth 3 match points, score 2-0. A match lost by forfeit scores 0 points, score 0-4.

V. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

16. **Guaranteed total prize fund: 7,000 €**

Prize breakdown:

Ranking	Prize
1st prize	3,000 €
2nd prize	2,000 €
3rd prize	1,000 €
4th prize	500 €
5th prize	500 €

17. Special trophy for the following sectors of activity (minimum 3 teams per sector):

- Banking & Insurance
- Energy
- Digital
- Consulting
- Industry
- Sport & Tourism
- Special

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

18. In the event that a doping control is carried out by a delegation commissioned by the French Ministry of Sports, each participant selected may not refuse the tests, which will be carried out by a sworn doctor.
19. Smoking is strictly prohibited throughout the building. The use of mobile phones in the playing area may result in a written warning and/or the loss of the game.
20. Participation in the tournament implies acceptance of these regulations.

VII. IMAGE RIGHTS AND LEGAL NOTICE

By registering, each team participating in the European Corporate Chess Championship grants the organizers the right to use their images, audio and video recordings, and content for publication on any communication medium of the organizer and its partners, without time limit and without compensation.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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