

# E-MAGAZINE OCTOBER 2020



## CORPORATE EVENT

Sberbank wins European Online Corporate Chess Championship

## 6th GLOBAL FESTIVAL

Team Asia wins Intercontinental Youth Team Online Chess Cup



**MAGNUS CARLSEN  
WINS ALTIBOX NORWAY CHESS**  
*Photo by: Lennart Ootes*



## Briefly...

**European Online Corporate Chess Championship** took place on 3rd and 4th of October 2020 through the Tornelo Online playing platform. The Winner of the event became team of **Sberbank** from Russia, after winning both blitz and rapid events.

**Intercontinental Youth Team Online Chess Cup**, organised by Judit Polgar Chess Foundation and European Chess Union, took place as part of Global Chess Festival on 10th of October 2020. Team of Asia, won the event with score of 11 match points (5 victories and 1 draw).

**European Online Women's Club Cup**, under the high patronage of his serene highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, will take place online from 19th-22nd December 2020.

**Balkan Youth Online Chess Championship** organised by Balkan Chess Federation in five age categories: U10,U12,U14,U16 and U18 (open and girls sections separately) took place from 31st October to 1st November 2020

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European Chess Union is an independent association founded in 1985 in Graz, Austria; European Chess Union has 54 National Federation Members; Every year ECU organizes more than 20 prestigious events and championships.

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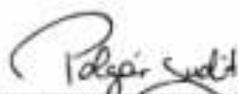
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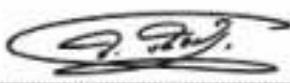


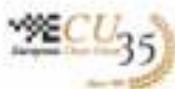
THIS IS TO CERTIFY  
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TEAM ASIA

has won **GOLD MEDAL** at the  
**World Continental Online Youth Team Cup**  
on 10th October 2020  
organized by  
the Judit Polgar Chess Foundation and the European Chess Union

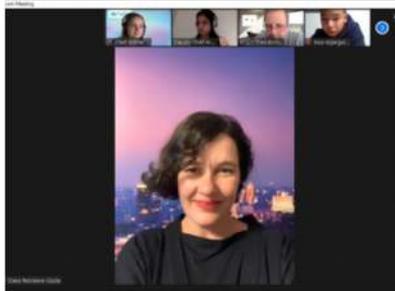
  
Judit Polgar

  
Zurab Azmaiparashvili, President



## TEAM ASIA WINS INTERCONTINENTAL YOUTH ONLINE CHESS CUP

Intercontinental Youth Team Online Chess Cup, organised by Judit Polgar Chess Foundation and European Chess Union, took place as part of Global Chess Festival on 10th of October 2020. Team of Asia, won the event with score of 11 match points (5 victories and 1 draw).



## Intercontinental Youth Online Chess Cup

Second place went to Team Europe with score of 9 match points (4 victories, 1 draw and 1 loss). Team America got the third place, while team Africa came fourth.

All results, pairings and Ranking Crosstable can be found [here](#).

Four teams from four continents participated the event: Europe, Asia, Africa and America. Each team consisted of 16 boards (age categories): boys – (2 of each U12-U14-U16-U18 categories) girls – (2 of each U12-U14-U16-U18 categories) .

All 6 matches played in Round-Robin double matches system were LIVE Broadcasted through chess24.com page, as the official broadcaster of the event.

All the participants received as a prize an invitation for the masterclass (1.5 hour) by GM Judit Polgar in two Groups of 32 players altogether with invitation to participate in Global Chess Festival 2020 which was held online this year.

E-certificates of participation were also presented to all 64 young players who took participation in the event.

Details about the event can be found on ECU Website.

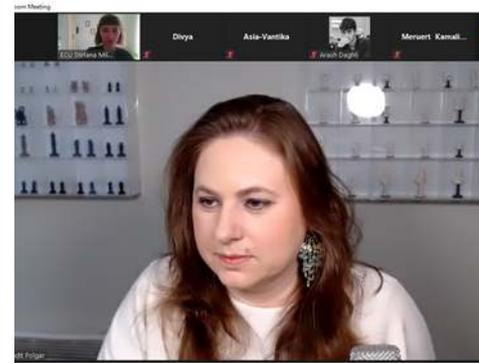
**1st Intercontinental Online Youth Team Chess Cup**

10th October  
4 continents  
64 players  
4 age categories  
Supported by FIDE Development Fund

### Opening ceremony

Shortly before the start of the first round today, the Opening ceremony took place Online, through the participants' zoom call meeting. ECU Vice President, Dana Reizniece-Ozola, ECU Secretary General, Theodoros Tzorbatzoglou and Chairperson of FIDE Planning and Development Commission, Sonja Johnson, addressed and welcomed all the players and opened the event. Grandmaster Judit Polgar sent to participants the video message, which was played to them during the opening ceremony.

Chess the International Language



# MASTERCLASS WITH JUDIT POLGAR



Masterclass sessions with GM Judit Polgar for the participants of International Youth Online Chess Cup took place on 18th October through Zoom Meeting Call.

The first Masterclass session with the best female chess player ever was organised for Asia and Europe team participants of International Online Youth Team #Chess Cup. Shortly before the start of the class, ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili opened the event and welcomed all the players.

The second session of the Masterclass was organised for America and Africa team participants who were, on behalf of European Chess Union, welcomed by ECU Secretary General, Mr.Theodoros Tsorbatzoglou.

During the masterclass, with a lot of joy participants were able to ask questions and get detailed answers and advices from GM Judit Polgar.





**European Chess Union**  
**European Online Corporate**  
**Chess Championship**  
3-4 OCTOBER 2020



**Golden Medal** is awarded to **SBERBANK**

Kadatsky Alexander  
Komiagina Maria  
Kretov Evgenij  
Lavrov Maxim

Matukin Igor  
Myshakov Fyodor  
Vorozhelkin Vladimir



Zurab Azmaiparashvili  
ECU President

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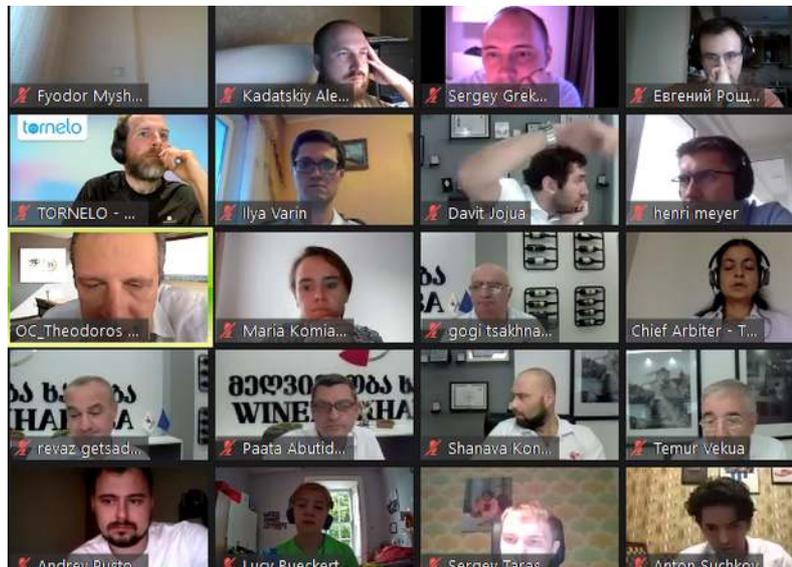
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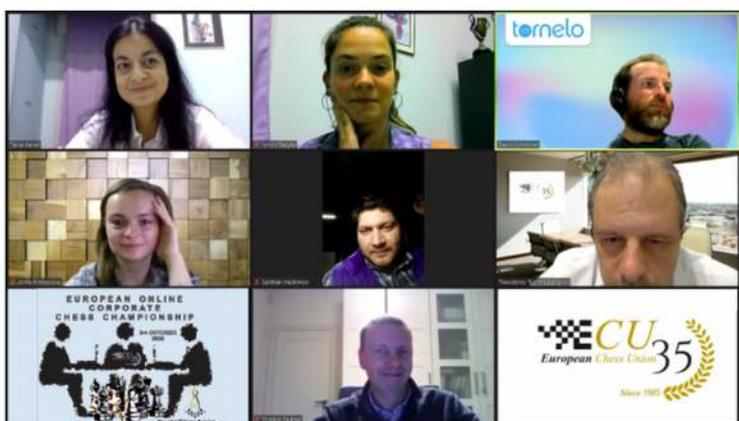
## **SBERBANK RUSSIA WINS EUROPEAN ONLINE CORPORATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

First European Online Corporate Chess Championship took place on 3rd and 4th of October 2020 through the Tornelo Online playing platform.

After two days of play, 7 rounds in rapid time control and 9 rounds in blitz time control, the Winner of the event became team of Sberbank from Russia, after winning both blitz and rapid events.



Organising Committee of the 1st European Online Corporate Chess Championship:



Silver medal went to **Khareba from Georgia** which took two second places during each day.

Two teams tied for the third place with the same score: **UE "Information and Computing Center Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus"** and **PROBIT Sp. z o.o. from Poland** so the third place and prize are divided equally between these two teams.

The Team Medalists are awarded with ECU Medals and special invitations for European Golden Pawn Ceremony in Monaco.

**The Chess for Life Grand Award is presented to Kaspersky (Russia)**- the company entering the most participants. The award recognises the achievement of a very special Organisation whose management and staff have responded to the challenge of team spirit and morale in the workplace.

The best player individual players:

1. Myshakov Fyodor (Sberbank)
2. GM Jojua Davit (Khareba)
3. Kadatsky Alexander (Sberbank)
3. Shanava Konstantine (Khareba)

The best players in special category for players rated U2000:

1. Vekua Temur (Khareba)
2. Petrov Viktor (Kaspersky)
3. Rodjero Mateo (Rambler Group)

The best players of special category for unrated players:

1. Tsakhnakia Gogi (Khareba)
2. Unton Andrei ( UE "Information and Computing Center Ministry of Finance of the Rep. of Belarus")
3. Zinkou Aliaksandr (UE "Information and Computing Center Ministry of Finance of the Rep. of Belarus").

ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili opened the event from the local playing venue of team Khareba from Georgia.

**PRIZES**

**European Online Corporate Chess Championship**

The best ranked three teams were awarded with VIP invitation for the European Golden Pawn Ceremony, while the best individual players received e-medal certificate and money prizes. E-madal certificates were also sent to the best players of special categories, while all the players received the certificate for participation.

ECU Online Youth Camps for the Winners of European Youth Online Chess Championship launched on Monday, 19th of October 2020, through the Zoom meeting call.



## ONLINE YOUTH CHESS CAMPS FOR THE WINNERS OF #EYOCC2020

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he best ranked 8 players of each age category at the European Youth Online Chess Championship were awarded with free participation in ECU Online Youth Camps with top trainers.

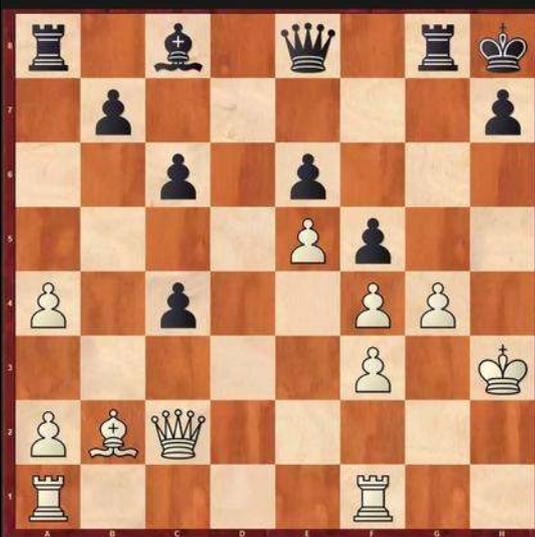
The lecturers of group for players aged from 10-14 are:

- > **GM Adrian Mikhalchishin**
- > **GM Iossif Dorfman**
- > **GM Miguel Illescas**
- > **GM Lasha Janjghava**
- > **GM Georg Mohr**

The lecturers of the group for players aged from 15-18 are:

- > **GM Alojzije Jankovic**
- > **GM Alexander Khalifman**
- > **GM Ivan Sokolov**
- > **GM Antoaneta Stefanova**
- > **GM Artur Yussupow**

The Camps contain 24 lecturing hours and are organised by European Chess Union and European Chess Academy, supported by FIDE Development Fund.



The first lecture for the younger participants was held by GM Lasha Janjgava who talked about Role of prophylaxis in chess. The event was opened by ECU Vice President GM Adrian Mihalcsin who welcomed the participants at the beginning of the lecture. During the second lecture, GM Lasha Janjgava talked about the power of the bishops pair.

Online Youth Chess camp U18, for the winners of the European Online Youth Chess Championship has started on Tuesday 20th of October. ECU Vice President GM Ivan Sokolov and camp co-ordinator has welcomed all participants before the start of the lecture by GM Artur Jussupow. The theme of the first lecture was "Fortresses and Zugzwang".

The second lecture for the U18 participants took place on 22nd of October 2020. GM Artur Jussupow explained opposite coloured bishops endgames.

The lessons for the young chess talents were held by one of the best coaches for young players in the world- GM Adrian Mikhalchishin. One of the theme of the lecture was also always interesting Exchange sacrifice.

Next on the schedule was Croatian GM Alojzije Jankovic, known as one of the experts of the Rauzer Sicilian.

Short reports on the event, altogether with photos and themes of the lectures are available on European Chess Academy page.

## ONLINE YOUTH CHESS CAMPS

Online Youth Chess Camps are organised by European Chess Union and European Chess Academy, supported by FIDE Development fund, for the winners of first European Online Youth Chess Championship which recently took place through Tornelo online platform. The best ranked 8 players of each category got invitation to participate the event with top chess trainers!

# ECU ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM- Develop practical way of thinking!

European Chess Union and European Chess Academy, supported by FIDE Development Fund, organise the annual training program in period from December 5th 2020 to June 5th 2021.

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CU annual training program is open for all ages and levels and will be organised within four levels:

- > LEVEL 1 – for players below 1300ELO
- > LEVEL 2 – for players between 1300 and 1600 ELO
- >LEVEL 3 – for players between 1600 and 1900 ELO
- >LEVEL 4 – for players above 1900ELO

The lectures will be held every Saturday at 10:00 am CET time (for level 1 and 3) and every Saturday at 12:00 pm CET time (for level 2 and 4). Tuition fee is 200 eur and registrations can be done until November 25th 2020.

The registration is completed with tuition payment on European chess Academy Bank account or PayPal.

Two nominees per European Chess Federation are supported by the European Chess Union (55 spots) and FIDE Development Fund (55 spots).

The registration form for all participants and federations nominees in separate form is available on the ECU Website.

The lecturers are:

- >**GM, FST Adrian Mikhalchishin** – More than 40 years of coaching experiences
- >**GM, FST Georg Mohr** – More than 35 years of coaching experiences
- >**IM, FT Tadej Sakelsek** – More than 15 year of coaching experiences

Detailed information about the event can be found in invitation down bellow or on the European Chess Academy website.

**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**  
 Deadline: November 25th 2020  
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 http://european-chessacademy.com  
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 European Chess Academy

**EUROPEAN CHESS UNION**  
**ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM**  
 DEVELOP PRACTICAL WAY OF THINKING

4 levels program  
 December 5th 2020 - June 5th 2021  
 Every Saturday  
 Open for all ages and levels  
 Lessons in English language  
 Zoom platform  
 ECU certificate  
 Digital materials

**OUR LECTURERS**  
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LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
ELO below 1300	ELO between 1300 and 1600	ELO between 1600 and 1900	ELO above 1900
Program:	Program:	Program:	Program:
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## EUROPEAN ONLINE WOMEN'S CLUB CUP- Official Regulations

**European Online Women's Club Cup is organised by European Chess Union and Monte Carlo Chess Club, under the high patronage of his serene highness Prince Albert II of Monaco. It will take place online from 19th-22nd December 2020 through playing platform Tornelo.**

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he event is open to all European Chess Clubs, but only 32 Teams will be accepted by priority and strength. ECU keeps the right to accept and additional teams.

Each team consists of 4 basic players and one reserve player. The composition of the team is open without any restrictions for the female players belonging to any FIDE member federation. During the event, each team will appoint one captain/representative for the technical meeting and communication during the event.

By signing in the tournament, all teams and participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations the terms and conditions of the event.

All the teams and players are recommended to play with a club branded attire and background visible for the event's livestream coverage.

Registrations are made by the Clubs through the online entry form. **Registrations are accepted till Friday 4th December 2020.**

Entry fee per each team is 150 EUR.

The event will be played within Qualification groups of 8 teams, Round Robin 7 rounds and the first two teams of each qualification group will qualify for Final Group which will consist of 8 teams. Time control: 15min + 5 sec per player.

Groups will be divided according the average classic rating of 4 basic players. FIDE December 1st, 2020 list will be taking in account.

Group A : 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24, 25, 32  
Group B : 2, 7, 10,15, 18, 23, 26, 31  
Group C : 3, 6, 11,14, 19, 22, 27, 30  
Group D : 4, 5, 12,13, 20, 21, 28, 29

The first Team is the European Women's Club Cup Champion 2020 and will receive the "Coupe Princesse Charlène" during the opening ceremony of the 2021 European Women's Club Cup. The second and third team will receive silver and bronze e-medals. Top ranked four teams will be awarded also with money prizes: 1st Winner Team 2500 euros, 2nd Winner Team 2000 euros, 3rd Winner Team 1500 euros and 4th Winner Team 1000 euros. Individual e- Medals are won by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place of each board of final Group. The first winner of each Board of final group will receive 200 euros (5 x 200). ECU Certificates will be available for all Teams and players.

### System and rate of play

#### European Online Women's Club Cup

The event will be played within four Qualification groups (A, B, C and D) of 8 teams, Round Robin 7 rounds and the first two teams of each qualification group will qualify for Final Group which will consist of 8 teams.

Groups will be divided according the average classic rating of basic players.

Time control: 15min + 5 sec per player.

# ECU101

## The SMART Method to Teach Chess TRAINING COURSE REPORT

Date

16-17  
OCTOBER  
2020

Course N°

149

Location

ONLINE

Language

SPANISH

Satisfied

95%



**PEP SUÁREZ**  
COURSE  
INSTRUCTOR

Attendees from six different Spanish speaking countries have learned a new approach about teaching chess. 100% of them have said that they are more confident now to teach chess and understand fully the difference between scholastic chess and competitive chess.

All the participants successfully passed the online test for the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate.

Rated  
50%

Participants  
chess level

Beginner  
16.7%

Experienced  
33.3%

### FEEDBACK



Very useful course, It helped me to acquire the appropriate pedagogical tools to confidently teach chess to students at my school.



The course is very good, in my particular case it helped me to know how chess is taught in other parts of the world, it took away some worries and it helped me to correct mistakes.



The course is very interesting and they have given me the necessary foundation to be able to start teaching children in schools. Thank you very much!



See all the graduates and upcoming courses at: [www.chessplus.net](http://www.chessplus.net)

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Graduates



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Female



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Male

# ECU101

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Date

02-04  
OCTOBER  
2020

Course N°

148

Location

ONLINE

Language

GERMAN

Satisfied

95%



**COURSE  
INSTRUCTOR  
BORIS BRUHN**

Attendees with different backgrounds gathered together for a weekend to study a new approach, get fresh ideas, and improve their chess teaching skills. 95% of them enjoyed the training course and would recommend it to others.

All the participants successfully passed the online test for the ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate.

Rated  
30%

Participants  
chess level

Beginner  
40%

Experienced  
30%

### FEEDBACK



The mini-games are incredibly convincing and will have a safe place in chess lessons thanks to their incredibly versatile application options.



I totally achieved my personal goals. I liked the fact that it was systematically well structured. It was varied and well explained by the moderator. I can highly recommend this course.



Many new inputs - such as mini-games, chess room contracts, different types of tournaments - e.g. Pyramid game - chess pieces, ideas for the timetable - very useful.



See all the graduates and upcoming courses at: [www.chessplus.net](http://www.chessplus.net)

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Graduates



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Female



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Male

# BALKAN YOUTH ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

Balkan Youth Online Chess Championship organised by Balkan Chess Federation in five age categories: U10,U12,U14,U16 and U18 (open and girls sections separately) took place from 31st October to 1st November 2020 through Tornado Online playing platform.

## The Winners are:

O10 Gkavardinas Antonios (GRE), 6/7  
O12 Lavrencic Matic (SLO) 5.5/7  
O14 Stefanou Dimitrios (GRE) 6/7  
O16 Budisavljevic Luka (SRB) 6/7  
O18 Gavrilescu David (ROU) 6.5/7  
G10 Ciocirlan Bianca-Alexandra (ROU) 7/7  
G12 Tirpan Ceren (TUR) 5.5/7  
G14 Mihelic Vesna (SLO) 5.5/7  
G16 Ciolacu Alessia-Mihaela (ROU) 6/7  
G18 Obada Ema (ROU) 6.5/7

## Team Winners Open section:

1. Greece 27.5 points
2. Romania 25.5 points
3. Serbia 25 points

## Team Winners Girls section:

1. Romania 28.5 points
2. Greece 23 points
3. Turkey 21 points

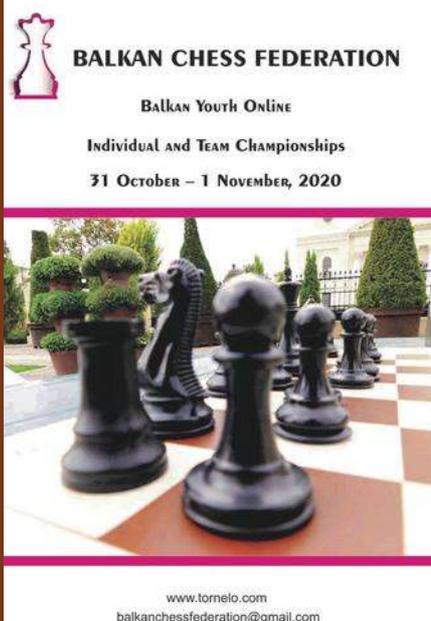
**ECU President Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili congratulated all the teams captains and the winners.**

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he event gathered 188 players from 10 Balkan federations: Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia and Turkey.

After 7 rounds played in Swiss system, with time control of 25 minutes + 5 seconds of an increment per each move, starting from the move one, the Balkan Online Youth Chess Champions were announced altogether with Team Balkan Chess Champions.

All the results can be found on the chess-results website.



# Magnus Carlsen wins Altibox Norway Chess

**Reigning World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen won the first super grandmasters tournament to be organised during the pandemic of corona virus in Stavanger, Norway.**

Magnus Carlsen was racing for the top together with Alireza Firouzja, but in the direct encounter in the penultimate round Magnus took a victory in basic pawns drawn endgame and won the event with the round to spare.

Firouzja Alireza won the last round and came second lagging behind the World Champion for only one point, scoring 18.5 points.

Leading Armenian chess player and world No.9 Aronian Levon took the third place with score of 17.5 points. Caruana Fabiano was fourth with 15.5 points.

Polish prodigy Duda Jan-Krzysztof ended the event on the 5th place but his advent on the event will be remembered since he was the one to bring the conclusion of Magnus Carlsen's 125-games unbeaten streak in classical chess which has ended after two years and two months. Five rounds later, Magnus suffered another loss against Aronian in the final round.

Norwegian Champion 2019 Tari Aryan scored 3.5 points and came on the 6th place.



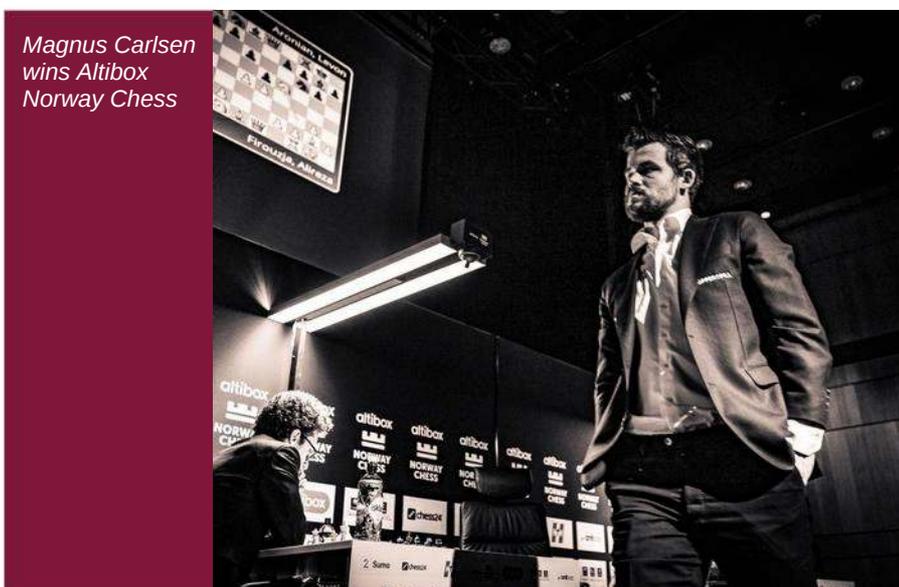
Photos by: Lennart Ootes

The event took place from 5th-16th October at Clarion Hotel Energy in Stavanger Norway and was played as 10 rounds double robin round tournament.

Players got following points per round:

- Victory main game: 3 points
- Loss main game: 0 points
- Draw main game & victory Armageddon: 1.5 points
- Draw main game & loss Armageddon: 1 point

Details are available on the Official Website of the event



Magnus Carlsen wins Altibox Norway Chess

## ALTIBOX NORWAY CHESS

Altibox Norway Chess, first super grandmaster tournament to be organised after covid19 virus pandemic, took place from 5-16 October 2020 in Stavanger, Norway, with 6 Top World Grandmasters fighting for a total prize fund of around 165.000 EUR.

**Introduction to Tornelo**  
Quick start guide to running events

A free 45-minute seminar providing a quick overview and instruction in the main features of Tornelo for Organisers and Arbiters.  
Monday 9 November @ 15:00 CET

Presented by David Cordover



**Quick start guide to running events**

**Monday 9 November @ 15:00 CET**

In cooperation with the European Chess Union

Presented by David Cordover (Founder Tornelo.com)

Duration 45 minutes + questions (Start time 14:00 UTC)

Tornelo is the official tournament management platform of the European Chess Union. In this webinar we will provide a quick overview and instruction in the main features of Tornelo for Organisers and Arbiters.

- Creating an event
- Inviting players and account creation
- Importing player lists and pairings
- Running an event with online games
- Control of games in progress

**European Chess Union**

**Register Now**

\* Αναρτήσιμα

European Chess Union and its official Partner Tornelo organise a free webinar on Monday 9th November (15.00 CET) on how to use the server organising chess events.

# INTRODUCTION TO TORNELO - WEBINAR

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he invitation is for European federations, clubs, organisers, arbiters but can be extended or rescheduled and for the other continents according the interest. The last three months ECU worked intensively with Tornelo in order to present a new way for the organisation of #Chess events.

The new role model presented through 3 official ECU online competitions and have been already adopted from major organisations, federations and organisers.

You can register here for free:  
<https://home.tornelo.com/webinar/>

### MEET GM KOZUL ZDENKO - European Champion 2006 10 questions by GM Adrian Mikhalchishin

#### 1 What are You doing in life in the current moment?

For many years I work for Croatian Chess Federation and last four years I am National Team Trainer. Still I am active as player-just recently I got silver medal in National Championship. But mostly I play in different Team Championships –except my native Zagreb, I play in German Bundesliga, Slovenian, Hungarian and Bosna Championships.

#### 2 Your recollections with meetings with World Champions?

In my long career I met many World Champions, but the most dear for me are two tournaments and two games with legendary Misha Tal, in Tbilisi 1988. And Marseilles 1989. I achieved even positive score 1,5-0,5 but the most important was to spend time and analyse post mortem with him. After Marseille tournament it was big reception with important persons and in one moment Misha told me –let us sit on the road and have a good smoke!

#### 3 Your best game

I can not say the best, but the most adventurous was definitely game Kjetil Lie - Kožul, Tromsø 2014.

#### 4 Which Your achievement You consider to be most important.

Nominally my best achievements are –Title of European Champion 2006 and place among World Top 16 on World Championship 2004. But for me very important are numerous wins in Opens all around Europe plus many team titles in surrounding countries-around 50! Plus three wins in European Cups with my Bosna Sarajevo!

#### 5 Best and most important chess books.

Let us say My System, Aron Nimzowitsch

#### 6 How did You start Your career.

It was usual for young players from my surroundings- it started first playing Mother and Father at home, then school competitions, chess club school then tournaments and later decision to become professional chess player.



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#### 7 Your favorite openings.

Easy answer... Sicilian Defence and Kings Indian for my whole chess career!

#### 8 Who was the most difficult and easiest opponent during Your career.

I don't want to comment about easiest opponent, but most difficult were Mickey Adams and then Kirche Georgiev.

#### 9 Non chess –best, book, film and singer for You.

Book : The Secret of The Kingdom, Mika Waltari,  
Film : I am not special filmofil, but I enjoyed to see few times film Ben Hur,  
Singer : Roy Orbison

#### 10 Favorite city, food and drink.

City : Zagreb Of course, I am very subjective, but it is really great place to live. To play chess –the best place is Bled, Slovenia!  
Food-definetly good steak!  
Drink – I am not interesting here, as all my career I use to drink just water

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## Fair play and good manners in chess



What is a fair play in chess and what are its limits? Or maybe there aren't any? This time, in the arbiter's corner, we present two cases bordering on the rules of chess, fair play and good manners.

**First case** – in a blitz tournament, one of the players playing black has a completely winning position. He promoted a pawn into the Queen, "checking" the opponent. Unfortunately, by mistake he promoted his pawn into the Queen of opposite color (the color of the opponent pieces).

The opponent replied by king, escaping under the check. Having realized the situation, the black player tried to change "his" Queen into black piece, but the opponent didn't agree and called the arbiter.

The arbiter stated that an incorrect move has been made (promotion of a pawn into a Queen of the opposite color), but since the opponent has not complained about it and another move has already been made, the game should be continued with the "bad" white Queen.

The black player resigned. This time we don't ask if the arbiter did the right thing, but if the white player broke the fair play principles, seeing the opponent's mistake and benefiting from it?

In my opinion, it would undoubtedly be very noble if he let the opponent replace the queen, but on the other hand, chess is a game of mistakes, so if the opponent makes them they can be used. What do you think about it?

**The second case** – in a rapid tournament, the player playing white has an exchange up but the position is still so complex, that there is no clear way for winning. He has about a minute and a half left on the clock.

He made a move and his opponent having about eight minutes on his clock, started thinking and after about two minutes later held out his hand and said "Okay, I won't continue this".

The white player, a bit surprised, shook the opponent's hand and, convinced that black has resigned, reported the win to the arbiter.

After making the pairing for the next round, black player complained to the arbiter, that he has half a point less and his previous game ended in a draw.

He claimed that white offered a draw and he agreed.

What should the arbiter do?

The mere handshake can be interpreted both as agreeing to a draw and also as resignation, although it does not mean anything in itself.

So it would be appropriate to interpret the words "Okay, I won't continue that", but what do they mean? They can also be interpreted in two ways, but I think if someone says they will not continue, it means resignation rather than agreeing to a draw.

The arbiter asked the players to reconstruct the position, what white player did and black agreed that position is correct. Based on unclear, complex position, the arbiters decided to change the result into the draw.

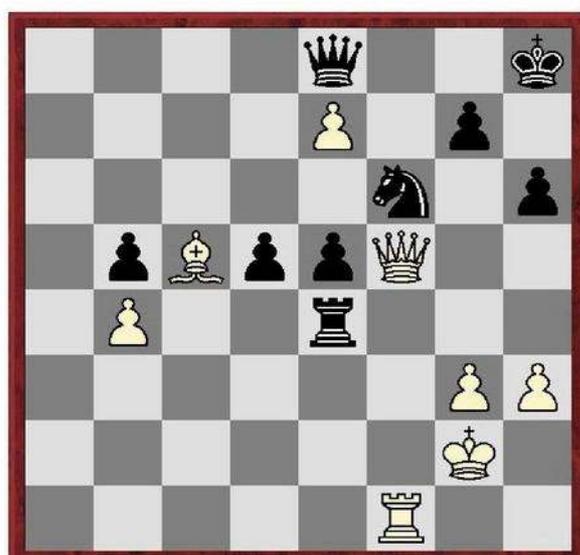
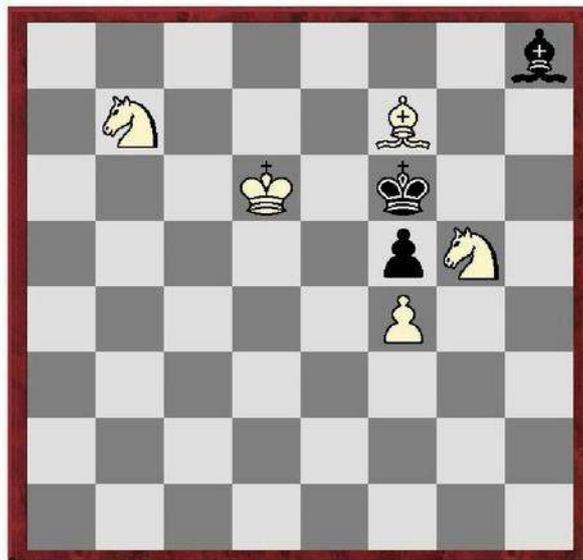
What do you think about it?

The lesson from the second case is that it is very important good to be sure what kind of intention has the opponent before shaking his hand.

But how to do this in good manner way? I remember from my own practice when I reached out my hand to my opponent, who was a teenage boy, with the intention of resigning, and he asked loudly to the entire playing hall "do you resign", I felt very confused.

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# "The Queen's Gambit" by Netflix overwhelms the chess world

The Queen's Gambit, an American drama television miniseries based on Walter Tevis's 1983 novel of the same name, was released on Netflix on October 23rd.

Ever since then, the chessworld analyses, comments and watch the first episode of the series.

The Queen's Gambit is a fictional story which begins in the mid 1950s-1960s and follows the life of Beth Harmon, chess prodigy. The series follow her from the age of eight to twenty-two during her quest to become the world's greatest chess player while struggling with emotional issues and with drug and alcohol dependency.

*In this edition of the ECU E-Magazine we prepared for you three winning positions by Beth Harmon. White is on the move!*

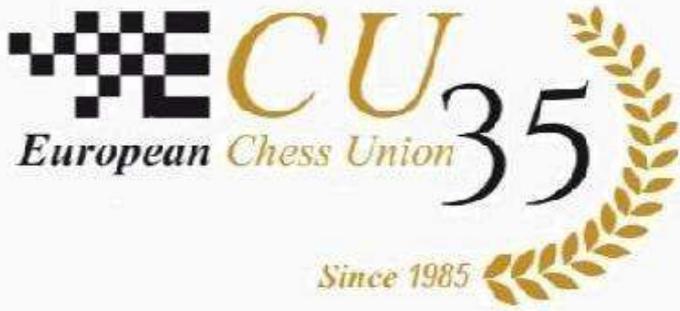
### Solutions from September

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1.Qd8+!! Kxd8 2.Rf8#

**#Puzzle 2**  
1.Qb8+!! Nxb8 2.Rd8#

**#Puzzle 3**  
1.Ne7+! Kh8 2.Ng6#

**#Puzzle 4**  
1.Rxg7+!! Kxg7 2.Qxh7#



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