

# AUSTRIAN CHESS FEDERATION

## Styrian Association

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (EUYCC) U08 - U14

Mureck, August 1 - 9, 2025



### General Information

#### Invitation

The Styrian Chess Federation is pleased to invite your federation to participate in the **22<sup>nd</sup> European Union Youth Chess Championship 2025**, to be held in Mureck.

#### Participation

Each federation may register one player (boy or girl) for each of the following age groups: U8, U10, U12, U14 (date of birth reference: January 1, 2025).

Additional players (extra players) may also be registered.

Eligible to participate are all citizens of an EU or Schengen state, as well as Ukraine and Kosovo. The organizers do not provide support for visa applications.

#### Important:

All participants (players, parents, coaches, and accompanying persons) must stay in the officially designated accommodations arranged by the Organizing Committee. Direct bookings are not allowed. If accommodations are booked independently, an additional organizational fee of € 80 must be paid in advance.

#### Registration and participation conditions

Registration deadline: June 15, 2025 (early registration is recommended).

The registration must include:

First name(s) and surname(s), Date of birth and FIDE ID of each player

Telephone number and email address of all participants (including accompanying persons).

Please use the provided registration form and submit it via email to the organizer.

Travel expenses are the responsibility of the participants or their respective federations.

Participation fee:

Each player (whether invited or extra) and one invited coach must pay € 100 in advance to the organizing committee.

Final acceptance of registration is subject to the timely receipt of all payments.

## Accommodation and meals

Accommodation will be provided in Mureck and the surrounding area.

If a federation registers at least two players, the invited players (one per category) and one coach receive free double- or triple-room (or apartment) accommodation with breakfast from Friday, August 1 to Saturday, August 9, 2025.

All payments must be made via bank transfer (in euros only), by June 15, 2025, based on the proforma invoice.

The organizers make every effort to accommodate everyone as satisfactorily as possible and as close to the venue as possible. We are aware that the accommodation situation in Mureck can be challenging and therefore kindly request that you contact us as early as possible.

If you have special requirements – such as higher standards or a preference for self-catering accommodations – please let us know. We will do our best to find a suitable option and adjust the prices accordingly.

### Standard accommodation:

(Overnight stay with breakfast, in Mureck or nearby)

**Category A:** various accommodations (guesthouses/holiday apartments...)\*

Double or triple room:	€ 49 per person
Single room:	€ 59 per person

**Category B:** Mureck Hostel ([see the pictures](#))\*\*

Double or triple room:	€ 39 per person
Single room:	€ 49 per person

### Add-on options:

New this year: meals will be served in the dining hall at the Mureck Hostel (about 200 meters from the venue) instead of in the tennis hall.

Half board (lunch):	+ € 10 per person/day
Full board (lunch + dinner):	+ € 20 per person/day

*(Example: If you book full board, it's an additional € 20 per person/day on top of the base price for overnight stay with breakfast.)*

\* The organizer will try to accommodate delegations together whenever possible, although this cannot be guaranteed

\*\* Only ~ 200m from the playing venue; simple but clean rooms with daily cleaning. Communal showers with private shower cabins. In 2024, each room had its own shower.

### Bank Account:

Bank: Steiermärkische Bank & Sparkassen AG  
IBAN: AT34 2081 5000 4357 3476  
BIC/SWIFT: STSPAT2GXXX  
Bank Adress: 8010 Graz, Sparkassenplatz 4  
Account Holder: Österreichische Schachjugend

### Venue and Arrival

Kulturzentrum Mureck, Lorberplatz 4, A-8480 Mureck,

Mureck is located approximately 59 km south of Graz, near the Austrian–Slovenian border.

## Schedule

Friday	August 1	15:00 – 22:00	arrival of delegations, registration
Saturday	August 2	14:30	opening ceremony
		15:00	Round 1
Sunday	August 3	09:30	Round 2
		15:00	Round 3
Monday	August 4	15:00	Round 4
Tuesday	August 5	09:30	Round 5
		~15:00	international blitz tournament
Wednesday	August 6	15:00	Round 6
Thursday	August 7	09:30	Round 7
		~15:00-18:30	excursion Motorikpark Gamlitz ( <a href="#">website</a> – <a href="#">3D tour</a> ) (Please note that the organizer does not provide supervision during the excursion. Each delegation is responsible for overseeing its own participants)
Friday	August 8	15:00	Round 8
Saturday	August 9	09:30	Round 9
		~14:30	closing ceremony, departure

## Rules and regulations

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds.

National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings.

The time control will be 90 minutes for the entire game plus 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move one.

Boys and girls in each category play in the same tournament but are ranked separately.

The tiebreak will be

- (1) Buchholz cut -1
- (2) Buchholz
- (3) Sonneborn-Berger
- (4) greater number of wins

Default time is 15 minutes for each round.

The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only through the arbiters in the cases of perpetual check or threefold repetition.

The organizer reserves the right to combine groups if a group has fewer than 16 players.

## Prizes

The top three players in each group will be awarded trophies

The top three girls in each group will be awarded separately with trophies

## Organizing Committee

Prof. Kurt Jungwirth (Honorary Vice President of FIDE & Honorary President of the Austrian Chess Federation)

Michael Stöttinger (President of the Austrian Chess Federation)

## Chief arbiter

IA Herrmann Wilfling

## Tournament director

Mag. Philipp Raeke

## Miscellaneous

24 boards will be broadcast live. All EUYCC games are uploaded to the game database with the chess-results on the same day. The results are continually updated during the rounds.

Snacks, coffee and drinks etc. can be purchased on site.