2nd ADULTS' / JUNIOR / SENIOR
European Chessminton Championships (ECC)

European Championships in the Age Groups U25 / Adults / 35+ / 45+ in

Chessminton, the new hybrid sport combining chess and badminton

July 25, 2026 in Waghäusel (Germany)

INVITATION (last update: 2026-06-21)

Organizer: Badminton department SSV Waghäusel

Governing Body: German Chessminton Federation (Verband Chessminton Deutschland e.V.)

Date: July 25, 2026 (Saturday): **starting 09:30 Mixed doubles & doubles**
starting 12:00 Singles

The exact schedule will be published 1 day in advance at chessminton.de/ecc2026.

Location: Rheintalhalle, Rheinstr. 26, 68753 Waghäusel, Germany

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Registration: chessminton.de/ecc2026 (or via e-mail to info@chessminton.de)

These European Championships are open to anyone residing in a European state or holding the citizenship of a European state. In case of doubt, evidence must be provided. Furthermore, players must be able to prove their identity with a valid ID during the tournament.

Age groups: **Adults**: any age* **U25**: born 2002 or younger
35+: born 1991 or elder **45+**: born 1981 or elder
*(*Players born 2015 or younger will generally not be admitted)*

Disciplines: Women's Singles (WS), Men's Singles (MS), Women's Doubles (WD), Men's Doubles (MD), Mixed Doubles (MX); Every player can be registered in 3 disciplines.

Events/Entries:

WS Adults	24						
MS Adults	24	**MS U25**	16	**MS 35+**	16	**MS 45+**	16
WD Adults	16						
MD Adults	16			**MD 35+**	16		
MX Adults	16						

Numbers indicate the maximum number of permitted players/pairs. Some disciplines might be cancelled in case the number of participants is low.

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WCC: The ranking at the 1st and 2nd European Chessminton Championships in the events WS Adults, MS Adults, MD Adults, MX Adults, MS 35+, MD 35+ will be decisive for the qualification for the **World Chessminton Championships (WCC)**, which will take place in late 2026 or early 2027.

Entry fees: **20 EUR** per player and discipline; For withdrawals after July 12, 2026, the entry fees for eligible players must be paid regardless of the reason. The entry fee is due upon registration and must be **transferred** to the following account:

Recipient: Verband Chessminton Deutschland e.V.

IBAN: **DE19 8306 5408 0005 4324 80**

Bank: VR-Bank ABG-Land / Skatbank (BIC: GENODEF1SLR)

Registration by: **July 18th, 2026 (Thursday) – closing date of registration**

Awards: Cups (for 1st and 2nd place), medals (for 3rd place) and certificates (for 1st to 3rd place)

Tournament system: Knockout system (group system also possible if the number of participants is low)

At least 25% of the players will be seeded, and the seeding list will be determined based on the sum of the two indicators (see below under "Admission, paragraph 2"). The tournament bracket will be set up so that in a pure knockout system, the first seed can potentially play the fourth seed, and the second seed can play the third seed in the semifinals.

If a group system is used, a win in a group match will be scored **2:0** as group points, a loss will be scored **0:2** as group points, and a draw (i.e., a tie after four phases) will be scored **1:1** as group points. The respective ranking in the group is determined by:

a) the difference in group points from all group matches,

b) if a) is not decisive: the difference in points from all four phases of all group matches;

c) If b) is not decisive: the point difference from the first and second phases of all group matches;

d) If c) is not decisive: the draw.

If a match is withdrawn before the start of the match, the match will be scored 0:44 (0:88 in doubles/mixed doubles) against the withdrawing side.

If a match is withdrawn after the start of the match, the match will be scored as follows: All phases that could not be completed or started due to the abandonment will be scored 0:11 (0:22 in doubles/mixed doubles) against the withdrawing side; for all other phases, the phase result remains.

Admission:

If there are more registrations than the number of entries, the players will be admitted as follows:

1) In all disciplines, the admission of players is based on whether an official nomination has been received from the responsible national chessminton federation of a European country. This ensures that as many different European countries as possible are represented in each age group. In all disciplines, two entries are reserved for the host country, Germany, which will be nominated by the German Chessminton Federation.

2) If there are more or fewer entries (i.e. starting spots) than corresponding nominations at the time of the registration deadline, the admission of players in all disciplines will be based on the sum of the following two indicators (cut-off date: April 30th, 2026):

A. National badminton ranking position (NR) in the respective age group in one of the three disciplines (singles/doubles/mixed), expressed as the result of the calculation formula „$\left(1 - {}^{NR}/_{100}\right) * \left({}^{WTRP}/_{4918}\right)$“, wherein this value is max. 1 and min. 0 and the world team ranking points WTRP of the respective European country are determined from the "BWF World Team Ranking - Total Points" (https://bwfbadminton.com/rankings/?id=3, as of January 6, 2026); instead of the national badminton ranking position, the best achieved ranking (BR) in one of the three disciplines (singles/doubles/mixed) at an official BEC tournament between January 1, 2025, and April 30, 2026, expressed as the result of the calculation formula „$\left(1 - {}^{BR}/_{50}\right)$“ can also be used. If a national badminton ranking position is not available, this ranking position may be estimated provided that the player has participated in at least two national badminton individual competitions or at least two seasons in national badminton league competitions in the last four years;

B. ELO chess rating (Blitz ELO if available, otherwise Rapid ELO if available, otherwise Classic ELO) – in relation to the score 2900 (maximum value is 1).

If both indicator A and indicator B are greater than zero for a player, this player will receive a Chessminton bonus of 0.5 points. If the total sum of indicator A and B (and the Chessminton bonus) is exactly the same for 2 players, indicator B is considered first, followed by indicator A. If these are also identical for 2 players, the draw decides.

3) In all disciplines, two entries are reserved for the 2025 European Chessminton Champions and the Runners-Up.

4) <u>Substitutions</u>: If eligible players withdraw after the draw, players on the waiting list can still substitute the withdrawing players up to 10 minutes before the start of the respective discipline. In doubles/mixed doubles, this also applies to individual players of the doubles pairing.

Rules: **Chessminton variant „STANDARD“** (see official rules of the *German Chessminton Federation* on chessminton.de/rules)

1st phase: 5-minute Blitz chess game (without increment)

2nd + 3rd phase: In each phase one Badminton game up to 11 points

4th phase: 5-minute Blitz chess game (without increment)

Chess games are scored in a badminton-like manner, from 11:0 to 11:9, based on the winner's time used by the end of the game ("winner's time"): The winner receives 11 points, and the loser receives 1 point for every 30 seconds of surviving the winner's time (0 points for winner's time of < 30 seconds or 9 points for winner's time of > 4 minutes 30 seconds). A draw is scored 11:10 for Black; for details, see the table below:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Chess-minton level	Remaining time of the winner at the end of the game shown on the clock	The winner's time used by the end of the game ("winner's time")	The winner who has the remaining time shown on the clock (column 2) or the winner’s time used by the end of the game (column 3) wins with the following fine score:
0	≥ **4:30** minutes	< 0:30 minute	**11:0**
1	≥ **4:00** minutes	< 1:00 minute	**11:1**
2	≥ **3:30** minutes	< 1:30 minutes	**11:2**
3	≥ **3:00** minutes	< 2:00 minutes	**11:3**
4	≥ **2:30** minutes	< 2:30 minutes	**11:4**
5	≥ **2:00** minutes	< 3:00 minutes	**11:5**
6	≥ **1:30** minutes	< 3:30 minutes	**11:6**
7	≥ **1:00** minutes	< 4:00 minutes	**11:7**
8	≥ **0:30** minute	< 4:30 minutes	**11:8**
9	> **0:00** minute	< 5:00 minutes	**11:9**

The points from all four phases are added together, and the player/pair with the highest total points wins (in knockout rounds, in the event of a tie, the last player/pair to be in the lead after a completed phase wins).

In knockout rounds, the fourth phase is not played if the winner has already been determined after three phases.

In doubles/mixed doubles, two chess games are played between the two sides in the first and fourth phases (with the players from each side who did not play against each other in the first phase playing against each other in the fourth phase). In mixed doubles, the women play against the men in the first phase. Unlike in singles, the points from the two badminton games are multiplied by 2.

Tournament management: Representatives of the organizer and of the governing body

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Other: **1)** All players must be ready to play at the start of the event and throughout the tournament. The tournament organizers may consider a match lost if a player is not ready to play within two minutes of the second call.

2) All players may be required to operate the badminton scoreboard.

3) After the end of a chess game, players must restore the chess pieces to their initial position and reset the chess clocks to the starting time.

4) Hearing protection is permitted in chess.

5) In chess, the player who makes the second illegal move immediately loses the game.

6) The rest periods between individual phases should normally not exceed 120 seconds.

7) Players who have reached places 1 to 3 are required to participate in the awards ceremony. Otherwise, a penalty fee of EUR 90 per player will be charged.

8) The organizer will set up a cafeteria and offer food and drinks for sale.

Sustainability: For reasons of sustainability and climate protection, we recommend using public transport. The nearest train station is Waghäusel (approximately 4 km away).

Accommodation: Affordable overnight accommodation is available in the SSV Waghäusel clubroom. For more details, please send an email to info@chessminton.de.

Liability: The organizer / governing body assumes no liability for accidents and damages of any kind.

Changes: The organizer reserves the right to make changes, these changes will be announced by email or on the corresponding websites of chessminton.de.

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