



European Draughts Championship 2026

Open and Women



Qualifiers for the World Championship 2027

Rules & Regulations

1) Introduction

The organization of the European Draughts Championship 2026 has been allotted by the EDC to draughts club Hijken DTC (under the auspices of the Dutch draughts federation KNDB) and will take place from Saturday October 10th till Sunday October 18th.

2) Organizing committee:

Wim Koopman	Tournament Director
Bordini Carlo	President of EDC
Frans de Jonge	President of KNDB
Demasure Johan	Vice-President Vicary EDC
Tulva Tarmo	Vice-President and Tournament Director EDC
Jan Ekke de Vries	President of Hijken DTC

3) Following events will be played:

- a) **XXII European Championship**
- b) **XII European Women Championship**
- c) **European Rapid Championship**
- d) **European Women Rapid Championship**
- e) **European Blitz Championship**
- f) **European Women Blitz Championship**

4) General schedule

- a) 9th October 2026 (Friday) Arrivals
- b) 10th October till 16th October 2026
 - 12:00 Technical meeting in the venue (checking players list)
 - XXIII European Championship and XIII European Women Championship, with closing ceremony on 16th late afternoon
- c) 17th October 2026 European Rapid Championships
- d) 18th October 2026 European Blitz Championships
- e) 19th October 2026 (Monday) Departure

5) Participants

Tournament is open for each European player who accepts these rules & regulations and make the registration through his federation.

6) Playing room:

VOLTA

De Omloop 5, 9411 KA Beilen

<https://voltabeilen.nl/>

7) Official titles:

Individual

- a) European Champion
- b) European Women Champion
- c) European Rapid Champion
- d) European Rapid Women Champion

- e) European Blitz Champion
- f) European Blitz Women Champion
- Teams
- g) European Champion National Teams
- h) Women's European Champion National Teams.

8) Qualifiers for WC 2027

- a) Men: 5 places (max. 2/country) (see Annexes page 124: Annex 17 Appendix A point 7)
- b) Women: 7 places (max. 2/country) (see Annexes page 113: Annex 12 Appendix A point 7)

9) System of competitions:

- a) European Championship – classic games
Game rate: FMJD system of 90' for 45 moves followed by 30' fisher +30"/move
Tournament will be played in Swiss system (on Solkoff Truncated), 9 rounds.
- b) General Rules for all European Championships – Classic Games.
 - i) Final classification according FMJD Annex-III.
 - ii) In case of all criteria of challengers for first 3 places will be equal; a tie break should be played with 2 blitz games followed by superblitz if necessary.
 - iii) All rules concerning games and rights – duties of players/referees described in FMJD annexes are valid.
- c) European Championship – Rapid and Blitz
Time control: Fisher system, Rapid: 15'+5", Blitz: 5'+3".
The Championships Rapid and Blitz games will be played in the Swiss System, with 9 or less rounds depending on the number of participants.
Places will be appointed by the number of points obtained by participants. To determine the ranking place when the number of points is equal for several participants will apply the Standard FMJD Swiss criteria.

Schedule

Friday, October 9th

Arrival

Saturday, October 10th

11:00 Venue open
12:00 Checking players list and
Technical meeting
12:30 Opening EC (Classics)
13:30 Round 1

Sunday, October 11th

9:30 Round 2
15:00 Round 3

Monday, October 12th

13:30 Round 4

Tuesday, October 13th

13:30 Round 5

Wednesday, October 14th

09:30 Round 6
15:00 Round 7

Thursday, October 15th

13:30 Round 8

Friday, October 16th

9:30 Round 9
15:00 Main Closing ceremony

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 Registration European Rapid
Championships
9:30 First round

Sunday, October 18th

10:00 Registration European Blitz
Championships
10:30 First round
16:00 Rapid and Blitz Closing
ceremony

Monday, October 19th

Departure

10) National teams' classification.

- a) Before the tournament each federation can announce up to 5 players as a member of national team (4 for women).
- b) Team classification will be settled up based on results of 3 best members (2 for women) of national team:
 - a. Lowest sum of places
 - b. if equal – highest sum of points
 - c. if equal – higher place of best team player decides
- c) For teams with less than 3 (2 for women) players N+1 to the score will be added for absent players, where N=number of participants in the tournament.

11) Competition fees:

11.1) Fee for players of Federation that are Ordinary Members of EDC

12.1.1) XXII European Championship & XII European Women Championship

- a) Entrance fee is 100€ for the first 3 players from the federation Ordinary Members of EDC (. If more players, then for each next (4-...) entrance fee is 100€.
- b) In case the federation wants to pay in cash, it must be requested with the subscription and will cost 10€ extra per person. No debts at the start of the competition.
- c) Paying the fee is a federation duty, so the amount of fee from Federations will be counted not based on the players present in Beilen but based on the number of players in the applications. Without full participation fee paid by a federation, it is impossible for any player from that federation to play. In case of an extraordinary situation, a federation should inform EDC in written about changes. Only in this case fee for not-coming players can be reduced:
 - i) 100% if resignation before 25th September, 2026
 - ii) 50% if resignation before 30th September, 2026
 - iii) 0% if resignation after 30th September, 2026

13.1.2) Blitz Championship

- d) 40€ (per player)
- e) 20€ for youth aged up to 19 (born 2007 or later)

13.1.3) Rapid Championship

- f) 40€ (per player)
- g) 20€ for youth aged up to 19 (born 2007 or later)

11.2) Fee for players of Federation that are NO-Ordinary Members of EDC

Fee as in point 12.1) with an extra quota fixed in 10 € per each player per each championship.

11.3) bank account for fees

Competition fees must be paid through the following EDC bank account details.

Bank: Intesa Sanpaolo

Bank account named to: European Draughts Confederation

IBAN: IT88P0306909606100000190151

BIC/SWIFT: BCITITMM

Reason: EC 2026 federation's name, Numbers Players of EC Classic, Rapid, Blitz

Players for whom the registration fee is not paid before the opening ceremony, are not allowed to participate in the tournament.

12) Accommodation:

All costs for travel and visa expenses as well as traveling, food and lodging and visa expenses for players and accompanying persons must be paid by their national federations or by themselves.

Options for accommodation are listed on the official website, see <https://damweek.hijkendtc.nl/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/where-to-stay-2023v3.pdf>

Players hosted for free

The European Classic Champions men and women of Chianciano Terme 2024 will be hosted by the organization with a contribution of 90 € per day for a maximum of 8 days.

13) Application

Application exclusively by National Federations must be sent to the EDC office: registration@europedraughts.org and damweek@hijkendtc.nl at latest on **24th September 2026**.

EDC will not take into consideration any applications sent directly by the players.

14) With any questions concerning visa, hotels etc please contact koopmanwh@gmail.com or by phone: 0031-627060801.

15) Prize money:

a)	XXIII European Championship	6.000€
	1 st place	1.700€
	2 nd place	1.300€
	3 rd place	900€
	4 th place	700€
	5 th place	500€
	6 th place	400€
	7 th place	300€
	8 th place	200€
b)	XIII European Women Championship	3.100€
	1 st place	1100€
	2 nd place	700€
	3 rd place	500€
	4 th place	350€
	5 th place	250€
	6 th place	200€
c)	Teams	900 €
	1 st place	200€ 2x
	2 nd place	150€ 2x
	3 rd place	100€ 2x

d) Rapid and Blitz

Prize fund is 50% of the total inscription fees but not less than 1.200 € for blitz and rapid tournament, the spread to be determined.

In case of higher Money Prize fund will be shared before first round.

16) Main Referee and Jury d'Appel

The Main Referee will be Johan Demasure (Belgium).

The Jury d'Appel (appeal board) was nominated by EDC Executive Board on 3rd March, 2026, as following:

President of the Jury: Frank Teer (Netherland)

Members: Aare Harak (Estonia); Jan Zioltkowski (Germany)

Any protest to Jury d'Appel should be given in written form (in English) to the main referee not later than 10 minutes after the game. Each protest is valid only after paying a deposit of 100 euro. The deposit will be returned only if a protest will be accepted.

17) Official website

Official competition website: <https://damweek.hijkendtc.nl/>

Live games will be shown at <https://live.kndb.nl/>

18) Other information

In the case of something not being clear in the FMJD regulations or in this regulation, the decision will be made by the main referee in consultation with the organization and the EDC tournament director.

19) How to reach Beilen

Beilen can be reached by train from any airport in The Netherlands. Check <https://www.ns.nl/> for trains and <https://9292.nl/> for general public transport information and planning.

Furthermore, if requested in advance (at least one week before to koopmanwh@gmail.com), the organization can provide pick-up from Beilen station upon arrival.

By car: Highway A28 or provincial road N381.

Hijken, 6th March 2026

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