



15th European Chess Solving Championship
April, 24-26, 2020 Poltava, Ukraine

INVITATION

The Ukrainian Chess Composition Committee of the Ukrainian Chess Federation, Poltava Region Chess Federation, Poltava City Organization of Poltava Region Chess Federation have their honor to invite the European national teams and individual solvers of Europe and World to participate in the 15th European Chess Solving Championship. The event will be held from Friday, April 24rd of 2020 (*arrival*) till Monday, April 27th of 2020 (*departure*) at the Poltava Palace of Culture (Maidan Nezalezhnosti square, 5). Accommodation offered is the Hotel “Almaz” (further information is provided below).

SCHEDULE

- Registration: Friday April 24, 14.00-15.00
- Captains’ meeting: Friday, April 24, 16:00-16:45
- Open solving tournament: Friday, April 24, 17:00-20:00
- ECSC 1st day: Saturday, April 25, 09:00-13:00
- Excursion (Dinner), Saturday, April 25, 13:30
- Solving show, Saturday, April 25, 18:00-19.30
- ECSC 2nd day: Sunday, April 26, 10:00-14:30
- Closing ceremony: Sunday, April 26, 16:00 (approximately)

- Departure: Monday, April 27

ACCOMMODATION

We kindly suggest our participant to use the accommodation offer provided by our partner Hotel “Almaz”, which is located in the historical and business center of Poltava.

- Website: www.almaz.poltava.ua/en
- Address: Kyiv Highway street, bl. 60, Poltava, Ukraine
- Phone: +380 (96) 307 0900, +380 (66) 711 7772
- Email: hotel.almaz@ukr.net

Hotel “Almaz” is always glad to offer you modern rooms equipped with all the necessary things. Each room has everything needed for a traveler: air conditioner, satellite TV, WiFi access.

At your service for additional payment: a beauty salon, a private brewery and a travel agency.

Prices per day (breakfast included):

- **Standard.** Double and triple rooms combined in section with two other suits. Equipped with comfortable single beds, a refrigerator and a TV. Suits have a toilet and a shower, hot water is available 24/7.

Price: from €8

- **Junior Suite.** Each room has a bathroom, single and double beds, a TV, a refrigerator, an air conditioner and some dishes.

Price: from €15

- **Suite.** Double room suit has a living room, a bedroom and one bathroom. The living room is equipped with comfortable furniture, a coffee table and a TV. The bedroom has a double bed or two single beds.

Price: from €20

TRANSPORTATION

There are a few options for the participants to get to Poltava. Unfortunately, currently we don't have an airport available for passenger flights in our city, so we highly recommend all participants to take a flight to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, and then take a bus or a train to Poltava. We hope you'll find our guide simple and useful. Don't hesitate to contact the organizing committee in case you have any questions.

The detailed information about possible ways you can get to Poltava is available at this link.

MEALS

Accommodation prices include breakfast only. Participation fee includes excursion with a dinner.

SPONSORS

The official sponsor of the Championship is Oilfield engineering service company Endavour <https://endv.com.ua/>

DIRECTORS, ORGANIZERS, INFORMATION

Organizers are Valeriy Kopyl (+38093 391 72 86, e-mail: v.kopyl@i.ua) assisted by Yana Kopyl (+38093 3 000 555, e-mail: yasja@ukr.net)

Director of the ECSC **Ivan Denkovski** ([MKD](#))

Director of the open solving tournament will be Valeriy Kopyl (+38093 391 72 86, e-mail: v.kopyl@i.ua)

The email of the championship is: ecsc2020poltava@gmail.com

All the information about the championship will be published on the site: <https://www.wfcc.ch/> and <http://www.chess-kopyl.com.ua/ua/>

VISAS

The organizing committee will provide invitation for visas if required. Teams or players who need visas are kindly asked to contact the organizing committee.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is 45 € and includes access to all activities including excursion.

APPENDIX

How to get to Poltava

Case 1. If you arrive to Kyiv arrive by airplane. Kyiv – Poltava distance is 365 km. We have two airports in the city of Kyiv, so pay attention at which one you are arriving.

1. Boryspil Airport.

Option 1. You can get to Poltava from Boryspil Airport by comfortable buses of transport companies mentioned in the **Table 1**, which you can find in the appendix of this document.

Buses depart every hour, collecting passengers from both Terminal D and Terminal F. It is highly recommended to reserve a seat at a bus by phone or with assistance of organizing committee of the championship indicating the exact date, time, airport and terminal of your arrival.

Option 2. Take a train from the Central Railway Station.

If you arrive to the Terminal F you firstly have to take a shuttle bus to the Terminal D. The bus stops on Your left when You leave the Terminal F.

If you arrive to the Terminal D (or after you arrive to the Terminal D), look for the signs “*Kyiv Boryspil Express*”, which will take You directly to the Railway Station in the city of Kyiv for around 3 Euro. The station for this express is located on the right side when You leave the Terminal D. You can purchase the tickets inside the Terminal as well. Also, You can always take a Shuttle Bus from the airport to the same Railway Station but it will cost you just 1 Euro more.

The timetable of the “*Kyiv Boryspil Express*” is available here: www.kbp.aero/en/kyiv-boryspol-express.

After You arrive to the Central Railway Station, there are a few trains you can take to get to Poltava. We highly recommend You to buy the tickets online in advance on the Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railway) website: www.uz.gov.ua/en.

There are also certain trains we recommend You to take in order to travel fast and comfortable from Kyiv to Poltava (up to 05.09.2019, routes may change in

future) and we recommend our participants to see the timetable in the **Table 2A**, which You can find in the appendix of this document.

Other option depending on the time which works best for You are also available in the **Table 2B** on the same page in the appendix.

2. Zhuliany Airport. Firstly, You need to get to the Central Railway Station with a trolleybus #9, which stops near the airport. Or You can take a taxi (it will cost you something around 15 Euro).

Option 1. There is a bus station 100 meters away from the main entrance of the Central Railway Station. The buses of the transport companies mentioned below depart from this bus station. Usually from the platforms #1 and #2.

You can find the list of the bus companies which provide such transportation services in the **Table 1** in the appendix of this document.

It is highly recommended to reserve a seat at a bus by phone or with assistance of organizational committee of the tourney indicating the exact date, time, airport and terminal of your arrival.

Option 2. After You arrive to the Central Railway Station, there are a few trains you can take to get to Poltava. We highly recommend You to buy the tickets online in advance on the Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railway) website: www.uz.gov.ua/en.

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Case 2. If you arrive to Kyiv by train to the Central Railway Station.

Option 1. There is a bus station 100 meters away from the main entrance of the Central Railway Station. The buses of the transport companies mentioned below depart from this bus station. Usually it is platforms #1 and #2.

You can find the list of the bus companies which provide such transportation services in the **Table 1** in the appendix of this document.

It is highly recommended to reserve a seat at a bus by phone or with assistance of organizational committee of the tourney indicating the exact date, time, airport and terminal of your arrival.

Option 2. Also, there are a few trains you can take to get to Poltava from the Central Railway Station. We highly recommend You to buy the tickets online in advance on the Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railway) website: www.uz.gov.ua/en.

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Case 3. If you arrive by airplane to Kharkiv Airport. Kharkiv – Poltava distance is 141 km. In case You decide to take a flight to Kharkiv, You will firstly have to get to the Kharkiv Railway Station. We highly recommend You to take a taxi in this case due to complicated public transportation system in this city. But we will provide a detailed route to the Railway Station just in case below:

Walk from the airport to the bus station on *Romashkina street* and take a bus #1159 and get off on the 5th stop on the station “*Metro Gagarina station*”. There You will have to take a metro from “*Prospect Gagarina*” station to “*South Railway Station*” and the Railway Station is just 3 mins away.

So, when You are at the Kharkiv Railway Station, there are a few trains you can take to get to Poltava. We highly recommend You to buy the tickets online in advance on the Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railway) website: www.uz.gov.ua/en.

There are also certain trains we recommend You to take in order to travel fast and comfortable from Kharkiv to Poltava (up to 05.09.2019, routes may

change in future) and we recommend our participants to see the timetable in the **Table 3A**, which You can find in the appendix of this document.

Other option depending on the time which works best for You are also available in the **Table 3B** on the same page in the appendix.

In case of any question or if You want to take a bus from Kharkiv to Poltava, please, contact the organizing committee in order to get further instructions.

Table 1. Buses from Kyiv and Kharkiv to Poltava.

Bus company	Phone	Website
Zelenyy Slon (Green Elephant)	+380 (98) 932 0505 +380 (95) 932 0505 +380 (93) 932 0505	www.zs7.com.ua
Vladislav	+380 (50) 872 7272 +380 (67) 535 1424 +380 (93) 107 3000	

Table 2A. Recommended trains from Kyiv to Poltava.

Route	Departure	Arrival	Duration	Price, €
Route 712 K, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kostyantynivka	06:12 am	09:23 am	3:11	10
722 K, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kharkiv-Pas	06:45 am	09:55 am	3:10	10
724 K, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kharkiv-Pas	01:25 pm	04:35 pm	3:10	10
726 K, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kharkiv-Pas	06:02 pm	09:11 pm	3:09	10

Table 2B. Other trains from Kyiv to Poltava.

Route	Departure	Arrival	Duration	Price, €
112 JI, Lviv – Kharkiv-Pas	04:06 am	10:15 am	6:09	13
016 JI, Rakhiv – Kharkiv-Pas	04:35 am	08:34 am	3:59	16
142 III, Lviv – Bahmut	06:23 am	11:38 am	5:15	16

126 Л, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kostyantynivka	10:20 pm	03:54 am	5:34	6
064 К, Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky – Kharkiv-Pas	11:05 pm	03:18 am	4:13	15
138 К, Khmelnytsky – Lysychansk	11:12 pm	04:58	5:46	9

Table 3A. Recommended trains from Kharkiv to Poltava.

Route	Departure	Arrival	Duration	Price, €
725 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky	07:22 am	08:58 am	1:36	8
723 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky	01:15 pm	02:51 pm	1:36	8
721 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky	06:38 pm	08:14 pm	1:36	8

Table 3B. Other trains from Kharkiv to Poltava.

Route	Departure	Arrival	Duration	Price, €
142 П, Bahmut – Lviv	04:01 am	07:15 am	3:14	11
719 Д, Kharkiv-Pas – Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky	07:31 am	10:13 am	2:42	5
015 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Rakhiv	06:44 pm	08:47 pm	2:03	12
111 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Lviv	08:09 pm	10:57 pm	2:48	10
138 Д, Lysychansk – Khmelnysky	08:54 pm	1:51 pm	2:57	7
063 O, Kharkiv-Pas – Kyiv-Pasazhyrsky	11:16 pm	01:28 am	2:12	12