**1.Name of event**

 **Europa Zone Grand Prix Championship**

**2.A full description of an event**

**The EU Zone Grand Prix Championship** is open to all players from the federations belonging to the Europa Zone and players from countries belonging to the Europa Zone that do not have their own federation,

**In the first 9 months of the competition players can enter for norm tournaments ( ICCF-EU norms) depending on ELO above 1950.**

**A new group starts as soon** when **9 players enter in the same Elo grup.**

In each tournament players play not only for the **titel norms**,

but also for **qualification points which they collect for the qualification in the final tournament**.

My proposal is as follows

The first 3 places, if more than 50% of score is achieved in each tournament will be awarded

**3 points for 1st place,**

**2 points for 2nd place**

**1 point for 3rd place.**

If places **1 to 3 are split and no decision is found after additional rules**,

the points will be split between the players.

**also collect points for each game win** in tournament.

The **winner receives one point**

**Final Tournaments**

**Start Day 1st August 2024 End day 30th June 2026**

**Final tournaments are played with 15 players**.

**It is important to know that every player qualifies in final in the group no matter how many points he has collected.**

In each rating group, is sure that we have more than 15 player in different tournaments.

I calculate 100 players per rating group for medium groups.

But let's use our model with 50 players in a rating group.

The **first 15 players** with the most points will play in **final A** of this rating group.

For **final B**, **13 players play**

and for **final C and D**, **11 players each play in the final and again we have new possibilities to reach norms**

I propose a model of how we charge the entry fee for players.

**Every qualifying tournament has an entry fee, the final does not.**

Therefore the costs have to be calculated for the final tournament as well.

**we have 9 Elo groups according to rating**

**Group A ELO 2520 and above**

**Group B ELO 2475 and higher**

**Group C ELO 2425 and higher**

**Group D ELO 2350 and higher**

**Group E ELO 2275 and higher**

**Group F ELO 2200 and higher**

**Group G ELO 2100 and higher**

**Group H ELO 1950 and higher**

 **Group I ELO less than 1950**

**Prizes**

Each tournament the **first 3** will receive an **electronic certificate**.

For the finals I suggest that in **finals A the winner receives a small cup and the first 3 receive medals and certificates**.

For places **4 to 15, the players will only receive certificates.**

**The final certificates, medals and cups should be handed over at the Congress to the National Delegate for the players.**

**3.A rationale of event**

As we can see, the probability that a player who plays 2 or 3 tournaments has little chance to go in final

**The purpose of this tournament is to motivate people to play more and achieve norms and titles, and to motivate them to play to win, because they earn points for winning as well as points for placing.**

**The EU Zone organises all tournaments for 2 reasons:**

**1.players should have more offers and different offers for tournaments**

**and opportunities to achieve titles.( EU Zone Grand Prix Champion)**

**With more play, they will also have more opportunities to achieve Norms for ICCF or EU titles.**

 **2. ICCF has a restriction for players to play a Norm tournament only every 3 months.**

**The EU zone offers additional tournaments to close this time hole with new possible start of tournaments.**

**This way we will not lose the players but motivate them again to stay loyal to correspondence chess.**

**4.Timings of an event**

**EU Zone Grand Prix Championship**

**If we start 1st EU Zone Grand Prix Championship**

**in year 2022 on 1st july, Final will start 1st August 2024**

**We have on 30th June 2026**

**1st EU Zone Grand Prix Champion**

**Time Control**

50 days , starting bonus and then additional 3 days for each played move. with doubling after 20 days. 30 days live in each calendar year with end date after 18 months.

**The event will be rated and ICCFand EU Title norms will be possible to achieve.**

**Communication**

**Regular updates will be posted at** [**https://www.iccf-europa.eu**](https://deref-gmx.net/mail/client/hPWDMFHA7ts/dereferrer/?redirectUrl=https://deref-gmx.net/mail/client/bxGJiK01DS4/dereferrer/?redirectUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.iccf-europa.eu)

**Registration for 1st EU Zone Grand Prix Championship in year 2022**

**Each player can register unlimited, the only condition is that he pays the entry fee and that there are enough opponents in the same category to complete the tournaments.**

Start day for **registration**  is 1st July 2022

**Closing date for entries is 31st March 2023**