



ECU2030 Program:

ECU Special Task Committee: “Chess in Olympic Family” (COF)

Purpose

A dedicated ECU working structure to align European chess governance and federation pathways with the Olympic movement, and to coordinate a common European approach toward Olympic-family recognition and participation frameworks.

Mission

1. **Statutes & compliance:** Review and propose adjustments to ECU statutes and relevant rules to align with the **Olympic Charter** and **IOC principles/rules**.
2. **Mapping & coordination:** Compile and coordinate a structured overview of ECU member federations that are already members of their **National Olympic Committees (NOCs)**.
3. **Support pathway:** Support and guide federations that are not yet NOC members with a practical pathway toward NOC recognition (where applicable).
4. **Games direction:** Work on the strategic direction for inclusion of chess in the **European Olympic** and **European Youth Games** ecosystem (where frameworks allow).
5. **EOC cooperation:** Prepare and coordinate common projects with the **European Olympic Committees (EOC)**.

Composition

- Representatives from ECU member federations with **proven experience in NOC procedures**
- A small group of respected **athletes and Olympic champions** as ambassadors (where appropriate and available)
- Clear governance: chair/rapporteur, deliverables, reporting line, and annual work plan

Deliverables

- A **statutes/rules alignment note** (what needs review, what can be improved, timeline)
- An **NOC membership map** of ECU federations + contact points
- A **federation toolkit**: steps, templates, and guidance for NOC engagement
- A **project brief** for cooperation with EOC (scope, objectives, partners, compliance)

Why this matters

Chess already represents one of Europe's strongest mind-sports communities, with deep educational and social impact. A structured "Chess in Olympic Family" (COF) committee helps ensure ECU governance and federation pathways are aligned with the standards of the Olympic movement, while creating a coordinated framework for cooperation with National Olympic Committees and the European Olympic Committees.

In practice, this means clearer rules, stronger institutional credibility, better coordination among federations, and a more professional basis for long-term projects that support youth, education, inclusion, and high-performance chess across Europe.