



Ukrainian Charity Foundation
Chess for Children

Charity program





The All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation «Chess for Children»

The All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation “Chess for Children”

(UCF “Chess for Children”) was founded in Ukraine **in November 2012** by Women International Master (WIM) **Olena Boytsun**.

The Chess for Children foundation is implementing the following projects:

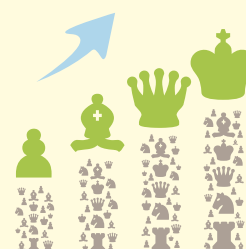
- ✓ Sozonov Award
- ✓ Literary chess (“Babish Gilzi plays chess”)
- ✓ Chess Ukraine
- ✓ Chess Posters
- ✓ Chess Holiday



The primary mission of the Foundation includes the following goals:



Discovering the potential of every child through engaging children into a game of chess



Creating opportunities for harmonious and all-round development of a child

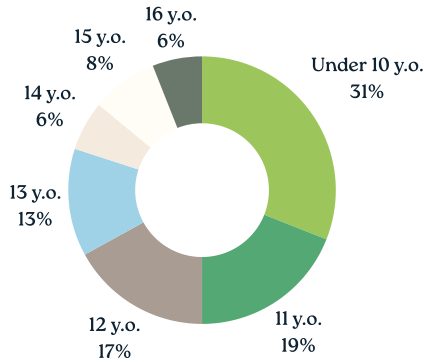


Popularisation of the game of chess and a healthy lifestyle in the society



Project Evgen Sozonov Award

PARTICIPANTS OF THE SOZONOV AWARD
COMPETITION BY AGE 2013-2024



In the period from **2013** to **2024**, the Chess for Children Foundation held a competition for the Sozonov Award ten times. All together **290** applications were submitted for the award, with 202 children (**136** boys and **66** girls) from all regions of Ukraine taking part in the competition. Most participants came from the city of Kyiv and the Kyiv region - **26%**, **14%** were from the Lviv region **7%** each from Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions.

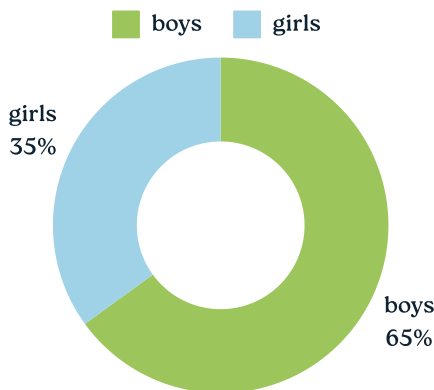
Award named after Evgen Sozonov is a private national annual award. It was established by **Olena Boytsun** in 2013 with the aim of supporting talented children aged between 10 to 16 years old, who show good results in both chess and school studies. The award was founded in memory of **Evgen Sozonov (1936–2011)**, candidate to master in chess, who was Olena’s grandfather and the first chess trainer.

« My grandfather not only taught me how to play chess, he showed me how interesting and big the world is, and how important it is to constantly learn and discover new things. He always noted the importance of all-round and harmonious development for young chess players, which was the main motivation for me to start the award »

Founder of the Sozonov Award
WIM Olena Boytsun

Since the launch of the Sozonov Award, **17** children (**11** boys and **6** girls) have become the winners of the competition. Until 2019, the Award was given to one winner in the general category from 10 to 15 years, since 2019 two age categories (10-13 years and 14-16 years) have been separated. The Sozonov Award for 2022 was awarded to **4** co-winners (2 co-winners in each age category). One participant won the contest twice: in 2020 and 2022.

SOZONOV AWARD WINNERS 2013-2024



Winners of the Sozonov Award for 2024



Rudenko Taras



Dehtiarov Roman



Winners of the Sozonov Award



2013

Skorobahatko Karina



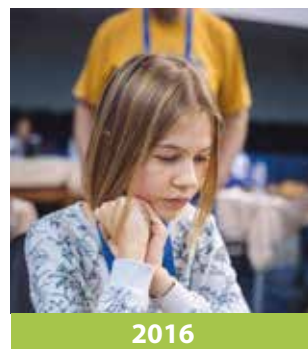
2014

Osadchuk Dmytro



2015

Scherbak Yaroslav



2016

Krasnokutskaya Sofiya



2019

Mitusov Semen
(10-13 years)



2019

Hryshchenko Kamila
(14-16 years)



2020

Samunenkov Ihor
(10-13 years)



2020

Hrebenshchykova Yelyzaveta
(14-16 years)



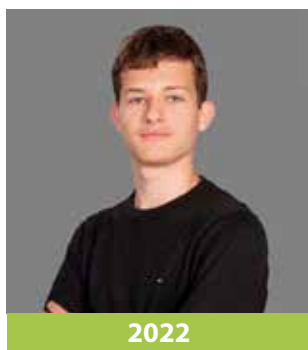
2021

Toktomushev Teimur
(10-13 years)



2021

Biletskiy Danylo
(14-16 years)



2022

Palchuk Andrii
(14-16 years)



2022

Prokofiev Valentyn
(14-16 years)



2022

Samunenkov Ihor
(10-13 years)



2022

Hnatyshyn Anastasiia
(10-13 years)



2023

Domin Yan
(10-13 years)



2023

Ivanytska Liudmyla
(14-16 years)



Projects

Chess Ukraine



The Chess Ukraine project supports promoting the all-round development of chess in Ukraine, in particular, facilitating the establishment and functioning of chess clubs, schools and groups, providing consulting and charitable support, chess equipment, educational literature, organising events, etc. The project includes cooperation with regional centres for the development of children chess, support for the established network of contacts of clubs and chess centres in Ukraine, and information campaigns to raise the status of the game of chess and the important role of a chess coach and manager in social processes.

Babish Gilzi plays chess



In order to encourage children to play chess the Foundation distributes free books and materials for children with the rules of the chess game, which are written in an entertaining style. The Founding President WIM Olena Boytsun is the author of the book "Babish Gilzi plays chess". The Foundation conducts events both for children, who are not yet studying in chess centres, and for young chess players, who are already playing chess.

Chess Posters



Within the Chess Posters project the Chess for Children Foundation aims to produce colourful chess-themed posters to popularise the game of chess among children. Posters are distributed free of charge throughout Ukraine among institutions of school and extra-curricular education, kindergartens, libraries, directly to the public during participation in exhibitions, etc. Since the beginning of the project in 2013 more than 15,000 posters have been distributed.

Chess Holiday



Within the Chess Holiday project the Chess for Children Foundation organises entertaining festivals and events for popularisation of chess in the community with the involvement of the press and the public. Activities included Chess Days on July 20th, chess quizzes, simultaneous sessions etc.





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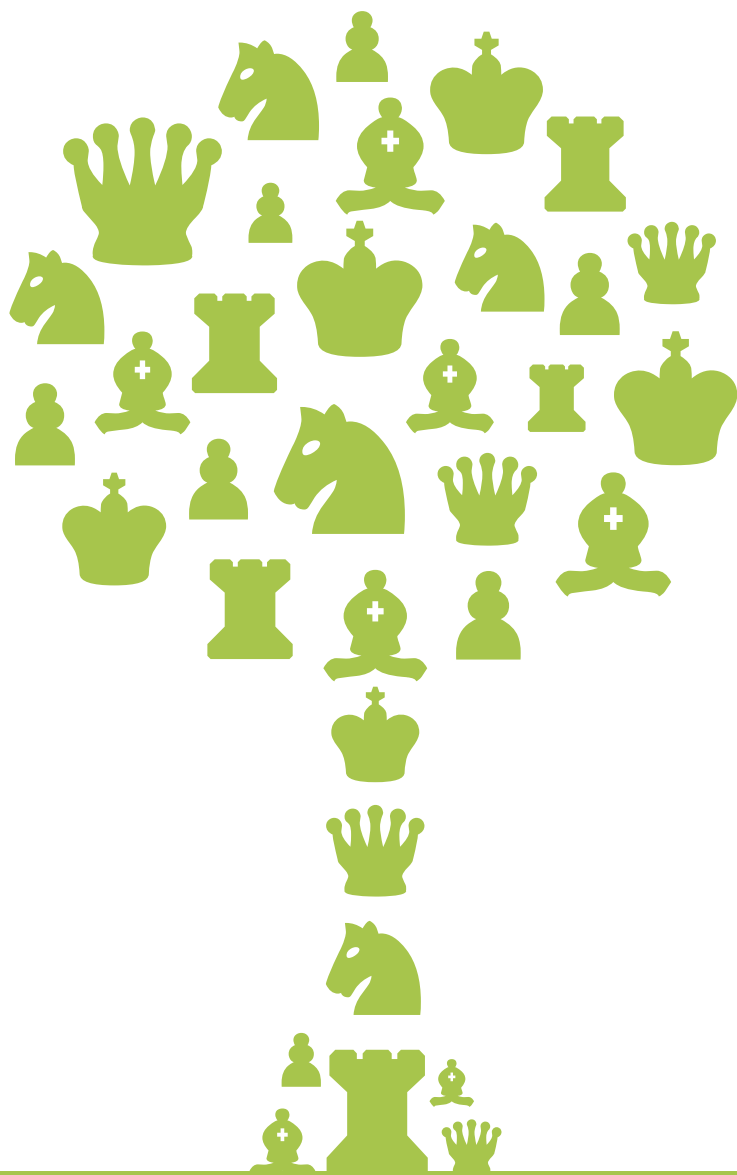
Founding President

The Founding President of the Chess for Children Foundation Olena Boytsun has devoted many years to the game of chess as a player, a manager and a promoter. Olena holds the titles of Women International Master WIM (2001) and International Organizer IO (2011). In 2012 Olena founded the Chess for Children Foundation and has been focusing on the development of charity programs of the foundation since then. More details about Olena's chess projects can be found on the website MarketingChess.com.



Olena is an international economist by education and leads projects in the impact investing field. She is the founder of the Tech&Society Communication Group (tech-and-society.group) and is an author of a series of books for children about Babish Gilzi and his friends (gilzi.online) and the fiction novel "In Oxford" (in-oxford.info)





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