

2. Qualification

2. 1. 103 players shall take part in WWCup. Players shall qualify for WWCup by the following paths:

- I. Reigning Women's World Champion as at 1 June 2025.
- II. Winner, runner-up and 2 other semi-finalists of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2023 – 4 players.
- III. World Girls Champion U-20 2024 – 1 player.
- IV. Qualifiers from the Continental events – 39 players.

For the purpose of distribution of 39 Continental spots the following system shall apply:

- a) 12 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each of 4 Continents is granted 3 spots;
- b) 4 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 4 girls in the January 2024 FIDE standard rating list.
 - Africa: 0
 - Americas: 0
 - Asia: 4
 - Europe: 0
- c) 23 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 23 female players in the January 2024 FIDE standard rating list.
 - Africa: 0
 - Americas: 0
 - Asia: 13
 - Europe: 10

| SPOTS | Africa | Americas | Asia | Europe |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Granted | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Top 4 girls | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Top 23 players | 0 | 0 | 13 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 3 | 3 | 20 | 13 |

The Continental events may be the following:

- a) Continental Championships and Zonals 2024
- b) Continental Championships and Zonals 2025

In Zonal Tournaments a player shall score at least 50% of the maximum possible score in order to be eligible; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.

All the Continental events are to be completed by 1 June 2025.

- V. Highest rated female players in the June 2025 FIDE standard rating list - 5 players, who have not qualified by any path from I to IV.

If the ratings are equal then the total number of rated games in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to June 2025 shall be decisive: the player who has played more games qualifies. If the numbers of games are equal, a drawing of lots shall decide.

A player who appears inactive at least once in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to

June 2025 shall not be eligible.

- VI. 50 players shall be determined according to the Final Ranking of the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2024 women's section.

The top 50 national federations are given one qualification spot (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad spot). If any federation is represented by 2 or more teams, it cannot get more than one Olympiad spot. Not more than 20 federations per Continent may get Olympiad spots. If there are more than twenty federations from the same Continent in top 50 of the Final Ranking, Olympiad spot(s) shall go to the next federation(s) in the Final Ranking.

Each Continent has the right to transfer up to 50 % * of the eventual respective Continent's Olympiad spots to Continental events (see [Article 2.1.IV](#)). Such a decision is to be announced by 1 March 2024. If this decision is taken, the remaining Continent's Olympiad spots shall be given to the best federations representing the respective Continent according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2024 women's section.

Each national federation having won the Olympiad spot needs to work out qualification criteria for its representative. The Olympiad spot shall be given to one of the Olympiad 2024 national team members. If all Olympiad 2024 national team members qualify to WWCup by other paths or decline participation, the spot can be given to any other player.

All the Olympiad spots are to be decided and announced by the federations between 1 and 10 June 2025.

* unless a higher number is approved by FIDE Council

- VII. Nominees of the FIDE President – 2 players.

- VIII. Nominees of the Organiser – 1 player.

2. 2. All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to III](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events IV a).

2. 3. All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to IV a\)](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events IV b).

2. 4. If any replacement is needed, it shall be done as follows:

- a. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. I, II, III](#) and [V](#) shall be replaced using the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path V](#).
- b. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. IV](#) and [VI](#) shall be replaced from their respective events. In Zonal Tournaments a replacement shall have scored at least 50% of the maximum possible score; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.