



Regulations for the FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2023

5 – 12 September, Bydgoszcz, Poland

1. Scope

- 1. 1.** The FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the Event) shall be organised from 5 to 12 September in Bydgoszcz, Poland.
- 1. 2.** Governing Body of the Event is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- 1. 3.** FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing Regulations, conducting inspections, communicating with the Organiser appointed by the Host Federation (hereinafter referred to as HF) and the participating Federations.
- 1. 4.** The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by GSC.
- 1. 5.** At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. Qualification

- 2. 1.** Twelve participating teams of the Event shall be determined according to the following criteria:
 - a) Four semi-finalists of the FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2021.
 - b) Best team by rating from each of the four Continents (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe): federations with the highest average rating of the best four female players in the FIDE Rapid June 2023 Rating List, not qualified by track 2.1.a. If two or more federations of the same Continent have equal average ratings, rating of the fifth best player of each federation shall be taken into account. If the average ratings are still equal, rating of the sixth player shall be taken into account etc.
 - c) Two teams representing federations with the highest average ratings of the best four female players in the FIDE Rapid June 2023 Rating List, not qualified by tracks 2.1.a. and 2.1.b. If two or more federations have equal average ratings, the federation whose fifth best player is rated higher shall determine which team is invited first. If the average ratings are still equal, rating of the sixth player shall be taken into account etc.
 - d) HF team. If this team is qualified by path 2.1.b or 2.1.c, the qualification spot goes to the next non-qualified team by rating as described in [Article 2.1.c](#).
 - e) One team nominated by the FIDE President.
- 2. 2.** If any replacements are needed including due to a withdrawal or a refusal of participation, the qualification spot goes to the next non-qualified team by average rating as described in [Article 2.1.c](#). The automatic replacements by average rating are in force until 4th reserve team, after which any replacement shall be subject to GSC decision.

3. Registration

- 3. 1.** Not later than eight weeks before the start of the Event, HF shall send the invitation to all Federations entitled to participate as well as to the top four reserve teams according to [Article 2.1](#).
- 3. 2.** Not later than seven weeks before the start of the Event, each team qualified for the Event shall confirm its participation to HF and GSC.
- 3. 3.** Not later than six weeks before the start of the Event, every participating Federation shall pay FIDE one thousand (1,000) euros entry fee for each participating team.
- 3. 4.** Not later than six weeks before the start of the Event, every participating Federation shall provide HF and GSC with the following details regarding the participating team:
 - a) Full name of the chief of delegation;
 - b) Full name of the captain;
 - c) Full name of each team member and her FIDE ID;

d) All required information related to visas.

3.5. The deadlines in [Articles 3.1. – 3.4](#) may be altered upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. Technical Regulations

4.1. Composition of Teams

4.1.1. Teams shall be made up of four main players and up to two reserves.

4.1.2. Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the main players or reserves. Each team's definite fixed board order shall be confirmed by the team's captain at the Technical Meeting (see [Article 4.3](#)). There is no requirement to assign board numbers in rating order. Each player shall be assigned a number from 1 to 6. This creates a board order, which cannot be changed and remains fixed throughout the tournament.

4.1.3. Each team's composition shall be announced by the team's captain not later than thirty minutes prior to the start of each regular match (see [Articles 4.2.1.1.3, 4.2.1.1.4, 4.2.1.2.3](#) and [4.2.1.2.4](#)) and not later than ten minutes prior to the start of each tie-break match (see [Article 4.2.1.2.5](#)). A team captain who fails to submit their team composition in a match shall be deemed to have chosen the players assigned to boards 1, 2, 3 and 4 in that match.

4.1.4. Each federation may be represented by a Chief of delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust the team captain, one of the main players or reserves. The Chief of delegation is responsible for all administrative matters and relations with GSC and HF.

4.2. Format & System

4.2.1. Stages

4.2.1.1. Stage 1. Pools

4.2.1.1.1. Twelve teams shall be divided into two pools of approximately the same strength. For this purpose, the participating teams shall be sorted by average ratings of their four highest-rated players in the FIDE Rapid August 2023 Rating List. If two or more teams have equal average ratings, then the order shall be determined by a drawing of lots.

The pools' composition shall be as follows:

Pool A: teams ranked 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12.

Pool B: teams ranked 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11.

4.2.1.1.2. Each pool shall play a round robin tournament, five rounds. Pairings for Stage 1 shall be made during the Opening Ceremony.

4.2.1.1.3. The time control is 45 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4.2.1.1.4. Each match is scored by match points. A winner gets 2 points, a draw gives 1 point to each team, a loss - 0 points. The top four teams of each pool shall qualify for Stage 2. Ties shall be broken according to the tie-break system described in [Article 4.2.1.1.5](#).

4.2.1.1.5. If the two or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a. Total number of gamepoints.
- b. Sonneborn-Berger (Matchpoints).
- c. Sonneborn-Berger (Gamepoints).
- d. Berlin System:
 - win on Board 1 – 4 points;
 - win on Board 2 – 3 points;
 - win on Board 3 – 2 points;
 - win on Board 4 – 1 point.

In case of drawn games, the points are shared.

If after the board-count, the tie is not broken, then the points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upward.

- e. Drawing of lots.

4.2.1.2. Stage 2. Play-off

4.2.1.2.1. Eight teams qualified from Stage 1 shall play a knock-out tournament.

4.2.1.2.2. The pairings shall be done as follows:

Quarter finals

Duel 1:	Winner of Pool A vs 4 th place of Pool B
Duel 2:	3 rd place of Pool A vs Runner-up of pool B
Duel 3:	4 th place of Pool A vs Winner of Pool B
Duel 4:	Runner-up of Pool A vs 3 rd place of Pool B

Semi-finals

Duel 5:	Winner of Duel 2 vs Winner of Duel 1
Duel 6:	Winner of Duel 3 vs Winner of Duel 4

Small Final

Duel 7:	Loser of Duel 6 vs Loser of Duel 5
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Final

Duel 8:	Winner of Duel 5 vs Winner of Duel 6
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4.2.1.2.3. The time control is 45 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4.2.1.2.4. Each duel consists of two matches. In the first match, the first-named team in a duel has white on the odd-numbered boards and black on the even-numbered boards in the first match; and white on the even-numbered boards and black on the odd-numbered boards in the second match. The tie shall be broken as described in Article 4.2.1.2.5.

4.2.1.2.5. In the event of a drawn duel (each team wins one of the two matches, or both matches are drawn), board points shall not be used as the tie-break. The tie shall be broken as follows:

- a. After draw of colours, a blitz match shall be played with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
- b. If the blitz match in Article 4.2.1.2.5.a is drawn, another blitz match shall be played with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. The colours shall be reversed.
- c. If the blitz match in Article 4.2.1.2.5.b is drawn, the procedure described in Article 4.2.1.2.5.b shall apply until the winner is determined.

4.2.2. Team Awards

4.2.2.1. The team which wins the final duel shall be declared World Women's Team Champion 2023.

4.2.2.2. The winner, the teams which finish 2nd and 3rd shall be awarded with FIDE trophies.

4.2.2.3. Every member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The runner-up team shall receive silver medals and the small final winner team shall receive bronze medals.

4.2.2.4. The three top finisher-teams shall secure their places in the next FIDE World Women's Team Championship.

4.2.3. Individual Board Awards

4.2.3.1. Players assigned to the same board number (including boards 5 and 6, see Article 4.1.2) in their respective team lists compete for individual board awards namely: gold, silver and bronze medals. A player needs to play at least five games to be eligible for a board award.

4.2.3.2. The board medals shall be awarded according to players' performance ratings (TPR) rounded up to the closest whole number.

4.2.3.3. If two or more players have equal TPRs, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a) Bigger number of games played.
- b) Drawing of lots.

4.3. Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Time Control
5 Sep		Arrivals	
	TBA	Opening Ceremony, Technical Meeting	
6 Sep	3 pm	Poole Stage. 12 teams. Two Pools of six teams each. Round Robins.	Round 1
	6 pm		Round 2
7 Sep	3 pm		Round 3
	6 pm		Round 4
8 Sep	3 pm		Round 5
9 Sep	3 pm		Quarter finals, Match 1
	6 pm		Quarter finals, Match 2
	8:30 pm		Tie-breaks
10 Sep	3 pm	Play-off. 8 teams. First four teams of each Pool. Knock-out	Semi-finals, Match 1
	6 pm		Semi-finals, Match 2
	8:30 pm		Tie-breaks
11 Sep	2 pm		Small Final & Final, Match 1
	5 pm		Small Final & Final, Match 2
	7:30 pm		Tie-break
	TBA	Closing Ceremony	
12 Sep		Departures	

4.4. Default Time

In case a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 15 minutes from the actual start of the game, her team shall be charged five hundred (500) euros, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise, depending on the circumstances of the delay. In case of delay of more than 15 minutes, the player loses the game (without financial penalty), unless the Chief Arbiter decides that the delay was due to an event of force majeure.

4.5. Draw by Mutual Agreement

The players cannot draw a regular game (45') by agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move in a regular game (45') is permitted only in cases of draw by threefold repetition or a stalemate.

4.6. Travel and Accommodation

4.6.1. HF is not responsible for reimbursing the travel expenses of the participating teams.

4. 6. 2. Free accommodation with full board in standard single rooms (4-star hotel minimum) shall be offered by HF to seven persons of each team in official hotel(s) located not more than 500 m from the playing venue from 5 September
- to 10 September – for the teams eliminated at group stage and in quarter finals;
- to 12 September – for the top four teams.

4. 7. Playing Venue

4. 7. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing venue and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organisation of Top-Level Tournaments ([FIDE Handbook C.01](#), see [Appendix 1.b](#)), amended by GSC if needed.

4. 7. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating federations.

4. 7. 3. HF shall provide, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the captains, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

4. 8. Playing Conditions

4. 8. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines ([FIDE Handbook, A10](#), see [Appendix 1.c](#)).

4. 8. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards shall be allowed in the playing area. A player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 8. 3. While her game is in progress, the players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player shall lose the current game.

4. 8. 4. The players are not permitted to bring in the playing area a telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 8. 5. While her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the current game shall be declared lost by the player.

4. 8. 6. Once finished her game, a player shall leave the playing venue and will not be allowed to come back until all the games are over.

4. 8. 7. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE Medical Commission according to WADA requirements and the FIDE Anti-doping Rules ([\(FIDE Handbook, B.12.01](#), see [Appendix 1.d](#)).

4. 8. 8. HF has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission and host country requirements.

4. 8. 9. The tournament physician(s) shall be available for the participants for the duration of the Event.

4. 9. Players and Captains' Conduct

4. 9. 1. The dress code shall be strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

4. 9. 1. 1. Dress code: neat shirt/blouse with a collar (with or without a pullover), neat jacket/blazer, neat trousers/skirt or dress.

4. 9. 1. 2. No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers/trainers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress shall be allowed in a playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

4. 9. 2. The captains are required to attend Technical Meetings called by the Chief Arbiter (unless the Chief Arbiter permits otherwise).

4. 9. 3. The teams are required to be present at all official functions during the tournament including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies (only for semi-finalists) as well as official receptions.

4. 9. 4. The players and captains are expected to co-operate reasonably with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game.

4. 9. 5. The players are required to make themselves available for post-game press conferences, of not more than 5 minutes duration,

immediately after the game.

4.9.6. The winner team is required to attend the final press conference after the Event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and the FIDE websites if requested by the FIDE Press Officer or the Organiser.

4.9.7. If a player or a captain fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 4.9.1 – 4.9.6](#), undermines the reputation of FIDE, HF and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, he/she may be penalised by the FIDE Council. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the Event. Such decisions can be taken only by FIDE Council.

4.10. Principles

The Principles are:

- a. FIDE President
- b. FIDE Deputy President and/or FIDE Director General;
- c. Chief Arbiter;
- d. Deputy Chief Arbiter;
- e. Two Fair-Play Officers;
- f. FIDE Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee;
- g. Two members of the Appeal Committee
- h. Press Officer;
- i. Representative of the FIDE Medical Commission (if needed);
- j. GSC member (if needed).

4.11. Arbiters and FIDE Fair-Play Officers

4.11.1. The Chief Arbiter, the Deputy Chief Arbiter and the FIDE Fair-Play Officers shall be nominated by FIDE.

4.11.2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy shall be present in a playing area.

4.11.3. HF shall appoint at least four Match Arbiters.

4.11.4. The Chief Arbiter is required to issue “Chief Arbiter’s Information” in consultation with GSC to inform details not covered by these Regulations.

4.11.5. Within one week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report shall contain the result of each individual game and a general description of the course of the event. If there are any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

4.12. Appeals Committee

4.12.1. The Appeals Committee shall be appointed and act in accordance with [FIDE Handbook, C11](#) (see [Appendix 1.e](#)).

4.12.2. Each protest shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of one thousand (500) euros or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

4.12.3. The Chairman of the Appeal Committee shall also fulfil duties of FIDE Technical Delegate (see [Article 4.13](#)).

4.13. FIDE Technical Delegate

4.13.1. The FIDE Technical Delegate is above the Organising Committee in all issues involving:

- a) fairness concerning the treatment of all teams in respect of organisational issues;
- b) equal playing conditions;
- c) fair-play measures.

4.13.2. The FIDE Technical Delegate can request, at the HF’s expense, any additional security arrangement he/she finds necessary in order to secure a fair and equal conditions for all the teams.

4.13.3. The Organiser shall implement the decisions of the FIDE Technical Delegate in all issues involving the above aspects before and during the Event.

4. 13. 4. Any decision of the FIDE Technical Delegate can be appealed only to the Appeals Committee.

4. 14. Ceremonies

4. 14. 1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to Round 1.

4. 14. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate, such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

4. 14. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the final. FIDE trophies (see Article. 4.2.2.2) and FIDE medals (see Articles 4.2.2.3 and 4.2.3.1) shall be awarded to the winners. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winners' nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

5. Media

5. 1. Website

The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: <https://worldwomensteams.fide.com>.

5. 2. Communications

5. 2. 1. All official written communications, in print or online form, shall identify FIDE as the Governing Body of the Event.

5. 2. 2. All official communications shall use the official denomination for the event: FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2023.

5. 2. 3. All pre-tournament public communications regarding FIDE World Women's Team Championship 2023 (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE and HF) shall be co-written, scheduled in coordination, and approved with/by the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer (hereinafter referred to as "CMCO"). CMCO shall also oversee all official audio-visual materials created around the event, from branding and designs to promotional materials.

5. 3. Press Officer designated by FIDE

5. 3. 1. GSC shall appoint the Press Officer for the Event. The Organiser shall cooperate with the Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide and assists him/her in establishing contacts with the local media.

5. 3. 2. All content shown at <https://worldwomensteams.fide.com> shall be reviewed and approved by the FIDE Chief Marketing Communications Officer (before the event), or the Press Officer (during the event). All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on official domains, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to the Event. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

5. 3. 3. The Organiser shall warrant that <https://worldwomensteams.fide.com> is managed in a professional way and, furthermore, that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance shall be provided to GSC.

5. 3. 4. The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

5. 4. Photography and Video

5. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Organiser (in cooperation with the Press Officer and the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer) may work in the playing venue.

5. 4. 2. The Organiser shall provide FIDE with a copy of all the video footage filmed during the event. This includes a recording of the broadcast, interviews, press conferences, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This footage shall be provided in a physical support: DVD, flash drive, hard drive, etc. FIDE can make use of these materials as specified in Chapter 7.

5. 4. 3. Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with the FIDE Media Regulations (FIDE Handbook, C09, see Appendix 1.f).

6. Financial Issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of the Event. This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between HF and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections, stipends (see Article 6.2), traveling expenses for the Principals (see Article 6.3), live broadcast and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

6. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals of the Event by HF are:

Principal	Stipend, €	Number	Sum, €
Chief Arbiter	2,700	1	2,700
Deputy Chief Arbiter	2,000	1	2,000
FIDE Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee	2,200	1	2,200
Member of the Appeals Committee	1,500	2	3,000
Press Officer	2,200	1	2,200
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	1,500	1	1,500
TOTAL			13,600

6. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at HF's expense. All other Principals are compensated by HF for their travel expenses in economy class up to one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand five hundred (1,500) euros if travelling from another continent.

6. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel shall be offered by HF for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard single room in the same hotel shall be offered by HF for each Principal. Extra expenses are covered by HF only for the FIDE President.

6. 5. Local Transportation

Transfer from and to the airport shall be provided by HF. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car, for the other Principals and the teams, a number of cars shall be provided by HF. Their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between HF and GSC. Local transport is provided for the teams to official functions if necessary.

6. 6. Personnel

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

6. 7. Medical care

6. 7. 1. The Organiser shall cover the costs of treating acute illnesses including the cost of medicines, but not chronic ailments of the players and FIDE Principals.

6. 7. 2. The Organiser shall cover the costs related to the medical protocol (see Article 4.8.8).

6. 8. Anti-doping control

The Organiser shall cover the costs related to anti-doping testing (see Article 4.8.7) in accordance with the requirements of the anti-doping protocol.

6. 9. Trophies and Medals

FIDE trophies (see Article 4.2.2.2) and FIDE medals (see Articles 4.2.2.3 and 4.2.3.1) shall be provided by the Organiser and approved by GSC.

6. 10. Fair-play Measures

HF shall cover all the related costs up to five thousand (5,000) euros. This amount includes stipends for two Fair Play Officers of one thousand five hundred (1,500) euros each.

7. Commercial Issues

7. 1. Commercial, marketing and broadcasting rights are determined by the contract signed by HF and FIDE.

7. 2. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (*e.g.* bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE Technical Delegate.

7. 3. The income provided by the Event through admission charges goes to HF.

7. 4. The Organiser shall produce a detailed budget for the event, which shall be approved by GSC.

7. 5. No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

7. 6. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo shall be displayed in a black colour on a white background. The text describing any event shall not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

The present Regulations are governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Switzerland. All disputes arising from or in relation to with the Regulations shall be submitted to CAS (art. 35.1 FIDE Charter). All disputes and claims arising from or in relation to the obligations of HF may also be submitted to the competent court of the City of Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, unless otherwise agreed in the contract with HF.

APPENDIX 1

Useful Links

- a) **FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2023** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>
- b) **Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C01>
- c) **Anti-Cheating Regulations** – <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCProtectionMeasures.pdf>

- d) **FIDE Anti-doping Rules** – <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/FIDEAntiDopingRules.pdf>
- e) **Appeals Committee Procedural Rules** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>
- f) **FIDE Media Regulations** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C09>