

FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024: Qualification paths

Eight players shall qualify for FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024 by the following criteria:

Path A. 1 spot – FIDE World Championship Match 2023, Runner-up (Ian Nepomniachtchi or Ding Liren)*

Path B. 3 spots – FIDE World Cup 2023 (Baku 2023), three players who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

If any of these players already qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024 or the FIDE World Championship Match 2024 at the moment of the beginning of World Cup via another qualification path, the qualification spot(s) shall be awarded, in order of priority:

- the player who finished in 4th place in the World Cup;
- according to rating as in (E).

Path C. 2 spots – FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament 2023 (Isle of Man 2023), two players who finish 1st and 2nd.

If any of these players already qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024 or the FIDE World Championship Match 2024 at the moment of the beginning of Grand Swiss via another qualification path, the qualification spot(s) shall be awarded to the highest-placed player(s) in the final standings who have not yet qualified to the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024 at the moment of the beginning of Grand Swiss.

Path D. 1 spot – High-Level International Tournaments (HIT), the player with the best results during one year (2023) in FIDE rated tournaments satisfying the below criteria who has not already qualified from Path A, B or C. The winner becomes a qualifier before determining a qualifier by rating as in (E).

Path E. 1 spot – The highest-rated player by standard rating in the January 2024 rating list provided that the player has played at least four standard eligible tournaments according to the criteria in Article 1.1 below, who has not already qualified from Path A, B, C or D.

Reserves

If reserves are needed due to a withdrawal from the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024, their spot is allocated to a player who has not already qualified, in the following way:

- In Paths B and C, the next highest-finisher in the final tournament standings, but not beyond 4th place. If this fails to replace a player, then the spot(s) are allocated using the process in Path E.
- In Paths A, D and E, using the process in Path E.