



FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028

Regulations for the Main Competition

1. Scope

1. 1. The Chess Olympiad shall be organised in 2028.
1. 2. The governing body is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing Regulations for the Main Competition of the FIDE Chess Olympiad (hereinafter referred to as the Main Competition), communicating with the Organiser and the participating federations, conducting inspections.
1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council (upon GSC's recommendations).
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. Preparation for the Main Competition

2. 1. The Organiser of the FIDE Chess Olympiad is responsible to FIDE for the whole organisation of the Main Competition. The detailed Hosting Agreement shall be signed between FIDE and the Organiser. All the dates and terms are mentioned in these Regulations are indicative and can be adjusted in the Hosting Agreement between FIDE and the Organiser.
2. 2. Not later than 24 months before the start of the Main Competition the organising committee shall be created. The Organiser shall appoint a Tournament Director, who shall be the head of the Organising Committee and be responsible for all technical issues relating to Main Competition. At least two FIDE representative shall be included in the organising committee. The FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate) shall be above the Tournament Director in all organisational issues.
2. 3. Not later than 24 months before the start of the Main Competition, FIDE appointed officials shall be invited to inspect the venue. At least 2 more inspections shall be arranged. The organiser shall be responsible for paying all reasonable expenses, including travel expenses.
2. 4. Not later than 12 months before the start of Main Competition, the Organiser shall send to FIDE a draft of the invitation to the event, which contains full organisational information, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Exact dates;
 - b) Venue;
 - c) List of the official hotels (4-star minimum);
 - d) Hotel rates including meals – for extra members of delegations and guests;
 - e) Traveling conditions including visas arrangements.
2. 5. The draft invitation mentioned in [Article 2.4](#) shall receive confirmation of FIDE, with (if appropriate) a note of any modification which FIDE deems to be in line with the Hosting Agreement signed between FIDE and the Organiser and FIDE Regulations.
2. 6. Not later than 12 weeks before the Opening Ceremony all participating federations shall be provided with the time of the Opening Ceremony, the start of the first round, the end of the final round and the Closing Ceremony.
2. 7. Not later than 12 weeks before the Opening Ceremony, the Organiser shall send written invitations to the FIDE Principals. Copies of these invitations go to FIDE and the FIDE Secretariat.
2. 8. Not later than 6 months before the Opening Ceremony, the Organiser shall ensure that necessary actions are taken on the matters arising from the inspection(s) (see [Article 2.3](#)), unless otherwise specified after the last inspection.
2. 9. Four days before the Opening Ceremony, the Chief Arbiter is expected to arrive in order to oversee final preparations of the playing venue and to discuss the plan for instruction, deploying and supervising the Arbiters.
2. 10. The other FIDE Principals (see [Article 4.14](#)) are expected to arrive 3 days before the Opening Ceremony.

2.11. The Technical Delegate and FIDE Organising Team are expected to arrive well in advance the Opening Ceremony of the Olympiad to ensure smooth preparation of all events according the Hosting Agreement.

3. Registration to the Main Competition

3. 1. The Main Competition shall be held in two sections: Open and Women.

3. 2. The national teams of all member federations have right to participate in the Main Competition. Affiliated Organisations that are representing an autonomous territory which is contained within no more than one Federation have right to participate upon FIDE Council's approval.

3. 3. Not later than 12 months before the start of the Main Competition, the Organiser shall send the invitation to all eligible entrants (see [Article 3.2](#)). Copies of the invitation shall be forwarded to the FIDE Secretariat.

3. 4. Federations shall confirm its participation to the Organiser within the following period:

3.4.1. Not later than 4 months before the start of the Main Competition, each federation intending to participate in the Main Competition shall confirm its participation to the Organiser. Copies of the confirmation are to be forwarded to the FIDE Secretariat.

3.4.2. Not later than 8 months before the start of the Main Competition, each federation intending to participate in the Main Competition and applying for the travelling grant shall confirm its participation to the Organiser. Copies of the confirmation are to be forwarded to the FIDE Secretariat.

3. 5. Federations shall register its team(s) within the following period:

3.5.1. Not later than 2 months before the start of the Main Competition, every participating federation shall register its team(s) providing the Organiser with the following details:

- a. Full name of the Chief of delegation;
- b. Full name of the Captain(s) and his/her/their FIDE IDs;
- c. Full names of all players and their FIDE IDs;
- d. Full names of all accompanying persons;
- e. All required information related to visas.

3.5.2. Not later than 6 months before the start of the Main Competition, every participating federation applying for the travelling grant shall register its team(s) providing the Organiser with the following details:

- a. Full name of the Chief of delegation;
- b. Full name of the Captain(s) and his/her/their FIDE IDs;
- c. Full names of all players and their FIDE IDs;
- d. Full names of all accompanying persons;
- e. All required information related to visas.

Any Federation which registered its teams, but failed to attend may be sanctioned by FIDE Council.

3. 6. Registration of new delegation members (or/and substitution of registered members) later than 2 months before the start of the Main Competition shall be subject to a fee of one hundred (100) euros per person paid to the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser. Visa support and accommodation cannot be guaranteed to the new delegation members.

3. 7. Not later than 1 month before the start of the Main Competition, every participating federation shall pay the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser the full amount due for accommodation of all delegation members (accompanying persons, guests) whose accommodation expenses are not taken in charge by the Organiser (see [Articles 4.8.2 and 4.8.3](#)). In case of delay accommodation cannot be guaranteed to the respective delegation members.

3. 8. The deadlines in [Articles 3.3. – 3.7.](#) may be altered upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. Main Competition Regulations

4. 1. Format & System

In both sections: Swiss system, 11 rounds. The pairing system is described in “FIDE Olympiad Pairing Rules”. The teams ranked first in the pairing list shall have the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards, the black pieces on the even-numbered boards.

4. 2. Composition of Teams

- 4. 2. 1.** In both sections, the teams shall be made up of four players plus one reserve.
- 4. 2. 2.** Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players. The captain shall be permitted to appoint a deputy to exercise his/her functions, the Chief Arbiter shall be informed in writing of such a substitution.
- 4. 2. 3.** Each federation shall be represented by a Chief of delegation. It may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust the team captain, or one of the players or the reserve(s). The chief of delegation is responsible for all administrative matters and relations with the Organiser.

4. 3. Beginning of play and time control

- 4. 3. 1.** Digital screens with countdown timers indicating the time remaining to the beginning of the round shall be installed in visible places at the playing area.
- 4. 3. 2.** The playing session shall start by the announcement of the Chief Arbiter.
- 4. 3. 3.** The default time shall be 15 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time shall lose the respective game.
- 4. 3. 4.** The games shall be played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.
- 4. 3. 5.** The time control shall be: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 4. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw a game by mutual agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only through an Arbiter in case of threefold repetition ([Article 9.2](#) of the [FIDE Laws of Chess](#), see [Appendix 1.a](#)) or a stalemate.

4. 5. Conditions of victory

- 4. 5. 1.** In each section, matches are scored by match points. A win scores 2 points. A draw scores 1 point. A loss scores 0 points. A team with the highest number of match points in the relevant final standings shall be declared Olympiad Champion. The tie-break system is described in [Appendix 2.I](#).
- 4. 5. 2.** The standings in the combined classification (open & women) shall be determined by the sum of places (open team + women team): the federation having the lower number shall be declared Combined Classification Winner. The tie-break system is described in [Appendix 2.II](#).

4. 6. Prizes

4. 6. 1. Trophies

- 4. 6. 1. 1.** The winning team in the open section of the Main Competition shall receive the "Hamilton-Russell Cup".
- 4. 6. 1. 2.** The winning team in the women section of the Main Competition shall receive the "Vera Menchik Cup".
- 4. 6. 1. 3.** The winning federation in combined classification of the Main Competition shall receive the "Nona Gaprindashvili Trophy".
- 4. 6. 1. 4.** The dates of the Main Competition and the name of the winning federation shall be engraved on the base of the respective Cup.
- 4. 6. 1. 5.** The federation of the respective winning teams have custody of the Trophies, which are property of FIDE, until the following Chess Olympiad.

4. 6. 2. Team Medals

- 4. 6. 2. 1.** In each section, every member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, the

team finishing second shall receive silver medals and the team in third place shall receive bronze medals.

4. 6. 2. 2. Before Round 3, in each section, the teams are divided by TAP (see [Article 4.17](#)) into five rating categories, on the basis of their position in the initial overall ranking list; as far as possible, the categories shall contain equal numbers of teams.

4. 6. 2. 3. Every member of the team that finished with the highest score for its category (excluding the highest rated), provided that it has not won medals in accordance with [Article 4.6.2.1](#), shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, the team finishing with the second score shall receive silver medals and the team in third place shall receive bronze medals.

4. 6. 2. 4. All team medals shall be provided by the Organiser. Their design shall be approved in writing by GSC.

4. 6. 2. 5. One copy of each team medal (gold, silver, bronze) shall be donated to FIDE.

4. 6. 3. Individual Board Medals

4. 6. 3. 1. Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists compete for individual board prizes namely: gold, silver and bronze medals. A player needs to play at least eight games to be eligible for a board prize.

4. 6. 3. 2. The board medals shall be awarded according to players' performance ratings (TPR). The tie-break system is described in [Appendix 2.III](#).

4. 6. 3. 3. All board medals shall be provided by the Organiser. Their design shall be approved by GSC.

4. 6. 4. Certificates

After the end of the Main Competition, all the participating federations shall be sent certificates by the FIDE President, recording the success of their teams.

4. 7. Schedule

Day	Event
1	Arrival
2	Opening Ceremony, Technical Meeting
3	Round 1
4	Round 2
5	Round 3
6	Round 4
7	Round 5
8	Round 6
9	Free day*
10	Round 7
11	Round 8
12	Round 9
13	Round 10
14	Round 11, Closing Ceremony
15	Departure

* On the evening of day 8 and the free day, a cultural program shall be proposed by the Organiser to all delegations and FIDE Principals.

Once the Main Competition begins, the schedule may be modified only upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. 8. Travel and Accommodation

4. 8. 1. Teams' travel expenses shall be covered by their federations. FIDE Council shall approve a list of federations eligible for full or partial reimbursement of travel expenses based on established criteria.

4. 8. 2. The Organiser shall provide all the teams with free accommodation with full board in two standard twin rooms and two single rooms (4-star hotel minimum) for 5 players + 1 captain from the Arrival day (including lunch) until the departure day (including breakfast).

4. 8. 3. The Organiser shall provide each Chief of Delegations (if he/she is not one of the persons mentioned in [Article 4.8.2](#)) with free accommodation with full board in a standard single room (4-star hotel minimum) from the Arrival day (including lunch) until the departure day (including breakfast).

4. 9. Venues

4. 9. 1. The Organiser is responsible for equipping (including provision of all the necessary chess equipment), furnishing and maintenance of the playing venue for the FIDE Chess Olympiad and the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities and also to provide the venue for the FIDE Congress and its surrounding areas.

4. 9. 2. The venues shall be used only for the FIDE events and its side activities approved by FIDE.

4. 9. 3. The maximum distance from the Events venues to any of the official hotels shall not exceed 30-minute drive.

4. 9. 4. FIDE shall ensure the playing venue and its surroundings meet the requirements of the Basic Guidelines For Playing Venues Of Fide Top-Level Tournaments ([FIDE Handbook C.01](#), see [Appendix 1.b](#)), amended by FIDE if needed and for the FIDE Congress Regulations.

4. 9. 5. The venues shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating nations.

4. 9. 6. The playing venue shall be clearly divided into the playing area and the spectators' area. The playing area shall be in accordance with FIDE technical requirements (6n square metres in size, where n is the number of players), excluding additional facilities such as relaxation areas, congress/exhibition venues, press centre and VIP room, a minimum of ten offices. The spectators shall have the opportunity to follow the matches directly but the players shall not be disturbed by the spectators. Additional requirements for the playing venue of the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities, including additional space requirements, should be specified in the relevant Regulations.

4. 9. 7. The Organiser shall provide, free of charge, water, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the Principals, organizers, volunteers, VIPs and accredited media.

4. 9. 8. The Organiser shall provide the Press Centre and VIP room with catering services according to the Hosting Agreement signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 9. 9. The Organiser shall provide an exhibition space which is sufficient for the commercial area, for various expositions. No cost for such exhibition space shall be charged to FIDE, at the same time the Organiser is entitled to receive a reasonable rent from any other exhibitions.

Two pavilions for the needs of FIDE shall be built at the expense of the Organiser (with the total area of at least 150 m² each). The construction of these two pavilions shall be subject to technical requirements provided by FIDE.

4. 10. Drawing of colours

The draw of colours for Round 1 shall be made during the Opening Ceremony.

4. 11. Playing Conditions

4. 11. 1. The Anti-Cheating Protection Measures for Level 1 events shall be applied ([FIDE Handbook A10](#), see [Appendix 1.c](#)).

4. 11. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the captains, the FIDE Principals, accredited media and organisational staff are allowed in the playing area. The Organiser shall provide easily visible passes for the players, the captains, FIDE Principals, accredited media and organisational staff.

4. 11. 3. During a playing session, the players and the captains are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter and the Fair-Play Officer in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation the sanctions according Fair-Play Regulations shall be applied.

4. 11. 4. The players and the captains are not permitted to bring into the playing venue equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 11. 5. During the game, the players may communicate with their opponents, talk only to an arbiter or their captain, as permitted by the Laws of Chess (see [Appendix 1.a](#)). Captains shall refrain from interfering in any way. Any communication with the captain should be made according to FIDE Rules for Captains and Heads of Delegation ([FIDE Handbook C10](#)).

4. 11. 6. The captain and players of his/her team shall not stand behind the opposing team during play.

4. 11. 7. While his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters.

4. 11. 8. During a playing session, the players and the captains are not permitted to return to the playing venue once they have left it, except if the permission of the Chief Arbiter has been given.

4. 11. 9. The Organiser shall fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical Commission and the host country requirements. The tournament medical staff shall be available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

4. 11. 10. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE Medical Commission according to WADA requirements.

4. 12. Scoresheets

4. 12. 1. The Organiser shall provide scoresheets according to specifications provided by FIDE.

4. 12. 2. At the end of each match the players' original scoresheets shall be given to a Match Arbiter. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets may be penalised according to [Article 12.9](#) of the Laws of Chess (see [Appendix 1.a](#)). After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Match Arbiter shall countersign to confirm the results.

4. 13. Players and Captains conduct

4. 13. 1. The team captains are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

4. 13. 2. The players and the captains are invited to be present at all official functions approved by FIDE during the event including official receptions and the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.

4. 13. 3. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game.

4. 13. 4. The players are required to be available for the daily press conference.

4. 13. 5. The first top 3 teams of each section are required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website, if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.

4. 13. 6. The players and the captains shall strictly abide by all medical regulations approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser. The players and the captains shall be aware that the regulations are subject to change and at short notice. FIDE shall inform players about any changes as quickly as possible.

4. 13. 7. If a player or a captain fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 4.13.3 – 4.13.6](#), he/she shall be penalised according to a decision of the Chief Arbiter. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event and FIDE Council may apply additional penalties.

4. 13. 8. If a player or a captain or any other member of the delegation undermines the reputation of FIDE, the FIDE Chess Olympiad Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, he/she shall be penalised in accordance with the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code ([FIDE Handbook A.08](#)).

4. 14. FIDE Principals

The FIDE Principals shall be Appointed at least 8 weeks before the beginning of the Main Competition.

The FIDE Principals are:

FIDE President;

FIDE Deputy President;

FIDE Council Members;

FIDE Management Board Members;

FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate);

Chief Arbiter; Deputy Chief Arbiters; Sector Arbiters;

Fair-Play Officers;

TAP Members;

Chairperson and members of the Appeals Committee;

Press Officer and Deputy Press Officer;

Member of the FIDE Medical Commission;
GSC Member.

4. 15. Arbiters, Fair-Play Officers and Experts

4. 15. 1. The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiters, Sector Arbiters, the Match Arbiters shall be appointed by FIDE. All the Arbiters shall meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Classification of Arbiters ([FIDE Handbook, B.06.3](#)).

4. 15. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or a Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be present in the playing area.

4. 15. 3. The Sector Arbiters shall oversee and coordinate the work of the Match Arbiters.

4. 15. 4. The Match Arbiters have the following tasks:

- to ensure that the playing equipment is in order and set up is ready for the start of each game;
- to make sure that the clocks are set correctly for the start of play;
- to check that the players are correctly seated, with the correct colour and the correct opponent;
- to check that the clocks are going correctly during the game;
- to ascertain whether the required number of moves is made upon expiry of the allocated time;
- to give assistance as far as possible, if players express any wishes during play;
- to prevent any unnecessary conversation in the course of play;
- to complete the match result sheet provided by TAP;
- to hand the match result sheet and scoresheets to the Sector Arbiter immediately after the end of the match.

4. 15. 5. There shall be one Match Arbiter per match. At least 70% of the Match Arbiters shall be from Federations not hosting the tournament. The percentage of foreign Match Arbiters may be increased by FIDE, if the number of available local Match Arbiters is insufficient. At least 1/4 of the Match Arbiters shall be female. In each match, no Match Arbiter may belong to the same federation as either of the teams.

4. 15. 6. Fair-Play Officers and Fair-Play Experts shall be appointed by FIDE. They shall be responsible for applying the anti-cheating measures according to the FIDE specified guidelines ([FIDE Handbook, A.09](#)). The Organiser shall provide all necessary technical equipment according Fair-Play requirements.

4. 15. 7. Within 1 week after the end of the Main Competition the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report shall contain the result of each individual game, the result of each match as well as the final standings and also 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. 16. FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate)

4. 16. 1. The FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate) shall be above the Tournament Director in all organisational issues. The Organiser shall implement the decisions of the FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate) before and during the Main Competition.

4. 16. 2. The FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate) shall intervene if he/she thinks that:

- a. the organisation does not meet the required FIDE standards;
- b. some of the contractual obligations are not fulfilled by the Organiser;
- c. the participating teams are not provided with equal conditions.

4. 16. 3. Any decision of the FIDE Supervisor (Technical Delegate) can be appealed only to the FIDE President.

4. 17. Technical Administration Panel

4. 17. 1. The Technical Administration Panel (hereinafter referred to as TAP) consists of a Chairman and three other members, each from a different federation.

4. 17. 2. GSC shall appoint the Chairman and two other members.

4. 17. 3. The fourth member appointed by the Organiser shall be a representative of the organising federation.

4. 17. 4. If necessary, a Technical Adviser can additionally be included to take care of the software and to adjust the software according to the local requirements or to internet transmission.

4.17.5. All the members of TAP shall be experienced in the field of electronic data processing and have to assure a backup function as each member shall be able to take over the work of any other member in case of technical or personal failure. Although the pairings are calculated with the help of a computer program, all the members of the Technical Administration Panel (TAP) are able to check and/or produce the pairings manually.

4.17.6. TAP has the following tasks:

- to prepare the data of players and teams;
- to establish the list of fixed board orders;
- to produce team pairings of each round;
- to provide captains with a means to submit their team compositions electronically for each round;
- to receive team compositions for each round and produce individual pairings;
- to receive match result sheets and to prepare result lists for teams and individuals;
- to prepare the rankings;
- to prepare the title results.

4.17.7. Any output of TAP shall be approved by the Chief Arbiter.

4.17.8. Technical equipment of TAP should be arranged by the Organiser according to recommendations of GSC.

4.18. Procedure in case of infringement of the rules, disputes and improper conduct

4.18.1. In matters relating to the play, an initial decision is taken by a Match Arbiter. Appeals against his/her decision shall be addressed to a Sector Arbiter. Appeals against Sector Arbiter's decision shall be addressed to the Chief Arbiter.

4.18.2. In administrative matters, an initial decision shall be taken by the Tournament Director.

4.18.3. A written appeal against the decision of the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee.

4.18.4. The Fair-play Panel is responsible for reviewing and decision-making on fair-play infringements.

4.19. Appeals Committee

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

4.19.2. Two reserve members shall work remotely.

4.19.3. All appeals shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of 100 (one hundred) euros or the equivalent in local currency.

4.20. Ceremonies

4.20.1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to the first round. All the players and officials are invited to take part in the Opening Ceremony.

4.20.2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC. A cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The building or hall where the ceremony is held shall be decorated with the FIDE flag and the flag of the hosting nation. The FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

4.20.3. The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the day of the last round. FIDE trophy for the winner and gold, silver and bronze medals in accordance with [Articles 4.6.1 – 4.6.3](#) shall be provided by the Organiser and approved by GSC. The FIDE Anthem, Anthems of the winner nations and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

5. Media

5.1. Website

5.1.1. The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: <http://olympiad2028.fide.com>. The live broadcasting displayed on the official website shall make use of the game viewer developed by FIDE. The design and content of the website shall be approved by FIDE.

5.1.2. The Organiser shall warrant that the official domain for the event is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such event. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance shall be provided to FIDE.

5.2. Press-centre

The Organiser sets up a press-centre which shall be:

- close to the playing area;
- large enough to contain all necessary professional equipment (and internet facilities), as well as leisure and refreshment facilities for journalists;
- under strict supervision to exclude anyone not in possession of a valid pass issued by the Organiser;
- open for a period before the tournament and for one day after the Closing Ceremony;
- manned by properly qualified personnel.

5.3. Communications

5.3.1. All official written communications, in print or online form, shall identify FIDE as the Governing Body of the FIDE Chess Olympiad.

5.3.2. All official communications shall use the official name for the event, in full: FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028.

5.3.3. All pre-tournament public communications regarding the FIDE Chess Olympiad (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE and the Organiser) shall be co-written and scheduled in coordination with the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

5.3.4. The Organiser shall provide to FIDE all the materials where the event has been exposed and all available information on the reach of the event (with sponsors exposition) on various media, as well as provide other assistance to FIDE with post-event reports to be provided for the sponsors or for its own promotion campaigns.

5.4. Press Officer designated by FIDE

5.4.1. FIDE shall appoint the Press Officer for the Main Competition. The Organiser shall co-operate 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 to establish contacts with the local media.

5.4.2. All content shown at the website shall be reviewed and approved by the Press Officer. 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 FIDE prior to the Main Competition. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

5.4.3. The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

5.4.4. The Press Officer shall be a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during the Main Competition.

5.5. Photography and video

5.5.1. 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.

5.5.2. 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 8](#).

5.5.3. Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with the FIDE Media Regulations ([FIDE Handbook C09](#), see [Appendix 1.e](#)).

6. Selection of the Organiser of the FIDE Chess Olympiad and the FIDE Congress

6.1. FIDE shall open a bidding procedure for the FIDE Chess Olympiad after adoption of the current Regulations, but not later than four years before the beginning of the event. The application period should be specified by the FIDE Council, but not shorter than 8 (eight weeks).

6. 2. Any federation member of FIDE or any Organiser approved by a national federation may apply (bid) for the organisation of the FIDE Chess Olympiad and compulsory accompanying events (see art. 6.3.).

6. 3. The Applicant who bids for the Chess Olympiad shall undertake to hold the FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities and the FIDE Congress ([hereinafter referred as the Events](#)) and fulfil the requirements of the relative Regulations for each event.

6. 4. Each application shall be filed in accordance with the form as provided in the [Appendix 3](#) to these Regulations. The applicant shall attach:

6.4.1. Letters of support from a national federation and relevant local authorities.

6.4.2. Supporting documents (government letters, contracts, bank guarantees, etc.) at the full amount of the bid's budget.

6.4.3. Irrevocable guarantee issued by: a) any of the Top 100 World Banks rated on The Bankers database (<https://www.thebankerdatabase.com/>) or another bank which may be agreed with FIDE or b) a verified government guarantee for the amount of three hundred thousand (300,000) euros to support the bid. In case the winner of the bidding procedure fails to fulfil the requirements set out in [Article 6.8](#), the entire amount shall be transferred in favour of FIDE. This Guaranty shall remain in full force until the Hosting Agreement is signed and the new financial guarantee (see art. 6.8.) is provided by the Organiser.

6. 5. Minimum financial obligations of the Organiser include (unless otherwise specified in the Hosting Agreement with the Organiser):

- a) Obligation to pay at least one million and five hundred thousand (1,500,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes as a lump sum including the FIDE contribution, charge for internet rights and commercial rights for all events (see [Chapter 8](#));
- b) Obligation to pay at least three million two hundred fifty thousand (3,250,000) euros to cover full/partial travelling grants of the participating delegations (players, captains, FIDE Congress participants), FIDE organisational team and staff of all events as per Regulations and FIDE Development Policies;
- c) Obligation to pay at least one million two hundred fifty thousand (1,250,000) euros to cover full travel expenses and stipends to all Principals, arbiters, fair-play specialists of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities;
- d) Obligation to cover all other expenses related to the organisation of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities and the FIDE Congress according to [all applicable](#) Regulations and the Hosting Agreement signed between FIDE and the Organiser (which may contain other financial obligations according to usual practice for top-level events), including pocket money for the less developed federations, fair-play and doping costs, etc.
- e) Obligations as per [Article 6.4](#) with respect to the bank guarantee and in accordance with the [Articles 6.8 – 6.9](#) hereof.

6. 6. Upon receipt of the bidding form, FIDE shall assign officials to inspect the relevant facilities at the Organiser's expense. The inspection shall take place not later than 1 (one) month after the closing of the call for bids, but before the General Assembly. The inspectors shall submit the evaluation report to FIDE Council before the next General Assembly.

6. 7. The nearest General Assembly after the announcement of the bidding procedure shall award the right to host the events to the Applicant with the highest number of votes received.

6. 8. Within 3 (three) months after being awarded the organisation rights of the Chess Olympiad and other events, the Organiser shall sign a Hosting Agreement with FIDE specifying

(i) all financial and commercial aspects of the Main Competition, the Competition for Players with Disabilities and the FIDE Congress and including

(ii) an obligation to submit an irrevocable financial guarantee at the amount of two million (2,000,000) euros issued by the Government or the bank, which is included in Top 100 World Banks from the rate published by the

<https://www.thebankerdatabase.com/>, or another bank which may be agreed with FIDE. Such guarantee needs to be submitted within 3 (three) months after signing the Hosting Agreement and it shall be effective until all obligations of the Organiser are completed and are no longer subject to disgorgement.

(iii) Alternatively, the Organiser may secure a direct, irrevocable prepayment of at least one million (1,000,000) euros to the FIDE bank account instead of such guarantee. The sum shall be returned to the Organiser or counted as a part of the final payment settlements if all obligations of the Organiser are completed as per Regulations and the Hosting Agreement.

6. 9. If the Applicant is unable to sign the Hosting Agreement or provide to FIDE the guarantee mentioned in art. 6.8., three hundred thousand (300,000) euros shall go to FIDE in accordance with [Article 6.4](#).

6. 10. If the Applicant fails to sign the Hosting Agreement (see [Article 6.9](#)), then FIDE Council shall offer the privilege to organise the events to the next highest ranked Applicant as per General Assembly voting or reopens the bidding procedure.

7. Financial issues

7. 1. The Organiser shall draw up as detailed a budget as possible, in consultation with FIDE. FIDE shall be kept informed of the financial aspects of the all events.

7. 2. The Organiser shall make all payments according the signed Hosting Agreement.

7. 3. Stipends

7. 3. 1. The total amount and distribution of stipends will be approved by FIDE not later than 6 months before the Chess Olympiad.

7. 4. Travel expenses of the FIDE Principals

The amount of travel reimbursement of the Principals will be approved by FIDE not later than 6 months before the Chess Olympiad.

7. 5. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a 4-5-star hotel shall be offered by the Organiser for each Principal, match arbiter, fair-play specialist, organisational team and FIDE staff. Details should be specified in the Hosting Agreement.

7. 6. Local transportation

Transfer from and to the airport shall be provided by the Organiser. A sufficient number of cars shall be made available for Principals and FIDE employees; their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Local transport shall also be provided for the players to official functions. Details should be specified in the Hosting Agreement.

7. 7. Medical care

7. 7. 1. The Organiser shall provide medical insurance and/or permanent medical service during the events, as well as cover the costs of all emergency care that is directly related to health issues that have occurred during the events. Such treatment does not include chronicle diseases. All the participants and officials of the Events need to take due care about their health and inform the Organizers on any serious health issues beforehand.

7. 7. 2. The Organiser shall cover the costs related to the medical protocol (see [Article 4.11.9](#)).

7. 8. Provision for the Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Experts

7. 8. 1. The Organiser shall provide appropriate number of match arbiters (at least one per a match and at least 60% of them – foreign arbiters) and appropriate number of fair play officers and experts with free full board accommodation (a place in a twin room) in a 4 stars hotel. Details should be specified in the Hosting Agreement.

7. 8. 2. The total amount of stipends and travel costs to be paid to FIDE will be specified in the Hosting Agreement according to the Organiser's application. The total amount and distribution of stipends and travel reimbursement will be approved by FIDE not later than 6 months before the Chess Olympiad.

7. 9. Personnel

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel including security stuff to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at Ceremonies according to the Hosting Agreement between the Organiser and FIDE.

7. 10. Fair-play measures

The Organiser shall cover the related costs associated with implementing the fair-play regulations according to requirements of the FIDE Fair-Play Commission according to the Hosting Agreement between the Organiser and FIDE.

7. 11. Anti-doping control

The Organiser shall cover the costs related to anti-doping testing (see [Article 4.11.10](#)) in accordance with the requirements of the FIDE Medical Commission and current WADA norms.

7. 12. Broadcast

The Organiser shall provide quality broadcast of the Events subject to the standards and requirements approved by FIDE and bear all the related costs. The Organiser shall be responsible for providing broadcast in the language of the hosting country, in English language and at least two other languages (the specific languages to be defined by FIDE not later than 6 months before the Events). Organisers also shall be obliged to deliver broadcast feed(s) to FIDE and its broadcasting partners as per FIDE's obligations with FIDE's broadcasting partners.

8. Commercial issues

8.1. This article specifies the preliminary list of commercial and other related rights provided to the Organiser. All other commercial and other related rights for the Events not mentioned herein are retained by FIDE unless otherwise agreed in the Hosting Agreement.

8.1.1. The Organiser retains non-transferable and non-exclusive marketing and commercial sponsorship rights with respect to the Events and the sale, exploitation or other disposal of all commercial rights, facilities and licenses, including product placement rights with respect to the Events.

8.2. The Organiser retains the non-transferable and non-exclusive right to conduct the organisation, promotion, formation, carrying out, management, financing and exploitation of the Events in accordance with the Regulations, IOC Code of Ethics and the well-established practice regarding sponsorship.

8.3. Sponsorship rights.

8.3.1. The Organiser may engage sponsors at its own discretion, however, the Organiser will avoid any form of cooperation with potential sponsors:

- a) involved in the same areas of business as FIDE's sponsors for the Events;
- b) involved in the alcohol and tobacco industry or business;
- c) carrying out activities, which are prohibited by IOC;
- d) where cooperation with such potential sponsors may damage FIDE reputation or provide other negative effect on FIDE due to reputation of such potential sponsors;
- e) listed on international-recognized sanction list (total list should be specified in the Hosting Agreement).

8.3.2. The Organiser shall inform FIDE of any potential sponsors to be engaged (their name, sphere of business etc.) not later than 10 days after starting negotiations with the potential sponsor. Also The Organiser shall inform FIDE and receive FIDE's pre-approval before signing any kind of binding agreement with the potential sponsor.

8.3.3. The Organiser has the right to designate the Events' sponsors as "Official Sponsors" to no more than two (2) sponsors and "Official Supplier" to no more than four (4) suppliers. The right is non-transferable. The Organiser retains all revenues received from sponsors engaged by it.

8.3.4. The Organiser has the rights to use, whether by the Organiser itself or by sponsors engaged by it, up to 50 per cent of all advertising surfaces (space required for the Event's logos, symbols and other branding in accordance with FIDE standards is not included into the total volume of advertising surfaces) and up to 50 per cent of all advertising time within broadcasts; the remaining time/surfaces shall be retained by FIDE. The right is non-transferable.

8.4. Ticketing and hospitality rights

8.4.1. The right to sell tickets for the admission of the paying general public as well as to offer complimentary admission and corporate hospitality (including catering services). The right is non-transferable. Such admissions should not hamper FIDE's rights to invite their special guests to the Events.

8.4.2. The Organiser retains 100% of ticketing and hospitality (including catering services) revenues.

8.5. Marketing rights

8.5.1. Advertising the Events and signing any contracts and agreements necessary for it.

8.5.2. The right to jointly devise with FIDE the marketing and communications strategies regarding the Events, inter alia those relating to the official website of the Olympiad and social media. All marketing and communication strategies shall be approved by FIDE in writing.

8.6. Merchandise rights:

8.6.1. Non-exclusive right to design, produce, sell and give away official premium gifts and giveaways (the layouts of such products should be agreed upon with FIDE in writing before production).

8.6.2. The Organiser retains 100% of revenue from merchandising rights for the goods produced / developed by the Organiser or by its order, while revenues from merchandising rights for goods and other items developed / produced by FIDE shall be retained by the latter.

8.7. Right to develop logo and mascot of the Events:

8.7.1. The use and exploitation of any mascot, own logo design, symbol, legend or device, and name and designation of the event title in each case associated with the Events.

8.7.2. FIDE shall have the right to use any mascot, logo design, symbol and/or legend of the Events. FIDE shall be entitled to use the mascot, logo design, symbol and/or legend while carrying out its activities with regard to the Events, and sublicense the same rights to FIDE sponsors and partners.

8.7.3. All intellectual rights on any mascot, logo design, symbol and/or legend of the Events shall be transferred free of charge to FIDE after the end of the Events.

8.8. Other rights:

8.8.1. Until the end of the Events and according terms of the Hosting Agreement, the Organiser shall be granted the licence for the non-exclusive right to use the trademarks and/or logos of FIDE (“FIDE Logos”). The Organiser shall be entitled to use the FIDE Logos while carrying out its activities with regards to the Events as set out in the relevant agreement and sublicense the same rights to all its commercial partners. The Organiser and FIDE shall be permitted to use the picture, likeness, name, autograph, signature, image and biographical details of the Players, Captains, FIDE Officials, Arbiters, and any others who attend in the Events, for the purposes of promoting the Events in any reasonable way so long as such use does not imply personal endorsement of any product or service other than the Events itself, and provided that the Organiser does not portray the person in an unfavourable manner.

8.9. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo shall be 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 bidding procedure and obligations of the Organiser may also be submitted to the competent court of the City of Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, unless otherwise agreed in the contract with the Organiser.

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) **Appeals Committee Procedural Rules** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>
- e) **FIDE Media Regulations** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C09>

APPENDIX 2

TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES

I. Team standings in Open and Women's sections (see [Article 4.5.1](#))

The position of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedure in order of priority:

TB1 – sum of IS(10) for the 10 best team opponents (excluding either the round where the team had a pairing-allocated bye, or if the team did not have a pairing-allocated bye, the team opponent which scored the lowest number of match-points). If there is a tie for the lowest number of matchpoints, then the lowest IS_i shall be excluded.

Each IS_i is determined as GP_i x FMP_i,
where:

GP_i is the number of gamepoints scored in a match against opponent “i”,

FMP_i is the final number of matchpoints scored by opponent “i”.

TB2 – number of gamepoints scored

TB3 – sum of the matchpoints of 10 teams opponents, excluding the team opponent with the lowest number of matchpoints

Any ties unbroken after the application of TB3 shall remain tied, and the tied teams shall be assigned the top ranking of that set of teams.

II. Team standings in the combined classification (see [Article 4.5.2](#))

The position of teams that finish with the same sum of places (after application of the Tie-Breaks in [Appendix 2.I](#)) shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedure in order of priority:

TB1 – sum of the number of matchpoints scored by the Open team and Women's team

TB2 – The sum of the Open team's TB1 ([Appendix 2.I](#)) and Women's team's TB1 ([Appendix 2.I](#)).

TB3 – The sum of the Open team's TB2 ([Appendix 2.I](#)) and Women's team's TB2 ([Appendix 2.I](#)).

TB4 – The sum of the Open team's TB3 ([Appendix 2.I](#)) and Women's team's TB3 ([Appendix 2.I](#)).

Any ties unbroken after the application of TB4 shall remain tied, and the tied teams shall be assigned the top ranking of that set of teams.

III. Individual standings (see [Article 4.6.3.2](#))

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

TB1 – Greater number of games played,

TB2 – Drawing of lots.

IV. Unplayed Matches in Tie-Break Calculations (see [Appendix 2.I](#) and [Appendix 2.II](#))

An Unplayed Match is a match where a team has been included in a round's pairings, and all games were scored as defaults. This does not include a pairing-allocated bye.

If a team is unpaired for a round, excluding when they have been awarded a pairing-allocated bye, for tie-break purposes only they will score 1 matchpoint for each round in which they are unpaired.

Calculation of GP

Unplayed win: GP(uw) = 4

Unplayed loss: GP(ul) = 0

Calculation of FMP

Unplayed win: $FMP(uw) = FMP + UR$

Unplayed win, but opponent plays no further matches: $FMP(uwx) = CMP + UR$

Unplayed loss: $FMP(ul) = FMP + UR$

Calculation of IS

Unplayed win: $IS(uw) = GP(uw) \times FMP(uw)$

Unplayed win, but opponent plays no further matches: $IS(uwx) = GP(uw) \times FMP(uwx)$

Unplayed loss: $IS(ul) = GP(ul) \times FMP(ul)$

where:

FMP (final matchpoints) is the final number of matchpoints scored by the opponent,

CMP (current matchpoints) is the number of team's matchpoints before the unplayed match by the opponent,

UR (unpaired rounds) is the number of rounds in which the opponent was unpaired, excluding pairing-allocated byes.

APPENDIX 3

FIDE Chess Olympiad, Olympiad for Players with Disabilities and Congress 2028

Bidding Form

(shall be submitted within **eight** weeks from the beginning of the bidding procedure to the office@fide.com)

REQUIRED INFORMATION		
Organiser	Company	Full Name
Federation		
Contact	Email	Phone
FIDE Chess Olympiad 2028 technical information		
Preliminary dates		
Planned overall budget, €		
Name and address of the indicative playing venue, including the expo area		
Playing venue surface available for the event, m ²		
Playing area surface, m ²		
Names, category and address of the indicative official hotels		
Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available		
Distance from the main airport to the official hotels, km		
Distance from the playing venue to the official hotels, km		
Olympiad for Players with Disabilities 2028* technical information		
Dates		
Planned budget, €		
Name and address of the indicative playing venue		
Playing venue surface available for the event, m ²		
Playing area surface, m ²		
Distance between the Competition for Players with Physical Disabilities playing venue and the Main Competition playing venue		
Names and address of the indicative official hotels		
Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available		

Distance from the main airport to the official hotels	
<p>* The Regulations for the Event shall be adopted in due course, but the following parameters should be considered for the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least 80 teams (at least 8 members each – 5 players, 1 captain, 1 accompanying persons), one open group of players with various kinds of disabilities; - the minimum 8-10m² for on player in the playing venue to be provided, all playing, accommodation and adherent venues shall be accessible for players with disabilities; - appropriate transportation services for people with disabilities shall be provided; - the tournament consists of at least 9 rounds and 1 day off; - the Organizer's staff must be proficient in dealing with players with disabilities. 	
Congress 2028 technical information	
Dates	
Overall planned budget, €	
Name and address of the indicative Congress venue	
Congress, meeting and office rooms available for the event, number and m ²	
Distance between the Congress venue and the official hotels for Congress participants	
Names and address of the indicative official hotels	
Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available	
Distance from the main airport to the official hotels	
<p>Congress Regulations are available at https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/FIDECongressRegulations Detailed technical requirements for Congress available at Applicant's request</p>	
Overall financial proposal	
Planned overall budget for all Events, €	
Proposed budget for the financial obligations set in art.6.5. of Olympiad Regulations:	
FIDE contribution, charge for internet rights and commercial rights for all events - minimum proposal - one million and five hundred thousand (1,500,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.	
FIDE contribution to cover full/partial travelling grants of the participating delegations (players, captains, FIDE Congress participants), FIDE organisational team and staff of all events - minimum proposal -	

three million and two hundred fifty thousand (3,250,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.	
FIDE contribution to cover full travel expenses and stipends to all Principals, arbiters, fair-play specialists of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities - minimum proposal - one million two hundred fifty thousand (1,250,000) net of any applicable local taxes.	
Additional financial, organizational etc. proposals from the Applicant (e.g. application for organizing other FIDE events, etc.)	
ORGANISER'S OBLIGATIONS	
Submitting this bidding form to the FIDE General Assembly/Council the Organiser declares to be aware of the requirements listed below and confirms commitment to fulfil them.	
The Organiser undertakes to fulfil all the financial and organisational requirements specified in the relative tournament regulations for the Events, as well as financial and other requirements specified in the FIDE Recommendations for organisation of FIDE Top-Level events and in the relevant regulations for the FIDE Congress as well in any other applicable FIDE Regulations.	
The Organiser undertakes to provide with its country's visa support and other necessary travelling arrangements to all participants without any exception.	
The Organiser hereby confirms its commitment to respect the rights of the FIDE partners and sponsors, including broadcasting partners	
Signature/stamp	Place/Date
LIST OF THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	
Documents to be provided according to the article 6.4. of the Regulations	
Promotional plan of the Events (if any)	
Information on additional proposals/perks from the Applicant	
Other	