

## Qualification for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026

Eight players shall qualify for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 by the following criteria:

**A. 2 spots – FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25**

The players who finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion is among these two qualifiers, the unallocated spot shall be awarded to the next non-qualifying player in the final ranking of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

**B. 3 spots – FIDE Women's World Cup 2025**

The players who finish 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion and/or one of the players qualified via track A is (are) among these three qualifiers, the unallocated spot(s) shall, in order of priority:

- be awarded to the player who finishes 4<sup>th</sup> in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025 (if she has not qualified via track A);
- be awarded to the next non-qualifying player(s) of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

**C. 2 spots – FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025**

The players who finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion and/or one of the players qualified via tracks A or B is (are) among these two qualifiers, the unallocated spot shall be awarded to the next non-qualifying player of the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025.

- D. Qualification track for one remaining spot shall be decided by FIDE Council. The decision shall be announced by 1 October 2024.