Regulations for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2024

1. Scope

1. 1. The Chess Olympiad is to be organised in 2024.

1. 2. Governing Body is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge for preparing regulations, communicating with the Organiser and the participating federations, conducting inspections.

1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by GSC.

1. 5. If the Chess Paralympiad 2024 takes place along the Chess Olympiad, these Regulations may be modified accordingly.

1. 6. 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 Chess Olympiad

2. 1. The Organiser of the Chess Olympiad is appointed through a selection process (see Chapter 7). He/she is responsible to FIDE for the whole organisation of the Chess Olympiad.

2. 2. The Organiser appoints the Tournament Director who is responsible for all technical issues related to the Chess Olympiad.

2. 3. Not later than eighteen (18) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad, the Organiser sends to GSC a draft of the invitation to the event, which contains full information on the following:

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) Conditions for visas.

2. 4. At the same time as the draft is submitted (see Article 2.3), two (2) officials appointed by GSC are invited to inspect the venue at the Organiser's expense.

2. 5. The draft invitation shall receive confirmation of GSC, with (if appropriate) a note of any modification which GSC considers necessary. Further inspections should be arranged at the Organiser's expense, if required by GSC.

2. 6. Not later than six (6) weeks before the start of the Chess Olympiad all participating federations are to 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 six (6) weeks before the start of the Chess Olympiad, the Organiser sends written invitations to the FIDE principals. Copies of these invitations go to GSC and the FIDE Secretariat.

2. 8. Not later than fifteen (15) days before the Opening Ceremony, the Organiser ensures that necessary actions are taken on the matters arising from the inspection(s) (see Articles 2.4 and 2.5), unless otherwise specified after the last inspection.

2. 9. Four (4) 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 are expected to arrive three (3) days before the Opening Ceremony.

3. Registration to the Chess Olympiad

3. 1. The Chess Olympiad is held in two (2) sections: Open and Women.

3. 2. The national teams of all member federations and the teams of affiliated members (https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/RegulationsOnAffiliatedMembers) have right to participate in the Main Competition. Additional exceptions may be granted by the FIDE Council's approval.

3. 3. Not later than nine (9) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad, the Organiser sends the invitation to all federations affiliated to FIDE. Copies of the invitation are to be forwarded to GSC, the FIDE Secretariat and the Zone Presidents.

3. 4. Not later than six (6) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad, each federation intending to participate in the Chess Olympiad confirms its participation to the Organiser. Copies of the confirmation are to be forwarded to GSC, the FIDE Secretariat and the Zone Presidents.

3. 5. Not later than two (2) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad, every participating federation has to 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. 6. Registration of new delegation members later than two (2) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad is subject to a fee of 100 euros per person paid to the Organiser. It is accepted up to one (1) month before the start of the Chess Olympiad. Visa support and accommodation are not guaranteed to the new delegation members.

3. 7. Any substitution of delegation members later than two (2) months before the start of the Chess Olympiad is subject to a fee of 100 euros per person paid to the Organiser. These substitutions are accepted up to five (5) days before the start of the Chess Olympiad. Visa support is not guaranteed to the new delegation members.

3. 8. Not later than one (1) month before the start of the Chess Olympiad, every participating federation pays the Organiser the full amount due for accommodation of all delegation members (Chief of delegation, accompanying persons, guests) whose accommodation expenses are not taken in charge by the Organiser (see Articles 4.3.2 and 4.3.3). Any delay is subject to an administrative fine of 100 euros per each delegation member paid to the Organiser. In case of delay accommodation is not guaranteed to the respective delegation members.

3. 9. The deadlines in Articles 3.3. – 3.8. may be altered upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. Chess Olympiad Regulations

4. 1. Format & System

In both sections: Swiss system, 11 rounds. The pairing system is described in "Olympiad Pairing Rules".

4. 2. Composition of Teams

4. 2. 1. In both sections, the teams are made up of four (4) players plus one (1) reserve.

4. 2. 2. Each team has a captain, who may also be one of the players (or the reserve). During play the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. The captain is entitled to convey demands made by his players. The captain is permitted to appoint a deputy to exercise his functions, the Chief Arbiter should be informed in writing of such a substitution.

4. 2. 3. Each federation is 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. Travel and Accommodation

4. 3. 1. Teams' travel expenses are covered by their federations unless alternative arrangements are mentioned by the specified FIDE Regulations.

4. 3. 2. The Organiser provides all the teams with free accommodation with full board in two (2) standard double rooms and two (2) single rooms (4-star hotel minimum) for 5 players + 1 captain for fourteen (14) days - from the day before the Opening Ceremony (dinner) until the departure day (breakfast).

4. 3. 3. Each federation pays the accommodation expenses of its Chief of Delegation (if he is not one of the persons mentioned in Article 4.3.2) and accompanying persons.

4. 4. Playing venue

4. 4. 1. The Organiser is responsible for the furnishing and upkeep of the playing venue and its surrounding areas.

4. 4. 2. During the whole event, the tournament venue is used only for chess and cannot be used for any other activity than one approved by GSC.

4. 4. 3. The maximum distance from the playing venue to any of the official hotel shall not exceed ten (10) km.

4. 4. 4. The playing venue is decorated with the FIDE flag, the IOC flag, the flags of the host and the participating nations.

4. 4. 5. The playing venue is clearly divided into the playing area and the spectators' area. The playing area is a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) m2 excluding additional facilities such as relaxation areas, congress/exhibition venues, etc. The spectators must have the opportunity to follow the matches directly but the players must not be disturbed by the spectators.

4. 4. 6. Acoustics, decoration, ventilation, heating or air-conditioning, and lighting must conform to the standards prescribed by the FIDE Technical Commission. The carpeting should eliminate distracting noise. Tables, chairs, chess boards, pieces and clocks are chosen according to GSC specifications.

4. 4. 7. The Organiser appoints staff with clearly visible insignia to supervise the playing venue.

4. 4. 8. The Organiser provides, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

4. 5. Schedule

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

Once the Chess Olympiad begins, the schedule may be modified only upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. 6. Drawing of colours

4. 6. 1. The draw of colours for Round 1 is made during the Opening Ceremony.

4. 7. Beginning of play and time control

4. 7. 1. Digital screens with countdown timers indicating the time remaining to the beginning of the round are installed in visible places at the playing area.

4. 7. 2. The playing session starts by the announcement of the Chief Arbiter.

4. 7. 3. Default time is 15 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time loses the respective game.

4. 7. 4. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 7. 5. The time control is: 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. 8. 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 in case of threefold repetition.

4. 9. Conditions of victory and qualification for the World Team Championship in the following year

4. 9. 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 most number of match points in the final standings is declared Olympiad Champion. The tie-break system is described in Annex 2.I.

4. 9. 2. The standings in the combined classification (open & women) are determined by the sum of places (open team + women team): the federation having the lower number is declared Combined Classification Winner. The tie-break system is described in Annex 2.II.

4. 9. 3. At least the three highest-placed teams of each section are entitled to participate in the World Chess Team Championships in the following year.

4. 10. Prizes

4. 10. 1. Trophies

4. 10. 1. 1. The winning team in the open section of the Chess Olympiad receives the "Hamilton-Russell Cup".

4. 10. 1. 2. The winning team in the women section of the Chess Olympiad receives the "Vera Menchik Cup".

4. 10. 1. 3. The winning federation in combined classification of the Chess Olympiad receives the "Nona Gaprindashvili Trophy".

4. 10. 1. 4. The dates of the Chess Olympiad and the name of the winning federation are to be engraved on the base of the respective Cup.

4. 10. 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. 10. 1. 6. The winning federations of the Chess Olympiad and the names of their players are recorded in the FIDE Golden Book, of which the President has custody.

4. 10. 2. Team Medals

4. 10. 2. 1. In each section, every member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) receives a gold medal. Similarly, the team finishing second receives silver medals and the team in third place receives bronze medals.

4. 10. 2. 2. Before Round 4, in each section, the teams are divided by TAP (see Article 4.16) into five (5) rating categories, on the basis of their position in the initial overall ranking list; as far as possible, the categories should contain equal numbers of teams.

4. 10. 2. 3. Every member of the team that finished with the highest score for its category, provided that it has not won medals in accordance with Article 4.10.2.1, receives a gold medal. Similarly, the team finishing with the second score receives silver medals and the team in third place receives bronze medals.

4. 10. 2. 4. All team medals are provided by the Organiser and approved by GSC.

4. 10. 3. Individual Board Medals

4. 10. 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 (8) games to be eligible for a board prize.

4. 10. 3. 2. The board medals are awarded according to players' performance ratings (TPR). The tie-break system is described in Annex 2.III

4. 10. 3. 3. All board medals are provided by the Organiser and approved by GSC.

4. 10. 4. Certificates

After the end of the Chess Olympiad, the federations of the teams finishing first, second and third are sent certificates by the FIDE President, recording the success of their teams.

4. 11. Playing Conditions

4. 11. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.

4. 11. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the captains, the FIDE principals, accredited media and stewards are allowed in the playing area. The Organiser provides easily visible passes for the players, the captains and the FIDE principals.

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 in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation by a player, he/she loses the current game. In case of this rule violation by a captain, he shall not be allowed to the playing venue until the end of the Chess Olympiad.

4. 11. 4. The players and the captains are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other 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. The players may talk only to an arbiter, to their captain or communicate with their opponents, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

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

4. 11. 7. 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, and only then if the player or captain is accompanied by an arbiter.

4. 11. 8. A member of FIDE Medical Commission / tournament physician is available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

4. 11. 9. The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission.

4. 11. 10. The anti-doping test procedure is regulated by the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 12. Scoresheets

4. 12. 1. The Organiser provides scoresheets according to specifications provided by GSC.

4. 12. 2. At the end of each match the players' original scoresheets are given to the Chief Arbiter, who forwards them to the FIDE office. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets may be penalized according to Article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Match Arbiter countersigns 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 GSC 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 winning teams 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. If a player or a captain fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in Articles 4.13.3 – 4.13.5, undermines the reputation of FIDE, the Olympiad Organiser 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 shall be penalized according to the decision of GSC. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Council.

4. 14. FIDE Principals

The Principals are:

FIDE President;
FIDE Deputy President;
FIDE Director General;
FIDE Executive Director;
Chief Arbiter;
Two (2) Deputy Chief Arbiters;
Twelve (12) Sector Arbiters;
Four (4) TAP Members and their Technical Advisor;
Fair-Play Officer;
Three (3) members of the Appeals Committee;
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission;
FIDE Press Officer;
GSC member.

4. 15. Arbiters

4. 15. 1. The Chief Arbiter, the two (2) Deputy Chief Arbiters, the twelve (12) Sector Arbiters, the Match Arbiters, the Fair-Play Officer and the ten (10) Fair-Play Arbiters are appointed by GSC.

4. 15. 2. The Chief Arbiter, the two Deputy Chief Arbiters and twelve Sector Arbiters have all the International Arbiter title and belong all to different federations. There must be one male Deputy Chief Arbiter and one female Deputy Chief Arbiter.

4. 15. 3. During play either the Chief Arbiter or a Deputy Chief Arbiter is present in the playing area.

4. 15. 4. The Sector Arbiters are to oversee and coordinate the work of the Match Arbiters.

4. 15. 5. 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, facing the right opponents;
- 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 draw up a results sheet featuring the number of the round, the countries involved, list of the players in board order, and the results of finished games;
- to hand the result sheet to the Chief Arbiter immediately after the end of the round.

4. 15. 6. The total number of Match Arbiters depends on the total number of participating teams – one (1) Match Arbiter per Match. At least one hundred (100) Match Arbiters should be foreigners. No federation, except the host federation, can have more than one male and one female Match Arbiter (2 in total). At least 1/4 of the Match Arbiters must be female. In each match, no Match Arbiter may belong to the same federation as either of the teams.

4. 15. 7. The Fair-Play Officer is responsible for applying the anti-cheating measures according to the FIDE specified guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A.10).

4. 15. 8. Within one (1) week after the end of the Chess Olympiad the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. The report contains 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. Technical Administration Panel

4. 16. 1. The Technical Administration Panel (hereinafter referred to as TAP) consists of a Chairman and three (3) other members,

each from a different federation.

4. 16. 2. GSC appoints the Chairman and two (2) other members.

4. 16. 3. The fourth member is a representative of the organising federation.

4. 16. 4. If necessary, a Technical Advisor 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. 16. 5. All the members of TAP are 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. 16. 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 receive team compositions for each round and produce individual pairings;
- to receive match reports and to prepare result lists for teams and individuals;
- to prepare the rankings;
- to prepare the title results.

4. 16. 7. Any output of TAP has to be approved by the Chief Arbiter.

4. 16. 8. Technical equipment of TAP should be arranged by the Organiser according to recommendations of GSC.

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

4. 17. 1. In matters relating to the play, an initial decision is taken by a Match Arbiter. Appeals against his/her decision are to be addressed to a Sector Arbiter. Appeals against Sector Arbiter's decision are to be addressed to the Chief Arbiter.

4. 17. 2. In administrative matters, an initial decision is taken by the Tournament Director.

4. 17. 3. A written protest against the decision of the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director is to be submitted to the Appeals Committee.

4. 18. Appeals Committee

4. 18. 1. GSC appoints the Chairman and the two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, all from different federations.

4. 18. 2. A member of the Appeals Committee cannot sit in judgement in a dispute involving a player from his/her federation or involving his/her national team. If both players or teams involved in a dispute are from the same federations that two (2) members of the Appeal Committee, then all three (3) members of the Appeal Committee sit in judgment.

4. 18. 3. All appeals and protests must be submitted in writing by the team Captain or the Chief of Delegation to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

4. 18. 4. All appeals and protests must be accompanied by a deposit fee of one hundred (100) euros or the equivalent in local currency. If the appeal or the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

4. 18. 5. The Appeal Committee may decide on the following matters:

a) appeal against a decision by the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director,
b) protest against a player's or a captain's behaviour,
c) any appeal which the Appeals Committee considers relevant.

4. 18. 6. The Appeals Committee endeavours to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

4. 18. 7. The Appeals Committee endeavours to make a decision within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.

4. 18. 8. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these Regulations is final.

4. 18. 9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to GSC.

4. 19. Media

4. 19. 1. The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: www.chessolympiad.fide.com. All content is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer. The Organiser shall not develop any other website. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event details are carried on the official domain, if other conditions are not specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 19. 2. Organiser warrants 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 are provided by the FIDE Press Officer to both GSC and the Organiser.

4. 19. 3. The Organiser sets up a press-centre which should be:

- close to the playing venue;
- 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.

4. 19. 4. The Organiser assists journalists with hotel reservations. He recommends suitable accommodation at favourable prices.

4. 19. 5. The Organiser co-operates with the FIDE Press Officer concerning the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the press-centre. Only accredited journalists have access to the playing venue and the press-centre.

4. 19. 6. The FIDE Press Officer is a member of the panel at press-conferences conducted during the event.

4. 20. Photography and Television

4. 20. 1. In the playing venue, media personnel are treated as spectators, except in so far as their work as media personnel necessarily requires exceptions.

4. 20. 2. Taking of photographs in the playing area is restricted to accredited reporters with the Organiser's permission. The use of flash is not allowed. An exception could be made only if the particularities of the venue force the photographers to stay more than six (6) meters away from the players, and even in those exceptional circumstances, it is restricted to the first five (5) minutes play. Film or television cameras and recording instruments may be brought into the playing venue only by the Organiser's permission.

4. 20. 3. Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Chief Arbiter deems their use to be unobtrusive.

4. 21. Ceremonies

4. 21. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place the day prior to the first round. All the players and officials are invited to take part in the Opening Ceremony.

4. 21. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The building or hall where the ceremony is held is decorated with the FIDE flag, the IOC flag and the flag of the hosting nation. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation are played.

4. 21. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last round. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation are played.

5. Financial issues

5. 1. The Organiser draws up a budget as detailed as possible, in consultation with GSC. GSC must be kept informed of the financial aspects of the Chess Olympiad.

5. 2. Not later than three (3) months before the beginning of the Chess Olympiad FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses related to the organisation of the Chess Olympiad, unless otherwise specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

5. 3. Stipends

5. 3. 1. The stipends to be paid to the FIDE principals by the Organiser are (in euros):

Chief Arbiter:	5,000
Two (2) Deputy Chief Arbiters:	3,500 each
Twelve (12) Sector Arbiters:	2,500 each
Fair-play Officer:	3,500
TAP Chairman and Technical Advisor	3,500 each
Three (3) TAP Members	2,500 each
Three (3) Members of the Appeals Committee:	2,500 each
FIDE Press Officer:	3,500
Deputy FIDE Press Officer:	2,500
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	2,500
GSC Member	2,500
TOTAL:	78,500

5. 3. 2. Any principal who is active at the Chess Olympiad for only part of the time receives only a pro rata portion of his stipend.

5. 4. Travel expenses of the FIDE principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser`s expense. All other principals shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses up to one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent and up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) euros if travelling from another continent.

5. 5. Accommodation of the FIDE principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in an official 4-5-star hotel is to be offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a single room in the same hotel is to be offered by the Organiser for other principals. Extra expenses are covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President.

5. 6. Local transportation

Transfer from and to the airport is provided by the Organiser, if necessary. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car, for the other principals, a number of cars is made available; their use depends on the position of the hotels, playing venue and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between the Organiser and GSC. Local transport is also provided for the players to official functions if necessary.

5. 7. Medical care

The Organiser meets the Principals' cost of treating acute illnesses including the cost of medicines, but not chronic ailments.

5. 8. Provision for the Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Arbiters

5. 8. 1. The Organiser provides foreign Match Arbiters (at least one hundred) and the foreign Fair-Play Arbiters with free accommodation with full board in double rooms.

5. 8. 2. The Organiser pays each foreign Match Arbiter and each foreign Fair-Play Arbiters the fee of one thousand five hundred (1,500) euros (if from the same continent) or two thousand (2,000) euros (if not from the same continent) including travel expenses. Provisions for other Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Arbiters are to be specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

5. 9. Fair-play measures

The Organiser covers all the related costs up to ten thousand (10,000) euros, excluding all the expenses for the Fair-Play Officer and Fair-Play Arbiters.

6. Commercial issues

6. 1. All activities of both FIDE and the Organiser identify FIDE being the Governing Body of the Chess Olympiad.

6. 2. The commercial, radio and television and internet rights, including photo, video and film rights belong to FIDE and the

Organiser as described in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

6. 3. The Organiser provides free of charge the IOC representatives with the filming permission of the Chess Olympiad for the non-commercial use only.

6. 4. Income accruing from the Chess Olympiad through admission charges, concessions, sale of equipment, etc., goes to the Organiser.

6. 5. No proposed sponsor is in conflict with the regulations of IOC.

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

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

6. 7. The event title of the tournament is represented below. The corporate logo should include the above on top and the text in any kind of printed or electronic media must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

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

7. 1. FIDE opens a bidding procedure for the Chess Olympiad not later than five (5) years before the beginning of the event.

7. 2. Any federation member of FIDE or any Organiser approved by a national federation may apply (bid) for the organisation of the Chess Olympiad.

7. 3. The Applicant who bids for the Chess Olympiad should also undertake to hold the FIDE Congress for the same year. Exceptions may be made by the FIDE General Assembly or the FIDE President.

7. 4. Each application should contain the following:

a) Proposed place and approximate dates of the event.
b) Provisional tournament venue.
c) Commitment to transfer to FIDE the fee of five hundred thousand (500,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes not later than eighteen (18) months before the beginning of the Chess Olympiad, unless another term is specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.
d) Commitment to transfer to FIDE the following amounts (net of any applicable local taxes) not later than eighteen (18) months before the beginning of the Chess Olympiad (unless another term is specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser):
- at least three hundred thousand (300,000) euros for the internet video rights to the Chess Olympiad;
- at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) euros for all other commercial rights to the Chess Olympiad (see Article 6.2);
- at least one million (1,000,000) euros for travel expenses of the delegations of participating developing federations specified by the FIDE regulations.

e) Commitment to transfer to FIDE the rest of the total amount due to FIDE related to the organisation of the Chess Olympiad according to Articles 2.4; 2.5; 5.3.1; 5.3.2; 5.4; 5.8.2; 5,9 and according to the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser not later than three (3) months before the beginning of the Chess Olympiad (see Article 5.2).
f) Commitment to respect the rights of the FIDE partners and sponsors.
g) Category of official (at least 4-stars) hotels (see Article 2.3) with the total number of available rooms.
h) Applicant's name, signature and authentication.
i) Letters of support from a national federation and relevant local authorities.
j) Guarantee issued by a first-class bank for the amount of three hundred thousand (300,000) euros to support the bid. In case the Applicant who wins the bidding procedure fails to fulfil the requirements set out in Article 7.8., this entire amount goes to FIDE.

7. 5. At the moment of applying for the organisation of the Chess Olympiad the Applicant pays a non-refundable fee of five thousand (5,000) euros.

7. 6. Upon receipt of the bidding form, GSC assigns two officials to inspect the relevant facilities at the Organiser's expense. The inspectors submit the evaluation report to the FIDE Council.

7. 7. Four years before the Chess Olympiad, the General Assembly makes its final decision by ranking all the Applicants in order of the number of votes received**.**

7. 8. After being awarded the organisation of the Olympiad, the Applicant and FIDE shall sign a contract regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the Olympiad and FIDE Congress. The Applicant has three (3) months to sign the contract with FIDE and four (4) months to submit a financial guarantee issued by a first-class bank for the amount of two million (2,000,000) euros related to the organisation of the Chess Olympiad and the FIDE Congress according to these Regulations (see Article 7.4).

7. 9. If the Applicant is unable to sign the contract within three months or provide FIDE within four months with the guarantee of the amount of two million (2,000,000) euros as stipulated in Article 7.8, three hundred thousand (300,000) euros goes to FIDE in accordance with Article 7.4. j. The Presidential Board offers the privilege to the Applicant ranked second. The procedure stipulated in Article 7.8 is repeated.

7. 10. If none of the first two Applicants are able to sign the contract, then the Presidential Board offers the privilege to the Applicant ranked third or reopens the bidding procedure which shall be completed by the following FIDE Congress.

ANNEX 1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

(FIDE Laws of Chess)

The FIDE Laws of Chess, as valid since 1 January 2023:

https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023

ANNEX 2

TIE-BREAK PROCEDURES

I. Team standings in Open and Women's sections (see Article 4.9.1)

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) (increased scores) scored against each of 10 best team opponents (excluding the team opponent which scored the lowest number of matchpoints)

Each ISi is determined as GPi x FMPi,
where:
GPi is the number of gamepints scored in a match against opponent "i",
FMPi is the final number of matchpoints scored by opponent "i".

Comment
Calculation of IS in case of unplayed matches.
Pairing-allocated bye: IS(b) = 2 x (CMP + 1 + RR),
Uplayed win: IS(uw) = 4 x (CMP + 1 + RR),
Uplayed loss: IS(ul) = 0,
where:
CMP (current matchpoints) is the number of team's matchpoints before the unplayed match,
RR (remaining rounds) is the number of remaining rounds after the unplayed match.

TB2 – number of gamepoints scored

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

II. Team standings in the combined classification (see Article 4.9.2)

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

TB1 – number of matchpoints scored

TB2 – sum of IS(10) (increased scores) scored against each of 10 best team opponents (excluding the team opponent which scored the lowest number of matchpoints)

Each ISi is determined as GPi x FMPi,
where:
GPi is the number of gamepints scored in a match against opponent "i",
FMPi is the final number of matchpoints scored by opponent "i".

Comment
Calculation of IS in case of unplayed matches.
Pairing-allocated bye: IS(b) = 2 x (CMP + 1 + RR),
Uplayed win: IS(uw) = 4 x (CMP + 1 + RR),
Uplayed loss: IS(ul) = 0,
where:
CMP (current matchpoints) is the number of team's matchpoints before the unplayed match,

RR (remaining rounds) is the number of remaining rounds after the unplayed match.

TB3 – number of gamepoints scored

TB4 – sum of the matchpoints of 10 teams opponents, excluding the team opponent with the lowest number of matchpoints.

III. Individual standings (see Article 4.10.3.2)

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

TB1 – Bigger number of games played,

TB2 – Drawing of lots.