

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The World Amateur Rapid & Blitz Championships (hereinafter referred to as "WA-RBC") shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions.
2. WA-RBC is organized under the aegis of the Events Commission (hereinafter referred to as "EVE").
3. The competition should be held every year between 15 of May and 15 of June.
4. FIDE EVE is entitled to modify (make changes about the number of rounds, categories, schedule and so on) the regulations.
5. For the starting list, the highest rating (blitz, rapid or standard) of each player will be taken into account.

PARTICIPATION

6. There shall be 3 categories: namely Under-1700, Under-2000, Under-2300 with separate events for Open & Women.
7. There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least twenty players from at least two continents in each category. Otherwise, Women players will play in Open competition and, in this case of a merged tournament, women players will be eligible to win prizes from both categories: For example, if the 1st woman player also wins the 3rd place in the men (open) standings, she will receive both prizes in terms of any trophies, medals, prize money and qualification rights awarded.
8. The Champions from each WA-RBC rating section and from each Continental Rapid and Blitz Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are invited with personal rights as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300 by the registration deadline, and their places cannot be substituted.
9. FIDE member federation shall have the right to send as many players as they wish but not more than 30% of all participants.
10. For participation in WA-RBC Under - 2300 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline. A player must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.
11. For participation in WA-RBC Under - 2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.
12. For participation in WA-RBC Under - 1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship. A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts. If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category.

SYSTEM & SCHEDULE

13. WA Rapid will be held over 3 days and played in 11 to 13 rounds, using the Swiss system. The exact number of rounds will be determined and confirmed prior to the start of the event, based on the final number of participants.
14. The time control for WA Rapid is 15 minutes + 10 sec. increment per move starting from move 1.

15. The WA Blitz Championship will be held over 2 days. The total number of games will be between 11 and 17 and finalized according to the total number of registered participants.
16. The time control for WA Blitz is 3 minutes + 2 sec. increment per move starting from move 1.
17. The rest day is recommended between WA Rapid and Blitz.
18. The ranking is determined by the number of points. If two or more players score the same points, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria, in order of priority:
 - a. Direct Encounter
 - b. Buchholz Cut 1
 - c. Buchholz
 - d. The greater number of games played by black
 - e. The greater number of wins
 - f. Drawing of lots
19. Time table and Tie-break system can be changed by the organizer after consultation with FIDE Events Commission.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

20. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rules 8.

PRIZES

21. The winners of the first (1st) place in all 3 categories will receive cup and gold medal, the winners of the second (2nd) and third (3rd) places in all 3 categories will receive silver and bronze medal.
22. Total Prize fund of the competition shall be at least 10,000 Euros.

Annex 1 – FIDE Regulations

Relevant FIDE Regulations can be found here:

FIDE Laws of Chess:

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

General Regulations for FIDE EVE Competitions: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

Captains and Heads of Delegation:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

Appeals Committee Procedural Rules:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>

Anti-Cheating Protection Measures:

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCPProtectionMeasures.pdf>

FIDE Regulations for the Appointment of Arbiters in World Events:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B0604082023>

Arbiter stipend regulation:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/ArbiterStipendRegulations2024>