

24. FIDE World Under 8-18 Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The World under 8-18 Rapid and Blitz Championships (hereinafter referred to as “W-RBCYC”) shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions.
2. W-RBCYC is organized under the aegis of the Events Commission (hereinafter referred to as “EVE”).
3. The competition should be held every year between 1 of April and 20 of May.
4. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in this regulation shall be referred to EVE commission upon authorization by the FIDE President for any kind of amendments and special arrangements.

PARTICIPATION

5. There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 & Under-18 with separate events for Open and Girls.
6. All chess players who shall not reached the age of 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, or 18 before January 1st of the year in which the W-RBCYC are held are eligible to participate.
7. The Champions of the previous edition of W-RBCYC have personal rights and are entitled to participate provided they fulfil the condition of Rule 6 above. The mentioned winners may select to play in the same age-category or a higher age-category. For example, the U10 winner may play in the 10 category if he is still eligible by age or to play in U12 category.
8. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

9. The tournaments will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. If a player doesn't have an existing FIDE rapid and blitz rating, then his/her classical rating will be used, where applicable.
10. Time control for the rapid championships will be 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move starting from move one.

11. Time control for the blitz championships will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move starting from move one.

12. The tournament schedule shall be as follows:

Day 1		Arrival
Day 2	14:30	Opening
Day 2	15:00	Round 1-3 Rapid
Day 3	15:00	Round 4-7 Rapid
Day 4	15:00	Round 8-11 Rapid
Day 5		Rest Day
Day 6	15:00	Round 1-6 Blitz
Day 7	15:00	Round 7-11 Blitz
Day 7		Closing
Day 8		Departure

13. The ranking is determined by the number of points. The tie-breaks are:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied have played each other)
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- The greater number of games played by black
- The greater number of wins
- Drawing of lots

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

14. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rules 7 above from arrival day (lunch) to departure day (breakfast).

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 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>

Fair Play Protection Measures:

[https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/FPL Protection Measures 2024.pdf](https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/FPL_Protection_Measures_2024.pdf)