

04. FIDE World Amateur Championships

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The World Amateur Championship (hereinafter referred to as “WC”) shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions.
2. WC 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 September – 15 of November.
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 will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700. In each rating section, a separate championship for women shall be organized only if there are at least 10 women entries from at least 2 continents. Otherwise the women's event will be merged with men (open).
6. Regulations regarding categories are below,
 - 6.1. For the Under 2300 section, a player must not have a published FIDE Standard rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline of the event.
 - 6.2. For the Under 2000 section, a player must not have a published FIDE Standard rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.
 - 6.3. For the Under 1700 section, a player must not have a published FIDE Standard rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.
7. No player may hold any title above CM or WCM in the Under 1700 and Under 2000 categories. No player may hold any title above FM or WFM in the Under 2300 category. These restrictions will not apply to players whose age makes them eligible to participate in that year's World Seniors 65+ category.

Annex		
Category	Rating Limit (Article 6)	Ineligible Titles (Article 7)
Under 2300	< = 2300	IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 2000	< = 2000	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 1700	< = 1700	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM

8. The Championships are open tournaments for players registered by their federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.
9. In addition, the winner from each World Amateur Championship rating section and from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are qualified with personal rights (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) and their places cannot be substituted.

SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

10. WC will be a 11-round Swiss system tournament.
11. The time control is 45 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The default time is 15 minutes.
12. The tournament schedule shall be as follows:

Day 1		Arrival
Day 2	14:30	Opening
Day 2	15:00	Round 1
Day 3	11:30	Round 2
Day 3	18:00	Round 3
Day 4	11:30	Round 4
Day 4	18:00	Round 5
Day 5	11:30	Round 6
Day 5		Cultural Program
Day 6	11:30	Round 7
Day 6	18:00	Round 8
Day 7	11:30	Round 9

Day 7	18:00	Round 10
Day 8	11:30	Round 11
Day 8		Closing
Day 9		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 total prize fund (all sections included) shall be at least 7,500 euros. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rules 9 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