

07. FIDE World Championships U8, U10 & U12

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The FIDE World Championships under 8, under 10, under 12 (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 15 of October – 30 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. The FIDE World Championship shall be held in six (6) categories: Open Under-8, Open Under-10, Open Under-12, Girls Under-8, Girls Under-10, and Girls Under-12.
6. Players who have not reached the age of 8, 10, or 12, respectively, before 1 January of the year in which the World Cup is held shall be eligible to participate in the corresponding age category.
7. Each age category shall consist of eight (8) players.
8. The following players shall have the right to participate in each age category:
 - a. Three (3) places shall be reserved for the top three finishers of the FIDE World Cup held earlier in the same calendar year.
 - b. Four (4) places shall be allocated to the Continental Federations, with one (1) nominee from each continent. Nominations shall be submitted by the respective Continental Presidents.
 - c. One (1) place shall be allocated to a player nominated by the Organizing Federation.
 - d. If a qualified player or a Continental Federation does not accept its allocated place by the deadline specified by the Organizers, the vacant place(s) shall become FIDE EVE wild cards.

SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

9. The World Championship shall be played as a single round-robin tournament.

10. The time control shall be 90 minutes for each player for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The default time shall be 30 minutes.

11. Final standings shall be determined by the number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following tie-break system shall apply in the order listed:

Direct Encounter

Sonneborn-Berger

Sonneborn-Berger excluding the results against the last-placed player (Sonneborn-Berger-1)

Greater number of games played with the black pieces

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

12. The Organizing Committee shall provide free accommodation and full board (in twin rooms) for the players referred to in Rule 8, from the arrival day (lunch) until the 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

Bid Evaluation:

<https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/8.-Bids-Evaluation-Criteria-with-Points.pdf>