

22. FIDE World Cup under 14, 16, 18

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The World Cup for under 14, under 16, under 18 (hereinafter referred to as “W-Cup”) shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions.
2. W-Cup 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 June and 1 of August.
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.
5. Priority table for the event:

Year	Continent
2028	Europe
2029	Asia, Africa, America

6. If the bids received for the 2028 edition from European federations do not meet the standards established by FIDE EVE, the competition may instead be awarded to a federation from Asia, Africa, or the Americas.
7. If the bids received for the 2029 edition from Asian, African, or American federations do not meet the standards established by FIDE EVE, the competition may instead be awarded to a European federation.
8. FIDE EVE reserves the right to modify the continental priority principle whenever deemed necessary.

PARTICIPATION

9. The FIDE World Cup shall be held in six (6) categories: Open Under-14, Open Under-16, Open Under-18, Girls Under-14, Girls Under-16, and Girls Under-18.

10. Players who have not reached the age of 14, 16, or 18, respectively, before 1 January of the year in which the World Cup is held shall be eligible to participate in the corresponding age category.

11. Subject to compliance with Rule 10, the following players shall have a personal right to participate:

a. The top three (3) finishers in the corresponding age category of the previous edition of the FIDE World Youth Championships.

These players may compete either in the same age category, provided they remain age-eligible, or in the next higher age category. For example, the winner of the Under-14 category may compete either in the Under-14 category (if still age-eligible) or in the Under-16 category.

b. The Continental Youth Champions (Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18, Open and Girls) from the year preceding the World Cup.

12. Each FIDE member federation may register one (1) invited player in each of the six (6) categories (Open Under-14, Open Under-16, Open Under-18, Girls Under-14, Girls Under-16, and Girls Under-18), for a maximum of six (6) invited players per federation.

13. In addition to the invited players referred to in Rule 12, each FIDE member federation may register an unlimited number of additional players.

SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

14. W-Cup will be a 11-round Swiss system tournament.

15. The time control is 45 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The default time is 15 minutes.

16. 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

17. 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

18. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rules 11 & 12 above from arrival day (lunch) to departure day (breakfast), as well as for one accompanying person per federation provided he holds a FIDE ID.

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)