

8. FIDE World Cup under 7, 9, 11

GENERAL REGULATIONS & RULES

1. The FIDE World Cup Under-7, Under-9 and Under-11 (hereinafter referred to as the “W-Cup”) shall be governed by the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and these Regulations.
2. The W-Cup shall be organized under the aegis of the FIDE Events Commission (hereinafter referred to as “EVE”).
3. The W-Cup shall be held annually between 1 September and 30 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.
5. The continental hosting priority shall be as follows:

Year	Continent
2028	Asia, Africa, America
2029	Europe

6. If the bids received for the 2028 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.
7. If the bids received for the 2029 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.
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-7, Open Under-9, Open Under-11, Girls Under-7, Girls Under-9, and Girls Under-11.

10. Players who have not reached the age of 7, 9, or 11 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 either the FIDE World Championship or the FIDE World Cup.

b. The Continental Champions (Under-7, Under-9, and Under-11, Open and Girls) from the year preceding the World Cup.

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-9 category may compete in either the Under-9 category (if still age-eligible) or the Under-11 category.

12. Each FIDE member federation may register one (1) invited player in each of the six (6) categories (Open Under-7, Open Under-9, Open Under-11, Girls Under-7, Girls Under-9, and Girls Under-11), 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 in any category.

SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

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

15. The time control is 90 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The default time is 15 minutes.

16. The final ranking is determined by the number of points. If two or more players finish with the same number of points, the following tie-break criteria shall be applied in the order listed:

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

17. 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