

Rules & regulations for a World Chess Championship Match

within the cycle 2005-2007

1. Organisation

1.1 A World Chess Championship Match between the World Champion and a challenger who was either an ex-World champion or has a minimum FIDE rating of 2700, can be organized under specific conditions as described in articles 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 of these regulations. This World Chess Championship match shall be organised in 2006/07 and represent an integral part of the World Chess Championship regulations for the cycle 2005-2007.

1.2 Governing Body: the World Chess Federation (FIDE). For the purpose of creating the regulations, communicating with the players and negotiating with the organisers, the FIDE President has nominated a committee, hereby called the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC).

1.3 FIDE retains all commercial and media rights of the World Chess Championship match, including internet rights. These rights can be granted by FIDE to the organizer(s) of the event.

2. Qualification for the World Chess Championship Match

2.1 A player with a current FIDE rating of 2700 and above, as well as an ex-World Champion, can issue a challenge for a match of 12 games for the World Championship title against the incumbent World Champion on the following conditions:

a. The challenger's side shall provide an amount of 1,000,000 (one million) USD as guaranteed prize money for the incumbent World Champion, net and not subject to any further deductions such as tax. The challenger's side should also provide the exact total prize fund of the event (World Champion and challenger), net and not subject to any further deductions such as tax.

b. At the same time, the challenger's side shall guarantee the organisational budget of the match, including a contribution fee to FIDE in the amount of 20% above and over of the total prize fund, net and not subject to any further deductions such as tax.

c. If the challenger wins the World Championship Match and becomes the new World Champion, then his previous status in the World Championship Cycle 2005-2007 (World Cup or Candidates or World Championship Tournament qualifier, etc.) passes to the loser of the World Championship Match. This would not be a replacement but a switch of status between the challenger and the World Champion. The winner of the World Championship Match shall be obliged to defend his title in the World Chess Championship Tournament 2007.

d. Should the above-mentioned provisions be fulfilled, the World Champion is obliged to play the match.

2.2 In case the challenger's side provides, as guaranteed prize money for the incumbent World Champion, an amount less than 1,000,000 (one million) USD but more than 500,000 (five hundred thousand) USD, the World Champion has the right to negotiate the proposal with the challenger and FIDE in order to decide whether to accept the challenge or refuse it. If the World Champion agrees to play the match, the challenger's side shall be responsible for covering the organisational costs as well as a contribution fee to FIDE in the amount of 20% above and over of the total prize fund.

2.3 The match should be terminated at least six (6) months before the start of the World Championship Tournament, due to be held in September/October 2007.

2.4 The challenger's side should present the bank guarantees, for the whole sums described in articles 2.1.a, 2.1.b and 2.2, at the same time as his proposal, after which FIDE shall organise the match within a 5-month period.

3. Match Regulations

3.1 Format & System

Match System: The World Chess Championship match will consist of 12 games.

3.2 Schedule of the World Chess Championship Match

The World Chess Championship match will be played according to the following schedule:

Players meeting / Opening Ceremony	1 day
Round 1:	1 day play
Round 2:	1 day play
Round 3:	1 day play
Free Day	1 day
Round 4:	1 day play
Round 5:	1 day play
Round 6:	1 day play
Free Day	1 day
Round 7:	1 day play
Round 8:	1 day play
Round 9:	1 day play
Free Day	1 day
Round 10:	1 day play
Round 11:	1 day play
Round 12:	1 day play
Tiebreaks	1 day
Closing Ceremony	1 day
TOTAL:	18 days

3.3 Confirmation of Participation / Conduct of Players

3.3.1 When FIDE has confirmed the name of organiser, venue and dates, the participants will receive the copy of the Player's Undertaking (which contains the player's obligations) from the FIDE website and shall send their signed Undertaking to the FIDE Secretariat within one week. This is each player's responsibility. Any participant who fails to return his Player's Undertaking by the official deadline, shall be considered to have forfeited the match.

3.3.2 The players shall confirm their participation by returning the signed copy of the Players' Undertaking by fax and registered mail to the FIDE Secretariat. The players shall be fully responsible for the arrival on time of their signed undertaking at the FIDE Secretariat.

3.3.3 A player who returns his signed undertaking but withdraws before the start of the games shall be considered to have forfeited the match.

3.3.4 A player who withdraws after the match has started shall lose by forfeit the remaining games and his opponent is declared as winner.

3.3.5 A player that fails to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after signing the player's undertaking, may be excluded from the next World Championship cycle.

3.3.6 For security and administrative reasons, the participants are expected to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).

3.3.7 Each player will receive without charge one junior suite and two double rooms for their hotel accommodation, including full board, for the whole duration of the match.

3.3.8 No postponement of any game shall be allowed except with permission of the FIDE President.

3.3.9 Separate contracts between the organiser(s) and the players shall be also signed.

3.4 Drawing of colours

3.4.1 The draw for colours will be conducted during the opening ceremony.

3.4.2 For tie-break games, there shall be a separate drawing of lots conducted by the Chief Arbiter of the match.

3.5 Time control.

3.5.1 The time control for each game shall be: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 61.

3.5.2 However, if both players agree, then the time control used in the World Cup (90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move from move 1) can be applied.

3.5.3 The games shall be played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

3.6 Conditions of victory

3.6.1 Each match shall be played over twelve (12) games and the winner of the match shall be the first player to score 6.5 points or more. A tie shall be broken according to article 3.7 below. If the winner scores 6.5 points in less than 12 games then the organizers can re-schedule the Closing Ceremony for an earlier date.

3.7 Tie-breaks

3.7.1 If the scores are level after the regular twelve (12) games, after a new drawing of colours, four (4) tie-break games shall be played. The games shall be played using the electronic clock starting with 25 minutes on the clock for each player with an addition of 10 seconds after each move.

3.7.2 If the scores are level after the games in paragraph 3.7.1, then, after a new drawing of colours, two (2) five-minute games shall be played with the addition of 10 seconds after each move.

3.7.3 If the score is still level, the players shall play a single decisive sudden death game. The player, who wins the drawing of lots, may choose the colour. White shall receive 6 minutes, Black shall receive 5 minutes, without any addition. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared as winner.

3.7.4 Play shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess for Rapid and Blitz Games (Appendices B and C of the Laws of Chess), except where they are overridden by the specific provisions of these regulations:

- a. Players need not record their moves. An Arbiter will record the moves (Article B3).
- b. Once a player has completed ten (10) moves, no claim can be made regarding incorrect piece placement, orientation of chessboard or clock setting. In case of reverse King and Queen placement, castling with the King is not allowed (Article B4).
- c. The player whose turn it is to move, may consult the Arbiter's score sheet, and, if his next move will produce a threefold repetition of position (according to Article 9.2a of the Laws of Chess), or the 50 moves rule (according to Article 9.3a of the Laws of Chess), he himself must write the intended move on the score sheet and claim the draw, if he wants. If the claim is found to be correct, the game is immediately ended as a draw. If the claim is found to be incorrect, the Arbiter shall add three (3) minutes to the opponent's remaining time and additionally shall deduct half of the claimant's remaining time up to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- d. The Arbiter shall call the flag fall (Article B6).
- e. Article C3 does not apply.
- f. In the case of an illegal move the Arbiter shall interfere with the game only after a claim by the opponent and shall reinstate the position immediately before the irregularity. For the first illegal move made by a player the arbiter shall give two (2) extra minutes to the opponent. For the second illegal move by the same player the arbiter shall declare the game lost by this player.

3.7.5 Between the tie-break games as well as before the start of the sudden death game there shall be a pause of at least 10 minutes, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

3.8 Money Prizes for the World Chess Championship Match

3.8.1 The exact prize fund of the match will be determined after the match has been confirmed with the organizer(s).

3.8.2 If a player withdraws after the start of a match without having a satisfactory reason for doing so, he shall receive no prize money.

3.9 Playing Conditions.

3.9.1 Only the players, principals and steward (-es)s shall be allowed in the actual playing area except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

3.9.2 During the playing session the following additional regulations shall be in force:

- a) The players are not permitted to bring into the playing area technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.
- b) A player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- c) During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing area without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

3.10 Score sheets.

3.10.1 The Organisers shall provide score sheets according to the specifications provided by FIDE.

- a) At the end of each game the players' original score sheets shall be given to the Arbiter, who shall hand them to FIDE .
- b) Refusal of either player to sign the score sheets shall be penalised according to Article 13.4 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the score sheets, the Arbiter shall countersign to confirm the results.
- c) In tie-break games, the players and the Arbiter shall sign a result sheet.

3.11 Players' Meeting.

3.11.1 The players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organisers. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

3.11.2 If a player fails to appear at the Players' Meeting, the Opening or Closing Ceremony or any approved function of the Championship such as official receptions and press conferences, or conducts himself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, then he shall suffer the following penalty: 5% of his prize money shall be forfeited to the Organisers and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct the player may be disqualified from the match and the World Chess Championship cycle.

3.12 Interviews, functions and mode of dressing.

3.12.1 The players are expected to co-operate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged through the Press Officer.

3.12.2 The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews, of not more than 10 minutes duration, immediately after the game. In general, the winner, or in the event of a draw both players, shall be available for the daily press conference.

3.12.3 The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by the FIDE President or his Deputy during the match including official receptions, the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony.

3.12.4 Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their appearance at all times during the matches.

3.13 Payment of Prize Money

3.13.1 The prize fund shall be paid by bank cheque or direct banker's order drawn in United States Dollars on UBS, Lausanne or any other official FIDE bank.

3.13.2 Upon completion of the match, FIDE shall pay these sums collectible in the player's home country where requested by him within 10 days.

3.14 Local Tax

3.14.1 Although FIDE will endeavour to sign an agreement with the organiser stating that the prize funds are net and free of all tax, FIDE will not be responsible for any national or local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE will give all necessary assistance to the players if the organiser acts to the contrary.

3.15 Principals

3.15.1 The Principals are:

- a) President and Deputy President, one of them being the Chairman of the Appeals Committee;
- b) Treasurer, Elected Vice President, General Secretary
- c) Members of the Appeals Committee;
- d) Arbiters;
- e) Press Officer;
- f) Chairman of FIDE Medical Commission;
- g) WCCC members;

3.16 Arbiters

3.16.1 The arbiters of the World Chess Championship match will be nominated by FIDE after consultation with the players. No arbiter may belong to the same federation as either of the players. Exception: if both players are members of the same federation, an arbiter may also belong to this federation.

3.16.2 During play either the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy must be present in the playing area.

3.16.3 Immediately after the end of the match, the Chief Arbiter shall write a report and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat.

3.16.4 The report shall be written in the English language.

3.16.5 The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final result of the match. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

3.16.6 The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins and the score sheets of the games.

3.16.7 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the WCCC, and with the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

3.17 Appeals Committee.

3.17.1 The President or his Deputy shall be Chairman of the Appeals Committee. There shall be two (2) other members all from different Federations. No member of the Appeals Committee can be from the federation of either player.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two (2) hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 5,000 (five thousand US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

3.18 Other arrangements

3.18.1 The WCCC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet at least the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organisation of Top Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

3.18.2 The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating countries.

3.18.3 After the World Chess Championship Committee agrees with the Organisers on the arrangements in respect of the tournament hall, facilities, accommodation and meals, transportation, telecommunication, ceremonies, etc., no objections from the participants shall be acceptable.

3.18.4 Organisers shall provide, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for press members.

3.19 Photography and Television

3.19.1 Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.

a) Flash may be used only during the first five (5) minutes.

b) In tie-break games, flash may only be used in the first three (3) minutes. In case of 5 minutes + sudden death games, flash is not permitted, the use of cameras without flash may be permitted if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.

c) Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.

d) An official photographer, designated by the Organisers with the approval of the Chief Arbiter shall be allowed to take photos at any time during the round without flash.

3.20 Ceremonies.

3.20.1 The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to the first round and the participants are required to take part.

3.20.2 The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be supervised by FIDE. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

3.20.3 The Closing Ceremony shall take place not later than one day after the end of the event and the participants are required to take part. The Organisers shall provide a victory garland, a trophy and a gold medal for the winner and a silver medal for the loser. Anthem of the winner's country, FIDE Anthem and Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

3.21 FIDE Rights and Obligations of the Organisers

3.21.1 Finance

3.21.1.1 After the Presidential Board (or the FIDE President) has approved who shall be selected to organize the event, the challenger's side shall deposit, not later than 45 days before the start of the match, in escrow, net and free of all taxes, with the FIDE bankers the full sums of money, as described in articles 2.1.a, 2.1.b and 2.2, and all costs related to FIDE as stipends, travel, full board and lodge and other administrative costs for communications etc in accordance with a budget agreed between FIDE and the Organizers.

Not later than 45 days before the start of the match, FIDE shall also be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organization of the match. This shall be a fixed sum of 35,000 USD towards the budget of the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) plus a fixed sum of 25,000 USD for the expenses of the live transmission of the games via the internet, as described below in article 3.21.1.4. The WCCC shall advise and help the Organiser(s) on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary, bulletin and other technical problems.

3.21.1.2 FIDE has the exclusive commercial rights for the match and is free to exploit them commercially, including entering into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser(s) or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear clothes with the branding of sponsors.

3.21.1.3 The income provided by the match through admission charges, concessions and photography shall go to the

Organiser(s). The radio and television rights, including video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE. *These rights as described here and in the previous paragraph can be granted by FIDE to the organizer(s).*

3. 21. 1. 4 FIDE shall have the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet and shall provide the necessary equipment such as electronic boards and clocks to cover the event. FIDE shall provide to the Organiser(s) the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. *These rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the organizer(s).*

3. 21. 1. 5 The Organiser(s) shall draw up a budget as detailed as possible, including provision for contingencies. This shall be subject to the approval of WCCC and the FIDE President.

3. 21. 2 Stipends

3. 21. 2. 1 The stipends to be paid to the Principals of the World Chess Championship Match are (in USD):

Chairman of Appeals Committee:	10,000
Two members of Appeals Committee:	12,000
Chief Arbiter:	8,000
Deputy Arbiter:	6,000
Press Officer:	4,000
Chairman of FIDE Medical Commission:	3,000

3. 21. 3 Travelling and Accommodation

3. 21. 3. 1 Travel. The FIDE President has the right to first class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organisers` expense. The FIDE Deputy President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organisers expense. All other Principals shall be provided with transport by air, sea or rail or, if they prefer, any other mode of transport that is not more costly to the Organisers than air travel. Any Principal making his own travel arrangements without the agreement of the Organisers does so entirely at his own risk.

3. 21. 3. 2 Board and Lodging. For the FIDE President a suite in a first class hotel should be provided and for the Deputy President one junior suite in the same first class hotel. For each Principal - a double room in the same first class hotel. Extra expenses will be covered by the Organisers only for the FIDE President.

3. 21. 3. 3 Food and drinks. Provision for food and drinks shall be provided for all the Principals. This shall be provided by a specified allowance in local currency per day or by the provision of all meals in the restaurant of the hotel. The nature and amount shall be agreed between the Organisers and WCCC.

3. 21. 3. 4 Local transportation. Transfer from and to the airport will be provided by the organisers, if necessary. For FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car. For the other Principals, a number of cars shall be made available; their use will depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre, and on the leisure activities of the Principals. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between the Organisers and WCCC. Local transport shall also be provided for players to official functions if necessary.

3. 21. 3. 5 Personnel – The Organisers should provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with the WCCC.

3. 22 Procedures concerning the Organisers

3. 22. 1 If there is more than one proposal for a World Championship Match, then the FIDE Presidential Board or the FIDE president shall decide which proposal will be accepted. Each proposal shall contain the following particulars:

- a) the proposed dates of the event
- b) the proposed match venue;
- c) the proposed prize fund
- d) A statement that all organisational costs will be covered;
- e) Special rates for hotel rooms and meals for the accompanying persons and journalists.
- f) A statement that the applicant accepts all the demands made in these regulations;
- g) The applicant's name, signatures and authentication;
- h) A bank guarantee for all the sums described in articles 2.1.a, 2.1.b and 2.2 of these regulations.

No proposed sponsor for the World Chess Championship Match shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International

Olympic Committee.

3.22.2 FIDE may exercise the right to reject any challenge to the World Champion if the conditions as stated in 3.22.4 below are not met or the financial offer is unsatisfactory.

3.22.3 Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation for at least one member of the WCCC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all expenses paid by the challenger's side.

3.22.4 The FIDE Presidential Board shall decide if a challenge to the World Champion is valid. The decision reached shall be based on the following criteria, which are to be viewed as a whole:

- a) FIDE rating of the challenger
- b) prize fund & fee for the World Champion
- c) playing conditions
- d) providing visas to the players, the trainers and the officials.
- e) Security assistance for the players and the officials.
- f) chess activity both actual and potential in the country hosting the event.
- g) media possibilities
- h) potential development of chess worldwide.
- i) climatic conditions during the period of the tournament
- j) taxation conditions in the hosting country in respect of the prize fund.
- k) covering of organisational costs.

If a Presidential Board meeting cannot be held, the FIDE President takes the decision in consultation with the WCCC.

3.22.5 In case of a failure to deposit the sums of money under 3.21.1.1, the guarantees specified in articles 2.1.a, 2.1.b and 2.2 are forfeited in favour of FIDE.

3.22.6 At any time, after the sums specified under 3.21.1.1, have been deposited in escrow, if the Organizer fails to organize the event or is in breach of the contract with FIDE, then FIDE may withdraw the right to organize the event and at the same time the Organizers shall forfeit the sums of money under 3.21.1.1.

3.22.7 The Organizers shall invite a member of the WCCC to inspect and give consultation on the preparations. The WCCC shall decide on the need for further inspections. Travelling (business class if transcontinental) and accommodation costs are to be borne by the Organizers.

3.23. Other

3.23.1 At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the Presidential Board or the President of FIDE, for final decision.