



Player's Contract for Participation in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the World Cup).

In order to ensure the Women's World Cup 2021 is played in accordance with its approved regulations, the statutes and the decisions of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Dates and place

1.1 The World Cup 2021 will consist of seven (7) rounds.

The dates and place of the tournament are the following:
10 July, 2021 (arrival) – 03 August, 2021 (departure) – Sochi, Russia

Depending on force majeure circumstances, FIDE reserves the right to change venue and dates.

1.2 All participants of the World Cup 2021 are expected but not obliged to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).

2. Confirmation deadlines

2.1 The list of invited players and reserves is published on the FIDE website.

2.2. All the players nominated by their federations (Art. 2.1.V of the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021) are required to sign their respective contracts and send them scanned to the FIDE Secretariat – office@fide.com by 9 June 2021 11:59 pm Lausanne time.

All other qualified players are required to sign their respective contracts and send them scanned to the FIDE Secretariat – office@fide.com by 4 June 2021 11:59 pm Lausanne time or within 5 hours after the end of their qualifying event, if this event finishes after 4 June.

2.3 A player who does not submit her contract within the deadline indicated in Article 2.2. above shall be replaced according to article 2.4 of the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021 (FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons GSC considers to be admissible). Players qualified as replacements have three additional days to send their signed contracts.

2.4. A player who signs her contract but withdraws is replaced as described in Article 2.4 of the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021.

2.5. No player that withdraws after the pairings are announced shall be replaced.

2.6. Players who fail to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after they have signed the contract, may be sanctioned by the decision of the FIDE Council.

3. The Player's Obligations

3.1 By signing this contract, the player commits herself to completing the Women's World Cup 2021 in accordance with the Regulations for the Women's World Cup 2021, the decisions of the FIDE General Assembly, FIDE Council and FIDE President, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess which form an integral part of this contract, except in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate or other reasons which are recognised valid by the decision of the FIDE GSC.

3.2 By signing this contract, the player agrees not to compete in any cycle, tournament or match outside of FIDE, with the purpose of establishing a Women World Chess Champion, for a period of 4 (four) years from the end of the Women's World Cup 2021.

3.3 FIDE, in accordance with the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021 reserves the right to penalize any player who, after signing this contract, fails to complete the Women's World Cup 2021 without a valid reason.

3.4 During the Women's World Cup 2021 the players are obliged to attend press-conferences, give interviews and make public appearances, respecting the dress code as described in the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021. Any breach can result in fines according to the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021.

3.5 The players are required to appear punctually for the beginning of each game.

3.6 When requested, the players are obliged to attend official receptions specifically approved by the FIDE GSC and/or the Organiser. The finalists and the participants of the match for 3rd place are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

3.7 The players are not permitted to bring into the playing area any telephone, 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.

3.8 By signing this contract, the players accept that the arbiters may carry out any inspection or security checks at any time just before the start of the game, during the game or immediately after the game to ensure that no electronic or other equipment has been brought into the playing hall by the players.

3.9 During the playing session, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if she is accompanied by one of the arbiters.

3.10 Every player should purchase a suitable travel/health insurance policy for the duration of the Women's World Cup 2021. Neither FIDE nor Organisers bear liability to cover any related costs.

3.11. Every player shall provide up-to-date and complete bank details as per Annex I hereto according to the relevant instructions.

3.12. The dress code is strictly observed:

3.12.1. Dress code for women: neat shirt/blouse and formal suit (with slacks or skirt) or dress.

3.12.2. No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, baseball caps or other inappropriate dress are allowed in a playing area. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

3.13. The game scoresheets are the property of FIDE. At the end of each standard game the players' original scoresheets are to be given to the Chief Arbiter, who shall forward them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets shall be penalised according to the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

3.14. Due to the ongoing pandemic, players must strictly abide by all medical regulations and other rules approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser, as well as those applicable to the territory in which the match is taking place. A player who fails to comply with these may be sanctioned at the discretion of FIDE GSC and/or the Chief Arbiter, depending on the situation and the severity of the violation. FIDE will inform players about these regulations in advance, but these regulations are subject to change, potentially even at short notice.

3.15. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE or its commercial agency.

4. Financial conditions

4.1 The total prize fund amounts to 676 250 US dollars. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes.

4.2 The regular prizes shall be allocated as follows (in US dollars):

Round	Number of Players	Prize	Sum of Prizes per Round
Round 1	39	3,750	146,250
Round 2	32	5,000	160,000
Round 3	16	6,750	108,000
Round 4	8	9,500	76,000
Round 5	4	14,000	56,000
4th place	1	20,000	20,000
3rd place	1	25,000	25,000
Runner-up	1	35,000	35,000
Winner	1	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	128		676,250

4.3 The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. Within fourteen (14) working days after completion of the event and reception of player's bank details, FIDE transfers players' prize money to her bank account. The player is obliged to provide FIDE and Organisers with her bank account's details for the purpose of obtaining prize money along with the sending of the signed Contract.

4.4 FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money.

4.5. 20% of each prize is retained by FIDE.

5. Arbitration

5.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract must be submitted in writing to the FIDE Council, which will decide on the matter. In case an acceptable solution is not found, each party may submit the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the case definitively in accordance with Swiss Law. The court proceedings shall take place in English.

5.2. In all matters not regulated by the present Contract parties shall be guided by the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021.

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By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021 and have in consultation with my national federation acquainted myself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Laws of Chess, and accept the conditions related to my participation. In addition, I confirm my acquaintance with the Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021 and accept all the responsibilities of a player as per Regulations for the FIDE Women's World Cup 2021.

Place and date:

Full Name of Player:

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER: