



**FIDE WORLD SCHOOLS RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Tashkent (Uzbekistan)**  
**1 August – 8 August 2024**





## 1. INVITATION

The organizers, International Chess Federation FIDE and Uzbekistan Chess Federation are inviting all national chess federations of FIDE to participate in the World Schools Under 9-17 Rapid and Blitz Championships 2024. The dates are August 1<sup>st</sup> (arrival) to August 8<sup>th</sup> (departure).

## 2. SCHEDULE

August 1		Arrival
August 2	10:00	Technical meeting
August 2	14:00	Opening ceremony
August 2	14:30	Rapid day 1
August 3	10:00	Rapid day 2
August 4	10:00	Rapid day 3
August 5		Free Day
August 6	10:00	Blitz day 1
August 7	10:00	Blitz day 2
August 7	17:00	Closing ceremony
August 8		Departure

\*Approximate time. More details will be provided during the technical meeting along with the number of rounds.



### **3. PARTICIPATION**

3.1 There shall be 5 categories; namely, Under-9 Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.

3.2 Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the age of 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 before 1 January 2024:

Under-9: Born on or after 1 January 2015

Under-11: Born on or after 1 January 2013

Under-13: Born on or after 1 January 2011

Under-15: Born on or after 1 January 2009

Under-17: Born on or after 1 January 2007

3.3 FIDE- endorsed Chess Academies also have the right to register players through their respective National Chess Federation with a copy to the Trainers' Commission for endorsement.

3.4 National Chess Federations might send any number of foreign participants to the tournament if they follow the registration rules.

### **4. REGISTRATION**

4.1 The deadline for registration is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

4.2 The Registration fee is 100 Euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Tashkent International Airport on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August, accreditation, identification, badges, and organization costs.

4.3 The Payment deadline (registration, entry fees and accommodation) is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

4.4 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations must fully complete the online form (to be requested by mail) and forward it before the registration deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

4.5 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations, or if there is availability a penalty of 100 Euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.

4.6 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the FIDE fee of 70 Euros (blitz 35 & rapid 35 Euros) should be paid before the start of the tournament.

The National Federations must send this amount directly to the FIDE bank account or FIDE will charge the respective National Federation account.



## **5. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

5.1 The Chief Arbiter along with the Fair Play officer will be announced in due time.

5.2 FIDE Technical Delegate and FIDE Officials will be announced in due time.

## **6. VISA INFORMATION**

Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

6.2 To proceed with the visa application, each federation/player must:

- a. Request the registration form by e-mail from the organizing committee
- b. fill it out and email it to the organizing committee via national federation along with pdf scans of the participants' passports, which must be valid for more than six months
- c. proceed with the payment of the registration fee as it will be communicated by the organizing committee
- d. at the same time as registering for the tournament, proceed with the reservation and payment of the hotel stay (if there are fees)

6.3 The Organizers will provide VISA assistance according to National laws only after all the pre-payments are made.

6.4 For visa-related information, please check here <https://mfa.uz/en/pages/visa-republic-uzb>

## **7. TRAVEL INFORMATION / AIRPORT TRANSFER**

7.1 The organizer will provide prepaid transport services from Tashkent International Airport to the official hotels for all participants and accompanying people on August 1<sup>st</sup> as well as the departure transfer on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

7.2 If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided at an additional price, 40 euros per person (both ways) or 20 euros per person (one way).

7.3 All participants are required to send their flight details of arrivals and departures to Organizers before 15<sup>th</sup> July to provide transfer service. Otherwise, organizers won't bear any responsibility for their transfers.

7.3 Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.



## 8. HOTEL, MEALS, AND VENUE

8.1 Organizers shall reserve hotels at the walking distance from the tournament venue, if possible. The tournament venue shall be in the International Hotel Tashkent.

8.2 The reservation will be done on a “First Come, First Served” basis.

8.3 Hotel reservation deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

8.4 For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the World Schools Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships.

8.5 All players and guests are obliged to stay in the official hotels with next prices:

Full Board Full Board (Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, open buffet) per person per day:

### ***4\*\*\*\* Hotel:***

<b>Room type</b>	<b>Price</b>
Single room	100.00 €
Double room	90.00 €
Triple room	80.00 €

### ***3\*\*\* Hotel:***

<b>Room type</b>	<b>Price</b>
Single room	90.00 €
Double room	70.00 €

8.6 Payment deadline for hotels is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

## 9. PAYMENTS

9.1 After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer, and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

9.2 The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

9.3 A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the registration and hotel booking.



## 10. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

10.1 The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.

10.2 The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.

10.3 The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

10.3.1. For each tournament a minimum of 9 rounds will be scheduled. Official number rounds will be announced during the technical meeting.

10.3.2 RAPID: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

10.3.3 BLITZ: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1

10.4 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored.

In case of a tie, the next tie-break criteria are established:

- the games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other)
- Buchholz cut 1
- Buchholz
- the greater number of games with black (unplayed games count as played with white)
- the greater number of wins

## 11. APPEALS PROCEDURE

11.1 A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairmen of the Appeals Committee within 10 minutes after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 300 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

## 12. PRIZES

12.1 Trophies, Medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players in each category.

12.2 *Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate of participation.*

12.3 Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy according to the rules below:

- For first place the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration,
- If there is a tie, then the number of silver medals will be taken under consideration
- If there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals will be taken under consideration.
- If there is still a tie, then the total points of medallists will be taken for tiebreak
- Finally, if this is still equal, then the average performance rating of the medallists from each country will be taken into consideration.

## 13. CONTACT INFORMATION

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