



## **FIDE WORLD AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**26 October - 5 November 2024**

***FIDE Rating Categories u-1700, u-2000, u-2300***

**Rhodes, GREECE**



### **INVITATION & REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Invitation**

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of FIDE and eligible players to participate in the FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships for men and women with a FIDE rating under 2300. In total, 6 (six) championship titles in 3 categories will be awarded: Open & Women u-1700, Open & Women u-2000, Open & Women u-2300. The dates are from 26 October (arrivals) to 5 November 2024 (departures).

#### **2. Playing Venue**

The FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships will be held in the **5-star Conference Hotel “Rodos Palace”**, 10 km east of Diagoras International Airport, on the seaside of Rhodes island in Greece.

#### **3. Tournament schedule**

**26 October, 14:00** -> Arrival of participants  
**27 October, 10:00** -> Technical meeting  
**27 October, 15:30** -> Opening Ceremony  
**27 October, 16:00** -> Round 1  
**28 October, 16:00** -> Round 2  
**29 October, 16:00** -> Round 3  
**30 October, 16:00** -> Round 4

**31 October, 16:00** -> Round 5  
**01 November, 16:00** -> Round 6  
**02 November, 16:00** -> Round 7  
**03 November, 16:00** -> Round 8  
**04 November, 16:00** -> Round 9  
**04 November, 21:30** -> Closing Ceremony  
**05 November, 11:00** -> Departure of participants

#### 4. Technical Regulations

- 4.1 There will be separate Championships for FIDE rating categories under-2300, under-2000 & under-1700. There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least ten players from at least two continents in each category. Otherwise Women players will play in Open competition and, in this case of a merged tournament, women players will be eligible to win prizes from both categories: For example, if the 1st woman player also wins the 3rd place in the men (open) standings, she will receive both prizes in terms of any trophies, medals, prize money and qualification rights awarded.
- 4.2 a) The Championships are open for players registered by their national federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.
- b) The Winners from each World Amateur Championship rating section and from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are invited with personal rights as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300 by the registration deadline, and their places cannot be substituted.
- 4.3 a) For participation in the **u-2300 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline (9 September 2024). A player must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.
- b) For participation in the **u-2000 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (26 October 2024). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.
- c) For participation in the **u-1700 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (26 October 2024). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.
- If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category.
- 4.4 a) The games will be held in 9 rounds with FIDE-rated Swiss system.
- b) The time limit for each player is 90 minutes for the whole game + 30 seconds increment for every move played, starting from the first move.
- c) A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his board within 15 minutes after the start of the game.
- d) Tie-break criteria: The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in priority accordance to the following criteria for Swiss events:
- i. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other).
  - ii. Buchholz Cut 1.

- iii. Buchholz
- iv. The greater number of games played with black.
- v. The greater number of wins.

e) The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all FIDE World Championships.

f) Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 €, as a deposit from the signatory. 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 Appeals Committee are final.

4.5 No player may hold any title above CM or WCM in the Under 1700 and Under 2000 categories. No player may hold any title above FM or WFM in the Under 2300 category. These restrictions will not apply to players whose age makes them eligible to participate in that year's World Seniors 65+ category.

Category	Rating Limit (Article 3)	Ineligible Titles (Article 4)
Under 2300	<= 2300	IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 2000	<= 2000	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 1700	<= 1700	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM

4.6 FIDE officials of the Championship (Chief Arbiter, Appeals Committee, FIDE Technical delegate) will be announced in due time

## **5. Titles & Qualifications**

- 5.1 The three (3) gold winners of the Open/Men sections receive respectively the titles of:  
*"2024 World Amateur Champion" for the u-2300 section*  
*"2024 World Amateur Champion u-2000"*  
*"2024 World Amateur Champion u-1700"*
- 5.2 The three (3) gold winners of the Women sections receive respectively the titles of:  
*"2024 World Women's Amateur Champion" for the u-2300 section*  
*"2024 World Women's Amateur Champion u-2000"*  
*"2024 World Women's Amateur Champion u-1700"*
- 5.3 The gold winners (1<sup>st</sup> place) of each section u-2300, u-2000 & u-1700 (in total 6 winners, men and women sections) also obtain a personal right qualification for the next FIDE World Amateur Championships, as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300, with free accommodation in double occupancy room & full board provided from the local Organizing Committee of the FIDE World Amateur Championships 2025.
- 5.4 The winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> place in all 3 categories will receive cup and gold medal, the winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in all 3 categories will receive silver and bronze medal.
- 5.4 FIDE titles shall be awarded in accordance with the current FIDE Handbook.

5.5 All players will receive certificates of participation.

## **6. Prize Fund 15,000 euros (€)**

**Under-2300:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1000, 4<sup>th</sup> place 600, 5<sup>th</sup> place 400.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 600, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 400.

**Under-2000:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 500.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 700, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 500, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 300.

**Under-1700:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 600, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 400.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 500, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 300, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 200.

## **7. Travel Details**

Participants shall book their flights to the International Airport of Rhodes (IATA code: RHO). The bus transportation from and to the Rhodes airport is included in the organization package for all participants on the arrival day (26<sup>th</sup> October 2024) and the departure day (5<sup>th</sup> November 2024). Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

## **8. Registration cost and deadline**

**OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star RODOS PALACE (\*\*\*\*\*)**

**Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):**

- Accommodation for 10 nights.
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner daily including potable water,
- Soft Drinks/Beer/Wine/Water during meals in restaurant (semi/all Inclusive),
- Transportation from and to Rhodes airport on 26 October and 5 November.
- Registration and FIDE fees.
- All taxes (including VAT and Municipality Tax).

<b><u>Price in double occupancy room</u></b>	<b><u>Price in single occupancy room</u></b>	<b><u>Price in triple occupancy room</u></b>
<b>890 euros (€) per person</b>	<b>1120 euros (€) per person</b>	<b>770 euros (€) per person</b>

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

Price per night in a double room: 75 € per person

Price per night in a single room: 98 € per person.

Price per night in a triple room: 63 € per person

Registration fee: 110 € per person (includes accreditation & airport transfer on 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November).

FIDE entry fee: 30 € (free for first two players of each federation, all fees will be paid by the Organizer to FIDE on behalf of all players).

The deadline for registrations and bookings is the **9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, together with a 30% deposit payment for the selected registration-accommodation package.

## 9. Registration procedure

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register (without any objection from their national federation) before the deadline of **9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, together with a 30% deposit payment of the registration-accommodation package described in article (9) above. After the deadline, upon availability of capacity, a late registration fee of 50 euros per participant can be required.

The complete registration of each delegation should be sent by the national federation, or have its approval, and must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (**for visa only purpose**) of each player, each accompanying person and each delegation member where applicable. It must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Chief of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships are possible only through the appointed local Organizer in the official hotel and only by email: [worldamateur@fide.com](mailto:worldamateur@fide.com)

## 10. Visa information

Players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Greece, are requested to contact the Organizer two months in advance, before 26 August 2024 and proceed to send all proper documentation, passport copies and fill the registration form. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in articles (9) and (10). Schengen visas are valid in Greece.



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