



Regulations for the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2021

1. Scope

- 1. 1.** Governing Body of the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2021 (hereinafter referred to as WGS) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- 1. 2.** WGS is organised in the second half of 2021.
- 1. 3.** FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge for preparing regulations, communicating with the Organiser and the participants, conducting inspections.
- 1. 4.** The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by GSC.
- 1. 5.** At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. Qualification for WGS*

- 2. 1.** Invitations for WGS are determined according to the following criteria:
 - A.** **Forty (40) players qualify by rating, or TPR or other criteria devised by GSC and approved by the FIDE Council. The system is to be determined and announced by March 1st 20 21**
 - B.** **Girl U20 World Champion as of March 1st 2021.**
 - C.** **World Women's Senior 50+ Champion as of March 1st 2021.**
 - D.** **World Women's Senior 65+ Champion as of March 1st 2021.**
 - E.** **One qualifier from the ACP Women Series standings as at July 1st 2021.**
 - F.** **Three (3) players nominated by the FIDE President.**

If any player qualifies by two or more criteria, her place(s) from the lower listed criterium(-a) go(-es) to the next non-qualifying player of the respective criterium(-a).

2. 2. If any of the forty-seven (47) players qualified by path A (Article 2.1.) withdraws or declines to participate, the reserved spot goes to the next non-qualifying player from path A (Article 2.1.). If any of the four (4) players qualified by Categories from B to E (Article 2.1.) withdraws or declines to participate, her place goes to the next non-qualifying player in the respective Category. If the next player is also not able to attend, for all further replacements path A (Article 2.1.) serves for the purpose. The automatic replacements by path A are in force till 20th reserve player, after which players' replacement and/or playing spots filling shall be subject to GSC decision.

2.3. In addition, the Organiser of the event is entitled to include more players of his/her own choice. The number of additional players should be approved by GSC.

* The qualification criteria above depend on the pandemic situation and may be modified. Subject to confirmation by the FIDE Council by March 1st 2021.

3. Confirmation of Participation

- 3. 1.** The list of invited players and reserves is to be published on the FIDE website together with the player's contract.
- 3. 2.** It is each player's responsibility to download a copy of the player's contract, to sign it and to send her contract to the FIDE Secretariat by the registered email before the fixed deadline indicated in the email sent to each player and announced on the FIDE website. Additional contracts between the Organiser and the players may be signed if needed.

3. 3. A player who does not submit her contract before the deadline is replaced according to Article 2.2. (FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons GSC considers to be admissible).

3. 4. A player who signs her contract but withdraws is replaced as described in Article 2.2.

3. 5. Players who fail to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal after they have signed the player's contract, may be imposed a fine of up to two thousand (2,000) euros or another sanction by the FIDE Council.

4. WGS Regulations

4. 1. Format & System

Swiss system, 9 rounds.

4. 2. Travel and Accommodation

4. 2. 1. Each invited player receives either:

- the hotel accommodation with half pension for 12 nights in a standard room (4-star hotel minimum) and a fee of one thousand (1,000) euros towards her expenses; or
- two thousand five hundred (2,500) euros fee without covering any lodging expenses.

4. 2. 2. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council decides upon paying out her depending on particular circumstances.

4. 3. Playing venue

4. 3. 1. GSC ensures the playing hall and its surrounding areas meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organisation of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

4. 3. 2. The playing venue is decorated with the FIDE flag, the IOC flag, the flags of the host and the participating nations.

4. 3. 3. The Organiser provides, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

4. 4. Schedule

DAY	EVENT
Day 1	Arrivals, Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting
Day 2	Round 1
Day 3	Round 2
Day 4	Round 3
Day 5	Round 4
Day 6	Round 5
Day 7	Free day
Day 8	Round 6
Day 9	Round 7
Day 10	Round 8
Day 11	Round 9 & Closing Ceremony
Day 12	Departures

4. 5. Pairings

Pairings are done according to the Dutch pairing system for Swiss events: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C0403>

4. 6. Time control and default time

4. 6. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 6. 2. The time control for each standard game is: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 6. 3. In case if a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 15 minutes from the actual start of the game, she should be charged of two hundred (200) euros. In case of delay of more than 15 minutes, the player loses the game (without financial penalty).

4. 7. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only in the case of a draw by repetition.

4. 8. Conditions of victory and qualification to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22.

4. 8. 1. The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) is the winner of the tournament. A tie shall be broken according to article 4.8.3.

4. 8. 2. The winner of WGS qualifies for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22. If the winner of WGS has already qualified to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22 at the moment of the beginning of WGS via different qualification path or does not need to qualify for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22, the qualification spot goes to the highest-placed player in the final standings who has not yet qualified to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22 at the moment of the beginning of WGS.

4. 8. 3. Tie-breaks

If the top two (2) or more players score the same points, the tie is to be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*
- b) Buchholz Cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

* All forfeits and byes will be cut from the calculation of AROC 1. If a player has one or more forfeits or byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of AROC 1.

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in C.02.13 of the FIDE Handbook:

https://www.fide.com/FIDE/handbook/Standards_of_Chess_Equipment_and_tournament_venue.pdf.

4. 9. Prizes

4. 9. 1. The expected prize fund is one hundred thousand (100,000) euros. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes.

4. 9. 2. The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in euros. 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.

4. 9. 3. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council decides upon paying out her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

4. 9. 4. Although FIDE endeavours to sign an agreement with the Organiser stating that the prizes are net and free of all local taxes, FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE shall provide all necessary assistance to the players if the Organiser acts to the contrary.

4. 10. Playing Conditions

4. 10. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.

4. 10. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. A player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 10. 3. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 10. 4. During a playing session, the players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player loses the current game.

4. 10. 5. During the playing session, a player may leave a playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if she

is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the current game is declared lost by the player and the Chief Arbiter have the right to disqualify the player from the tournament.

4. 10. 6. The anti-doping test procedure is regulated by the contract between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 11. Scoresheets

4. 11. 1. The Organiser provide scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

4. 11. 2. At the end of each 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 may be penalized according to Article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

4. 12. Players conduct

4. 12. 1. The dress code is strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

4. 12. 1. 1. Dress code:

- neat shirt/blouse and formal suit (with slacks or skirt), or
- dress.

4. 12. 1. 2. No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress are allowed in the playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

4. 12. 2. The players are required to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

4. 12. 3. The players are required to make themselves available for post-game press conferences, of not more than 20 minutes duration, immediately after the game.

4. 12. 4. The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by GSC during the event including official receptions, the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.

4. 12. 5. The tournament's winner is required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website, if requested by the Press Officer.

4. 12. 6. If a player fails to fulfil her duties listed in Articles 4.12.1 – 4.12.5, undermines the reputation of FIDE, the WGS Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, she shall be penalized as follows: 5% of her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Council.

4. 13. Principals

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- b) FIDE Deputy President / FIDE Director General;
- c) Chief Arbiter;
- d) Deputy Chief Arbiter;
- e) Fair-Play Officer;
- f) Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeal Committee;
- g) Press Officer;
- h) Member of the FIDE Medical Commission;
- i) GSC member.

4. 14. Arbiters and FIDE Fair-Play Officer

4. 14. 1. The Chief Arbiter, one Deputy Chief Arbiter and the FIDE Fair-Play Officer are appointed by FIDE. The remaining arbiters are appointed by the Organiser.

4. 14. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy must be present in the playing area.

4. 14. 3. The Chief Arbiter may issue "Chief Arbiter's Information" in consultation with GSC to inform the exact playing hours as

well as other details not covered by these Regulations.

4. 14. 4. The Deputy Chief Arbiter performs also functions of the Pairings Officer.

4. 14. 6. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. The report contains the result of each individual game as well as the final result of each match and also a general description of the course of the event. If there are any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

4. 15. Appeals Committee

4. 15. 1. FIDE nominates the Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeal Committee.

4. 15. 2. The two (2) other members as well as first and second reserve members of the Appeals Committee are to be chosen from the participating players, all from different Federations.

4. 15. 3. None of three (3) members of the Appeals Committee sits in judgment in a dispute involving herself or a player from her Federation. In this case, she is substituted by one of the reserve members.

4. 15. 4. All appeals and protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant game or the particular infringement complained against.

4. 15. 5. All appeals and protests must be accompanied by a deposit fee of two hundred (200) euros or the equivalent in local currency. If the appeal or the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

4. 15. 6. The Appeal Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) any appeal which the Committee considers relevant.

4. 15. 7. The Appeals Committee endeavours to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto Gens Una Sumus within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.

4. 15. 8. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

4. 15. 9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to GSC.

4. 16. Ceremonies

4. 16. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place on the day prior to Round 1.

4. 16. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC. Cultural program and speeches totaling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

4. 16. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place in the day of the last round. The Organiser provides a trophy for the winner and medals (gold, silver, bronze) for the top three winners. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation are played.

5. Media

5. 1. Website

The landing page for the event is www.fide.com/wgs.

5. 2. Communications

5. 2. 1. All official written communications, in print or online form, shall identify FIDE as the Governing Body of WGS.

5. 2. 2. All official communications must use the official denomination for the event: WGS or the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss Tournament.

5. 2. 3. All public communications regarding the event must be co-written and scheduled in coordination with FIDE's Marketing and Communication Department.

5. 3. Press Officer designated by FIDE

5. 3. 1. FIDE designates a Press Officer for the event. The Organiser co-operates with the Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre, and assists him to establish contacts with the local media.

5. 3. 2. The Press Officer reports to FIDE's CMCO.

5. 3. 3. The Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the event.

5. 4. Photography and video

5. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer or FIDE's Chief Communications Officer may work in the playing venue.

5. 4. 2. Photographers and camera crews have a distinctive badge, different to that of the written press. Camera crews have press accreditation type A, photographers have press accreditation type B.

5. 4. 3. Television cameras must try to minimize any inconvenience for the players and may only be allowed if the Chief Arbiter deems their use to be unobtrusive.

5. 4. 4. The use of flash is not allowed. An exception could be made only if the particularities of the venue force the photographers to stay more than six (6) meters away from the players. Even in those exceptional circumstances, it is restricted to the first five (5) minutes of games.

5. 4. 5. The Organiser should appoint a professional photographer to cover the event. This photographer provides FIDE, the media and the sponsors with visual material that meets professional standards.

5. 4. 6. In order to develop his/her work in conditions of artificial light and a quiet environment, the photographer's equipment must comply with the following conditions:

- Full-frame camera body.
- Silent shutter, or "Quiet mode".
- A long telephoto lens (80mm or higher), and luminous (f4 or wider)

5. 4. 7. The organiser submits a portfolio of the proposed photographer to FIDE for final approval.

6. Financial issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of WGS. This is a fixed amount agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This amount includes pre-expenses (inspections), stipends, traveling expenses for the Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

6. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals by the Organiser are (in euros):

Chief Arbiter	3,700
Deputy Chief Arbiter	2,700
Fair-Play Officer	2,400
Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeal Committee	2,700
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	2,000
Press Officer	3,000
TOTAL	16,500

6. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser's expense. If other travel conditions are not specified in the contract signed by the Organiser and FIDE, all other Principals shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses up to a maximum of one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) euros if travelling from another continent.

6. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel is offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard room in the same hotel is offered by the Organiser for each Principal. Extra expenses are covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President. The Organiser may alternatively choose to provide the principals with the daily allowance of seventy (70) euros/day instead of full board.

6. 5. Local transportation

Transfer from and to the airport is provided by the Organiser, if necessary. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car, for the other Principals, a number of cars is made available; their use depends on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media center. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between the Organiser and GSC. Local transport is also provided for the players to official functions if necessary.

6. 6. Personnel

The Organiser provides sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

6. 7. Fair-play measures

The Organiser covers all the costs required for Fair-Play measures.

7. Commercial issues

7. 1. FIDE, or its appointed commercial agency, retains all commercial and media rights of WGS, including internet. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE or its appointed agency. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE provides to the Organiser the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. This right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 4. FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors. 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 etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE or FIDE's commercial agency.

7. 5. The income provided by WGS through admission charges goes to the Organiser.

7. 6. The Organiser draws up a budget as detailed as possible. This is subject to approval of GSC.

7. 7. No proposed sponsor is in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

7. 8. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo is displayed in a black colour on a white background. The text describing any event must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

7. 9. For brand consistency, all designs bearing the FIDE logo should be approved by FIDE's marketing department. This applies to both digital (websites, social media profiles, graphics) and printed materials (roll-ups, flags, banners, t-shirts, scoresheets, et cetera). The designs should be sent to marketing@fide.com.



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8. Selection of the Organiser

8. 1. Any federation member of FIDE or any organiser approved by the national federation may apply to organise WGS.

8. 2. Each application should contain the following:

- a) Proposed exact place and dates of the event.
- b) Proposed tournament venue.
- c) Proposed prize fund, net of any applicable local taxes.
- d) The contribution to FIDE (net of any applicable local taxes and not less than 20% of the prize fund in addition to the prize fund).
- e) Commitment to cover all financial obligations to FIDE according to these Regulations.
- f) Commitment to cover all organisational costs in accordance with these Regulations.
- g) An invitation for at least two members of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant.
- h) The applicant's name, signature and authentication
- i) Letters of support from the national federation and relevant local authorities.

8. 3. Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of three thousand (3,000) euros.

8. 4. Upon FIDE's selection of the Organiser of the event, a contract is to be signed between FIDE and the Organiser regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the event. The Organiser is required to present all necessary bank guarantees for the whole amount of the prize fund and all expenses related to the event.

8. 5. GSC advises and helps the Organiser on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary and other technical issues.