

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FIDE COMPETITIONS

Approved by the 2011 Executive Board

Governing Regulations

1. These Regulations are applicable to the following FIDE competitions:-
 - a. FIDE World Junior U20 Championships
 - b. FIDE World Youth (U14, U16 & U18) Championships
 - c. FIDE World Children (U8, U10 & U12) Championships
 - d. FIDE World Schools (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15 & U17) Championships
 - e. FIDE World Youth U16 Olympiad
 - f. FIDE World Senior (>50 & >65) Championships
 - g. FIDE World Amateur (under 2000) Championships
2. These Regulations are applicable with effect from 2014 (World Youth & World Children are effective from **2016**) unless otherwise stated in the regulations of a specific Competition.
3. All the Competitions listed in Rule 1 above shall be organized annually by a FIDE member federation.
4. Participants refer to players and accompanying persons (including officials, trainers, media, etc.). They must be registered through its national federation or FIDE Academy.

Bid, Inspection Visit & Evaluation Report

5. Organizers for all Competitions shall be designated at least two years before the Competition is to be held. The following timelines shall be observed:
 - 30 April Deadline for Bids
 - 30 June Completion of Inspection Visits
 - 31 August Deadline for submission of Evaluation Reports
 - 31 October General Assembly/Executive Board to award successful bids

These dates may be brought forward in years when the General Assembly/Executive Board is held earlier.

6. A Bid must be accompanied with a Bid Fee which is not refundable:
 - 2,000 Euros Youth and Children Championships
 - 1,000 Euros Junior Championships
 - 500 Euros Schools, Senior, Amateur Championships and Youth U16 Olympiad
7. With effect from January 1st 2013, a Bid for any Competition from 2016 onwards shall include the name of the licensed International Organizer.
8. Inspection Visits shall be made by an Event Inspector (EI) nominated by the Presidential Board (PB) and the Events Commission. The EI shall be a member of the PB or Events Commission. Ideally, the EI shall be chosen from the same continent of the bidder.

9. The cost of Inspection Visits – travel and per diem – shall be covered by FIDE. The bidder shall be responsible for hosting the EI with a double-room and meals for the duration of not more than two working days.
10. The EI shall be responsible for submitting an Evaluation Report to the General Assembly/Executive Board.

Organization

11. At least 6 months before the beginning of the Competition, the Organizing Federation shall send an Invitation to all FIDE member federations. The Invitation must have prior approval of the FIDE President. Copies of the Invitation must be sent to the Continental Presidents.
12. The Organizing Committee shall endeavour to facilitate participants who may require visas.

Registration of Participation

13. At least 3 months before the beginning of the Competition, a federation shall register its intention to participate with the Organizing Committee. This is a Preliminary Registration and should indicate the number of players and other participants.
14. At least 2 months before the beginning of the Competition, the participating federation shall submit its Final Registration of participants. The birthdate of each player must be given and must correspond with the birthdate given in his passport or other travel document. All travel documents must also be submitted if visas are required. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for late submission and application for visas.
15. Entry Fees for late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged as follow:
 - 15.1 Late registration after the closing date:
two times of stipulated entry fee
 - 15.2 Withdrawal after submission of registration:
two times of stipulated entry fee and one night's hotel expenses
 - 15.3 No show after registration:
two times of stipulated entry fee and two nights' hotel expenses
 - 15.4 If a player/team registers late and withdraws or does not appear:
the federation will be charged the higher penalty.
 - 15.5 The Organizer must send to FIDE the list of participants one week after the registration deadline. The Organizer shall be fined 5,000 Euro for failing to do so.
 - 15.6 The Organizer shall be responsible to publish the list of participants on the website.
 - 15.7 Based on the penalty fees received, FIDE shall compensate the appropriate amounts to the Organizer.

Schedule, System and Rate of Play

16. There shall be no more than 2 days where two rounds may be played. There shall be at least one free day.

17. There shall be a minimum of 9 rounds Swiss.
18. The time limit shall be those approved by the General Assembly)

Financial Regulations

19. All players shall be required to pay Entry Fees to FIDE as stipulated by the FIDE Financial Regulations.
20. All players and accompanying persons may be required to pay a Registration Fee to the Organizing Committee and this shall be not more than 100 Euros per person. The Registration Fee is to include the costs for airport transfers, Accreditation Cards, Daily Bulletins, Certificates, etc.
21. The travelling costs of all participants must be paid by themselves or by their national federations.
22. For players who are hosted or have qualified with personal right, the Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (rooming at the discretion of the Organizer) from the official day of arrival to the official day of departure. The category of hotel shall be similar to those of which non-hosted players would be paying for.
23. Other than players who are hosted, all other players and participants shall be responsible for their own board and lodging. The Organizing Committee shall offer reasonable and favourably priced accommodation and shall state the daily costs in the Invitation.

Medical

24. From the duration of arrival and until departure, the Organizing Committee shall insure the participants against accidents and the need for medical services including cost of medicines in case of acute illnesses, surgical operations, etc. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for medical services needed for treatment of chronic or other illnesses which already existed before the arrival at the Competition.

Technical Officials

25. Technical Officials are recommended by the Events Commission in consultation with the FIDE Steering Committee. The Technical Officials shall be the FIDE Technical Delegate, the Chief Arbiter and 3 members of the Appeals Committee.
26. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the travel expenses of the FIDE-appointed Technical Officials. They shall be provided free board and lodging. They shall be paid a stipend in accordance with the Financial Guidelines for Technical Officials.
27. The FIDE Technical Delegate shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adhere strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations which are specific to the Competition.

28. The Chief Arbiter shall be appointed after consultation with the Organizing Federation. The Organizing Federation shall appoint as many Deputy and Assistant Arbiters as it considers necessary.
29. The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons one of whom may be the FIDE Technical Delegate. In the event that the Appeals Committee is appointed by the Technical Meeting, there should be an additional 2 reserve members and in this case, no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation.

Appeals

30. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within two hours after the end of the playing session.
31. A protest fee of 200 Euro shall be payable to FIDE which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.
32. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.
33. The Appeals Committee shall keep a record of all proceedings and submit a final report to FIDE.

Designation of the Winners

34. 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 as in accordance to the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations.
35. Defending Champions shall have personal rights to participate in the same Competition and Event and shall be accorded free board and lodging.

Prizes

36. Before the beginning of the first round, a list of the prizes to be awarded to at least the 10 highest placed participants, including special prizes shall be published together with the rules for their award. The Organizing Committee shall also award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each event.
37. The prize fund, if any, shall be stipulated in the Invitation.

Certificates

38. Certificates shall be awarded to players who finish in the top 3 positions.
39. Certificates of Participation shall be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, managers, and the FIDE appointed Technical Officials.

40. The above Certificates shall bear the signature of a FIDE Official, the Organizing Federation and not more than two other signatories.

PR, Competition Website & Daily Bulletins

41. At the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the FIDE Flag must be displayed prominently and the FIDE Anthem played.
42. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the official website which must be in English and where necessarily, in other languages..
43. The Organizing Committee shall provide Daily Bulletins (in print or e-format) which shall contain at least the top 10 games from each event.

Reports

44. On completion of the Competition, the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall deliver their reports to FIDE. The reports shall deal with the course of the Competition and include supporting documents, if appropriate. Copies of these reports are to be extended to the Organizing Federation.
45. The FIDE Technical Delegate shall submit his report on the overall organisation of the event including any incidents which may have happened. Subject to this report, FIDE shall decide how much of the deposit/performance bond to be reimbursed to the Organizing Federation.
46. Within 2 weeks after the Closing Ceremony, the Organizing Federation shall submit a written report and all the Score-Sheets to FIDE.