

FIDE WORLD YOUTH UNDER-16 OLYMPIAD

Previously known as Children's Olympiad; Approved by the 1996 General Assembly and amended by 2011 Executive Board.

General Regulations & Rules

1. The Competition shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and these Rules.

Participation

2. All chess players who shall not have reached the age of 16 on January 1st of the year in which the Competition is held are eligible to participate.
3. Each FIDE member federation shall have the right to send one team.
4. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many additional teams as they wish.
5. Each team shall comprise 4 players and 1 reserve (one of whom must be a girl) and 1 captain (or Manager, Trainer).

Schedule and System

6. There shall be no more than 2 days where 2 rounds may be played. There shall be at least one free day.
7. There shall be a minimum of 10 rounds.
8. Each match shall be played over 4 boards.
9. The pairings, scoring and tiebreak regulations are in accordance with the Pairing Rules for the Chess Olympiad.

Financial Regulations

10. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms with bath and/or shower) for teams mentioned in Rule 3 above.

Prizes

11. Before the beginning of the first round, a list of the prizes to be awarded to at least the 5 highest placed teams, 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 6 members of the teams taking the first three places.
12. Individual Board Prizes - Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition with each other for an individual board prize. For the purpose of this award, the player's performance rating from their games shall be compared. Only the following shall be eligible for board prizes: Board Numbers 1 to 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds; Board Number 5 who take part in at least 50%.