



Player's Contract for Participation in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2015-2016

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2015-2016 (hereinafter referred to as the WGP 2015-2016). The Administrator of the WGP 2015-2016 is FIDE, in collaboration with Global Chess MFZE.

The winner of the WGP 2015-2016 qualifies for the 2017 World Women's Championship Match.

In order to ensure that the WGP 2015-2016 is played in accordance with its approved regulations, the statutes and the decisions of the FIDE General Assembly, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Venues

1.1 The WGP 2015-2016 will consist of four (4) tournaments which will be held in various cities worldwide. Depending on circumstances, FIDE reserves the right to change locations and dates and increase the tournaments to six (6), if extra sponsorship is secured by end April 2016.

1.2 All the players of the WGP 2015-2016 shall stay at the official hotels designated by FIDE and the Organisers.

2. Right of Participation

2.1 The following players have originally qualified:

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| 01. Muzychuk, Mariya | (World Champion, Sochi 2015) |
| 02. Pogonina, Natalija | (finalist world championship, Sochi 2015) |
| 03. Cramling, Pia | (semi-finalist world championship, Sochi 2015) |
| 04. Harika, Dronavalli | (semi-finalist world championship, Sochi 2015) |
| 05. Hou, Yifan | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2674.83 in 88 games) |
| 06. Koneru, Humpy | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2585.83 in 39 games) |
| 07. Dzagnidze, Nana | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2568.50 in 50 games) |
| 08. Ju, Wenjun | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2557.91 in 92 games) |
| 09. Muzychuk, Anna | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2548.41 in 63 games) |
| 10. Gunina, Valentina | (by rating, 12 std FIDE lists 8/14 to 7/15: average 2532.91 in 83 games) |

If any of the above qualifiers decline to participate in the WGP 2015-2016, they shall be replaced according to the official FIDE Women's Grand Prix regulations. In addition to the above 10 players, the FIDE President shall nominate 2 players and the host organisers the remaining 4 players (1 player per host). Total number of players: 16.

Each player agrees to participate in exactly three (3) out of the four tournaments. Players must rank their preference of tournaments, once the final list of host cities is announced, and the dates are allocated to each host city. FIDE reserves the right to assign players to tournaments according to the organizational needs and the players for each tournament will be announced before the cycle begins.

The FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by the WCOC, may increase the number of tournaments to six (6), extending in 2016. In that case, each player agrees to participate in exactly four (4) out of the six tournaments with a total of 18 players participating.

A player representing a host city or organiser cannot start the series before the organiser finalises the agreement with FIDE, including all financial obligations towards FIDE.

2.2 The qualified participants in article 2.1 are entitled to play in the WGP 2015-2016. This right may only be set aside if the player does not meet the deadlines specified in this contract or otherwise behaves in a way and manner that is in violation of the provisions of this contract, in which case FIDE may designate a reserve to replace him.

3. Confirmation deadlines

3.1 The qualified players are expected to fax / email the document of their signed contract to reach the FIDE Secretariat by no later than midnight 20 August 2015 and to send the original to FIDE by registered airmail, postmarked no later than 20 August 2015. All pages of the contract must be initialed by the player and the last page must be signed in full.

3.2 Players failing to turn up for an event may forfeit their participation in the series and FIDE reserves the right to replace them immediately.

4. The Player's Obligations

4.1 On signing this player's contract, the player commits himself to completing the WGP 2015-2016 in accordance with the regulations for the WGP 2015-2016, the decisions of the FIDE General Assembly, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess and rules and regulations which form an integral part of this contract, save in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate. FIDE is entitled to require independent verification of any medical reason given for non-participation or withdrawal.

4.2 By signing this contract, the player agrees not to compete in any cycle, tournament or match outside of FIDE, with the purpose of establishing a World Chess Champion, for a period of 4 (four) years from the end of the WGP 2015-2016.

4.3 FIDE reserves the right to penalize any player who, after signing this contract, fails to complete the WGP 2015-2016 without a valid reason.

4.4 During the WGP 2015-2016 the players have to give interviews and make appearances as described in the official regulations. Any breach can result to fines as per clause 18 of the WGP 2015-2016 regulations.

4.5 The players may be required to wear clothes or apparel with special branding from sponsors when specifically approved by the FIDE President.

4.6 The players shall be required to appear punctually for the commencement of play at the start of each round. Any unjustified violation of this rule may result in a fine of up to EUR 1,000. Such a fine is to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and shall be deducted from the prize money.

4.7 The players shall be required to attend the Opening Ceremony or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE President, failing which the following fine can be imposed by the Chief Arbiter: 5% of the player's prize money shall be forfeited to the Organisers and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach.

4.8 The players shall attend the Closing Ceremony and failure to attend may result in a penalty up to the total prize fund. Any decision on this matter must be taken by the FIDE President and confirmed by the Presidential Board.

4.9 The player accepts that the Chief Arbiter may carry out any inspection or security checks at any time just before the start of the game, during the game or immediately after the game to ensure that no electronic or other equipment has been brought into the playing hall by the players.

5. Financial conditions

5.1 Each tournament of the Women's Grand Prix will have a prize fund in accordance with the official regulations.

5.2 In accordance with regulations, FIDE receives an additional amount as contribution to FIDE by the organisers and this amount is not deducted from each individual prize.

5.3 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the amount to which each player is entitled will be paid by direct bank transfer not later than two weeks after the end of the Tournament.

5.4 FIDE or the Organizing Committee, will not be responsible for any application of political or financial sanctions from the organizing country regarding players of the tournament. At the same time, FIDE has no prior knowledge of such sanctions.

5.5 The game score sheets are the property of FIDE.

6. Arbitration

6.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract must be submitted in writing to the Presidential Board, which will give its decision. In case an acceptable solution is not found, each party may submit the case to the Courts of Vaud, Switzerland. The court proceedings shall take place in English.

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By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2015-2016 and have in consultation with my national federation acquainted myself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, FIDE Women's Grand Prix regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Laws of Chess and rules and regulations and accept the conditions relating to my participation.

Place and date:

Full Name of Player:

Signature:

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Place and date:

FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov

Signature: