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**Fédération internationale des échecs (FIDE)**

# **Chess Clock Bidding Procedure**

### **Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

FIDE is opening a bidding procedure for the rights:

- to have certain models of chess clocks designated as a “FIDE Championship Clock”,
- to have certain models of chess clocks designated as an “Official FIDE Chess Clock”,
- to have certain models of chess clocks designated as a “Chess Clock Recommended by FIDE for National Federations”.

### **General Provisions**

- FIDE will grant the winner(s) a non-exclusive right to use the FIDE logo in conjunction with the words “FIDE Championship Clock”, “Official FIDE Chess Clock” and/or “Chess Clock Recommended by FIDE for National Federations” for one or more models included in the bid.
- This right would be granted for three (3) years starting August 01, 2019, and ending July 31, 2022.
- All chess equipment manufacturers, including those who were designated as “Producer of the Official FIDE Chess Clock” in the past, are eligible to participate in the bidding.
- FIDE retains the right to freely certify other chess clocks for competition use after testing. However, no other chess clocks could be designated as the “FIDE Championship Clock” or the “Official FIDE Chess Clock” prior to the expiry of the three-year period, i.e., July 31, 2022.
- FIDE will use the model(s) designated as the “FIDE Championship Clock” in its top-level competitions (Chess Olympiad, World Championship Match, Candidates Tournament, World Cup, Grand Prix) during this three-year period.
- FIDE will use the model(s) designated as the “Official FIDE Chess Clock” in its other official competitions included in the FIDE Calendar (e.g., World Seniors Ch., World Team Ch., World Youth Ch.) during this three-year period.
- FIDE will make available its development fund, subject to certain criteria established solely by FIDE, to subsidize, in whole or in part, the purchases by its member federations of the clock models designated as the “Chess Clock Recommended by FIDE for National Federations”.
- The Agreement between FIDE and a winner can be terminated by a written notice given by either party at least six months in advance.

### **The Bidding Documents**

Each bid shall contain the following mandatory information:

- The bidder’s legal name, signatures and authentication
- The bidder’s professional affiliations and permits, if any.
- The payments to FIDE, in Euros, that the bidder undertakes to make over the three-year period for each of his clocks that is designated as the “FIDE Championship Clock”, the “Official FIDE Chess Clock” or the “Chess Clock Recommended by FIDE for National Federations”.
- The bidder’s commitment to make these royalty payments to FIDE on a quarterly basis.
- The royalties to FIDE, in Euros, that the bidder undertakes to pay to FIDE for each wholesale or retail sale of any clock that is designated as the “FIDE Championship Clock”, the “Official FIDE Chess Clock” or the “Chess Clock Recommended by FIDE for National Federations”.

- The bidder's commitment to provide to FIDE for testing (including free of charge shipping) all models of chess clocks included in the bid, ten (10) units per model, within seven (7) days after submission of the bid.
- The bidder's commitment to reimburse all expenses of the members of the FIDE Procurement Department (including expenses for transportation, accommodation, and meals) incurred for an on-site visit ("inspection") to an agreed-upon location in order to examine the bidder's chess clocks, to clarify the bid, and/or to address any related matters. Such visit shall occur at a mutually acceptable date anytime after the bid due date, including after the Agreement between FIDE and the winner is signed.

For each model of the chess clock included in the bidding, the bidder shall submit:

- A fully completed technical data sheet (TDS, see Annex).
- Product manuals.
- Audited results of field tests, if any.

All bidding documents and Annexes shall be submitted in English.

### **Bid Fee and Submission of Bids**

The due date for bid submissions is July 15, 2019.

Every bid shall be accompanied by a non-refundable Bid Fee of 1,000 (one thousand) Euros payable to FIDE.

All bids should be submitted by the due date in a sealed envelope or electronically, as scanned documents, to the FIDE Secretariat, postal address: 54 Avenue de Rhodanie, Maison du Sport International, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland / e-mail: office@fide.com by July 15, 2019, 14:00 UTC.

No late bids will be entertained.

### **Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract**

Besides financial terms offered, FIDE will take into account the following criteria:

- The reputation of the Bidder and of the Bidder's products.
- The quality of the Bidder's products.
- The extent to which the products meet FIDE needs.
- The Bidder's past relationship with FIDE.
- The long-term cost to FIDE in acquiring the Bidder's goods.
- Warranties and other representations.

FIDE retains the right to accept any bid and to reject any or all bids.

**The Bid Committee**

The Bid Committee for Chess Clock Contract includes the following members of the FIDE Management Board:

- Victor Bologan, Executive Director;
  - Vadim Tsypin, Head of Procurement Department;
  - Andrzej Filipowicz, Secretary, Technical Commission;
- as well as an independent outside auditor (to be announced).

**Annex. Technical Data Sheet (TDS)**

As stated above, a separate TDS shall be completed by the bidder for each clock model included in the bid.

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## Technical Data Sheet (TDS) for Chess Clock Bidding

<b>Identification</b>	
Manufacturer	
Clock model	
Model year	
<b>Physical Parameters</b>	
Dimensions (L x W x H, mm)	
Weight (incl. batteries, g)	
Clock material	
Is material biodegradable?	
Type of display (e.g., LCD, LED)	
Display chroma (e.g., Black&White, Colour)	
Total height of display (mm)	
Height of display of time remaining (mm)	
Height of the flag that appears when time expires (mm)	
Power source (e.g., number and specs of batteries)	
Battery life (hours)	
Is there a “Low Battery” / “Low Power” indicator?	
Minimum guaranteed battery life after the “Low Battery” indicator appears (hours)	
Height of the “Low Battery” indicator on the clock display (mm)	
Can the clock be connected to a digital chess board and how (e.g, cable socket, wireless)?	
Touch screen?	
Is printed manual included with the clock?	

Is a short set-up sheet included with the clock?	
Is electronic manual available for download free of charge?	
Are all modes listed on the bottom of the clock?	
Size of lettering for clock modes on the bottom (mm)	
What sounds does the clock emit during the game?	
What sounds does the clock emit at the end of the game?	
<b>General Features</b>	
Is Fischer (cumulative) increment mode supported?	
In Fischer mode, is the incremental time added before the first move?	
Is Bronstein mode supported?	
Is time delay mode supported?	
When one player's clock reaches zero in an increment mode time control, what happens with the other player's clock?	
Can the clock indicate that both flags have fallen?	
If the clock indicates that both flags have fallen, does it show which flag has fallen first?	
Does the display show the time available to complete a player's next move at all times?	
Are seconds displayed from the beginning?	
At what maximum distance (m) the clock display is legible?	
At what maximum distance (m) a player has a clearly visible indication whose clock is running?	

How many button presses does it take to access the move counter?	
What is the minimum time (seconds) to change the move counter and both clocks together?	
How many button presses does it take to erase or change the data displayed?	
Does this model have an option to stop/run the clock after one flag falls?	
Does this model have an option to retain the last setting used in manual setting?	
When a clock is being set and a cursor is moved from one digit to the next, is it possible to go back immediately?	
Does the clock stop running after a flag fall in the last period?	
<b>Rates of Play</b>	
Are the following rates of play available as default modes? (Yes / No)	
Manual set up (rate of play and number of moves)	
40 moves in 100 minutes + 20 moves in 50 minutes + 15 minutes and 30 seconds per move from move 1	
40 moves in 90 minutes + 30 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1	
Game 90 minutes +30 seconds per move from move 1	
40 moves in 2 hours + 20 moves in 1 hour + 15 minutes and 30 seconds per move from 61 move	
40 moves in 2 hours + 20 moves in 1 hour + 30 minutes	
40 moves in 2 hours + 30 minutes	
Game 60 minutes	

40 moves in 2 hours + 1 hour	
Rapid Game 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move	
Rapid Game 15 minutes + 5 seconds per move	
Rapid Game 25 minutes + 10 seconds per move	
Rapid Game 25 minutes	
Blitz 5 minutes	
Blitz 5 minutes + 3 seconds per move	
Blitz 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move	
Armageddon (6/5 minutes or 5/4 minutes) + 2 seconds per move starting from move 61	

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