



Player's Contract for Participation in the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the GS 2019). The Organizer of the GS 2019 is IOM International Chess Limited.

In order to ensure that the GS 2019 is played in accordance with its approved regulations, the statutes and the decisions of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Venues

1.1 The GS 2019 will consist of eleven (11) rounds.

The FIDE GS shall be organized in the second half of 2019. The dates and place of the tournament are as follows:

October 8th (arrival)-22nd (departure) – the Isle of Man

Depending on force majeure circumstances, FIDE reserves the right to change locations and dates.

1.2 All the players of the GS 2019 are expected to stay at the official hotels designated by FIDE and the Organizers.

2. Confirmation deadlines

2.1 The list of invited players and reserves is to be published on the FIDE website.

2.2. All invited players are expected to sign their respective contract and send it scanned to the FIDE Secretariat by email or by registered mail within two (2) weeks after they receive their copy from FIDE by email or a contract is published on FIDE website. Additional contracts between the organizer and the players may be signed if needed.

2.3 A player who does not submit his/her contract within the deadline shall be replaced according to article 3.2 of the Rules for the FIDE Grand Swiss 2019. (GSC may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for serious reasons). Players qualified as replacements have one further week to send their signed contracts.

2.4. A player who signs his/her contract but withdraws is to be replaced by a player as described in article 3.2 of the Rules for the FIDE Grand Swiss 2019.

2.5. Players who fail to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after they have signed the contract, could be sanctioned by the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board. If a player has already qualified to Candidates 2020 via World Cup 2019, he/she is entitled not to participate in GS 2019 even after signing this contract.

3. The Player's Obligations

3.1 On signing this player's contract, the player commits himself to completing the GS 2019 in accordance with the regulations for the GS 2019, the decisions of the FIDE General Assembly, FIDE Presidential Board and FIDE President, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess 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.

3.2 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 GS 2019.

3.3 FIDE, in accordance with the GS regulations, reserves the right to penalize any player who, after signing this contract, fails to complete the GS 2019 without a valid reason.

3.4 During the GS 2019 the players are obliged to attend press-conferences, give interviews and make public appearances, respecting the dress code as described in the official regulations. Any breach can result in fines according to GS 2019 regulations.

3.5 The players are required to appear punctually for the commencement of play at the start of each round.

3.6 The players are required to attend the Player's Meeting, Opening and Closing Ceremony or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE GSC and/or Organizers.

3.7 The players are not permitted to bring into the playing area any telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.

3.8 The player accepts that the arbiters 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.

3.9 During the playing session, a player may leave the playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters.

3.10 Every player should purchase a suitable travel/health insurance policy for the duration of the GS 2019. Neither FIDE nor Organizers bears liability to cover any related costs.

3.11. Every player shall provide up-to-date and complete bank details as per Annex I hereto according to the relevant instructions.

4. Financial conditions

4.1 The total prize fund amounts to 432,500 US dollars. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes.

4.2 The regular prizes shall be allocated as follows (in US dollars):

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| 1st place | 70,000 |
| 2nd place | 50,000 |
| 3rd place | 40,000 |
| 4th place | 35,000 |
| 5th place | 30,000 |
| 6th place | 25,000 |
| 7th place | 20,000 |
| 8th place | 16,000 |
| 9th place | 13,000 |
| 10th place | 11,000 |
| 11th - 15th places | 8,000 each |
| 16th - 20th places | 5,000 each |
| 21st - 25th places | 3,000 each |
| 26th-30th places | 2,000 each |

Women's prizes shall be allocated as follows (in US dollars):

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| 1st place | 10,000 |
| 2nd place | 8,000 |
| 3rd place | 6,000 |
| 4th place | 4,000 |
| 5th place | 2,500 |
| 6th place | 2,500 |

4.3 All prize money is divided equally where players have the same score (after 11 rounds).

4.4 No player can win more than one complete prize.

4.4.1 If a female player finishes in the top-10 and is due to receive a regular prize that is higher than the relevant women's prize, she will receive the full regular prize.

4.4.2 If a female player finishes in the top-30 and is due to receive a women's prize that is higher than the relevant regular prize, she will receive the full women's prize.

4.5 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the prizes will be transferred to the personal account of the player not later than 14 (fourteen) working days after the end of the Tournament. The player is obliged to provide FIDE and Organizers with his or her bank account's details for the purpose of obtaining prize money and travel costs along with the sending of the signed Contract.

4.6 The game score sheets are the property of FIDE.

4.6 FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money.

5. Arbitration

5.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract must be submitted in writing to the Presidential Board, which will decide on the matter. In case an acceptable solution is not found, each party may submit the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the case definitively in accordance with Swiss Law. The court proceedings shall take place in English.

5.2. In all matters not regulated by the present Contract parties shall be guided by the Rules for the FIDE Grand Swiss.

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By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2019 and have in consultation with my national federation acquainted myself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Laws of Chess, and accept the conditions related to my participation. In addition, I confirm my acquaintance with GS 2019 Regulations and accept all the responsibilities of a player as per GS 2019 Regulations.

Place and date:

Full Name of Player:

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER: