



Rules for the FIDE Grand Swiss 2019

1. Scope

1. 1. Governing Body of the Grand Swiss (hereinafter referred to as GS) is the World Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 2. The FIDE GS shall be organized in the second half of 2019.
1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of issuing regulations, conducting inspections, communicating with the organizers and the participants.
1. 4. FIDE or its appointed commercial agency retains all commercial and media rights of GS, including internet rights. These rights can be fully or partially transferred to the Tournament's organizer upon agreement.
1. 5. The body responsible for any changes to these Rules is the FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by GSC.
1. 6. At any time in the course of the application of these Rules, any circumstances not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the FIDE President for final decision.

2. Selection of the Organizer

2. 1. Any federation member of FIDE or any organizer approved by the national federation may apply for organization of GS.
2. 2. Each application should contain the following:
 - a) Proposed exact place and dates of the event.
 - b) Proposed tournament venue.
 - c) Proposed prize fund - minimum four hundred thousand (400,000) US dollars net of any applicable local taxes.
 - d) The contribution to FIDE (net of any applicable local taxes and not less than 20% of the prize fund in addition to the prize fund).
 - e) Commitment to cover all financial obligations to FIDE, including all the stipends.
 - f) Commitment to cover all organizational costs, in accordance with the current regulations.
 - g) Commitment to hold GS in accordance with the rights / the interests of the FIDE World Championship Cycle's Partners and Sponsors.
 - h) An invitation for a member of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant, up to a maximum of one thousand (1,000) US dollars.
 - i) The applicant's name, signatures and authentication.
 - j) Letters of support from the national federation and relevant local authorities.
2. 3. Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of three thousand (3,000) US dollars. In the event of a successful application, this fee is offset against the organizer's financial obligations to FIDE.
2. 4. The FIDE's choice of the Organizer is based on many factors aiming for the best of chess. The proposed prize fund is not the only criterium.
2. 5. Once FIDE makes its decision on the Organizer of the event, a contract is to be signed between FIDE and the Organizer regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the event. The Organizer is required to either present all necessary bank guaranties

for the whole amount of the prize fund and all expenses related to the event, or pay the whole of this sum to FIDE within 7 days of the contract being signed.

3. Qualification for GS

3.1. Invitations for GS are determined according to the following criteria:

- **Average FIDE Rating of the 12 monthly lists starting from July 1st 2018 to June 1st 2019.**

One hundred (100) players qualify by their average rating.

For the purpose of deciding the 100 qualifiers by rating, the average ELO from the twelve (12) standard FIDE rating lists from July 1st 2018 to June 1st 2019 is used. In case of equality, two decimals are taken into consideration. If the numbers are still equal then the total number of rated games in all twelve standard rating periods is decisive: the player with the bigger number of games qualifies.

- **Women's World Champion as of June 1st 2019.**
- **Junior U20 World Champion as of June 1st 2019.**
- **World Senior 50+ Champion as of June 1st 2019.**
- **World Senior 65+ Champion as of June 1st 2019.**
- **One qualifier from the ACP Tour based on standings as of June 1st 2019.**

3.2. If any replacements are needed due to players in the top-100 withdrawing or declining to participate, the average rating list serves for the purpose as described in article 3.1. If any of the other 5 players withdraw or decline to participate, the next available highest rated player in the relevant category shall be invited to participate.

3.3. In addition, the Organizer of the event is entitled to include more players of their own choice. The number of additional players should be approved by GSC.

4. Confirmation of Participation

4.1. The list of 105 invited players and reserves is to be published on the FIDE website together with the players' contract.

4.2. 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. Additional contracts between the organizer and the players may be signed if needed.

4.3. A player who does not submit his/her contract within the deadline shall be replaced according to article 3.2. (FIDE 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.

4.4. A player who signs his/her contract but withdraws is to be replaced by a player as described in article 3.2.

4.5. 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.

5. GS Regulations

5.1. Format & System

5.1.1. Swiss system, 11 rounds.

5.1.2. As a minimum, the winner of the FIDE Grand Swiss qualifies for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020. If the winner of the FIDE Grand Swiss qualifies to Candidates 2020 via a different qualification path or does not need to qualify, the qualification spot goes to the highest-placed player in the tournament who did not or will not qualify by other means.

The final decision on the number of qualifying spots to the Candidates 2020 from the FIDE Grand Swiss is to be taken by the FIDE Presidential Board not later than March 1st 2019.

5. 2. Travel and Accommodation

Each of the 105 invited players receives hotel accommodation (Half-board) for 14 days in a standard room (4-star hotel minimum) and a minimum fee towards their travel expenses of: 400 US dollars for each player from the country where the tournament is staged; 700 US dollars for each other player from the continent where the tournament is staged; 1000 US dollars for each player from a different continent.

5. 3. Playing venue

5. 3. 1. GSC ensures the playing hall and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organization of Top-Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook, C.01).

5. 3. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, and the flag of the host nation.

5. 3. 3. The Organizer provides, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, principals and accredited media.

5. 4. Schedule

Arrivals:	1 day
Opening Ceremony, Players Meeting:	1 day
Round 1:	1 day
Round 2:	1 day
Round 3:	1 day
Round 4:	1 day
Round 5:	1 day
Round 6:	1 day
Free day:	1 day
Round 7:	1 day
Round 8:	1 day
Round 9:	1 day
Round 10:	1 day
Round 11 and Closing ceremony:	1 day
Departures:	1 day
 TOTAL:	 15 days (14 nights)

5. 5. Pairings

Pairings are done according to the officially recommended FIDE pairing system for Swiss events.

5. 6. Time control

5. 6. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

5. 6. 2. The time control for each game is: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes the next 20 moves, followed by 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

5. 7. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only through the Chief Arbiter (or his Deputy) in case of threefold repetition.

5. 8. Conditions of victory

5. 8. 1. The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) will be the winner of the tournament and qualifies for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020. A tie shall be broken according to article 5.8. 2.

5. 8. 2. Tie-breaks

If the top two (2) or more players score the same points, the tie is to be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Tournament performance rating - TPR
- b) Median Buchholz (cut 1)
- c) Buchholz
- d) Rapid play-off. The format is decided by the Chief Arbiter.

5. 9. Prizes

5. 9. 1. The total minimum prize fund amounts to four hundred thousand (400,000) US dollars. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes. The money prizes shall be allocated as follows (in US dollars):

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

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

Organizers are entitled to introduce additional special prizes that are not compatible with the main prizes in the event.

5. 9. 2. Payment of Prize Money

The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in US dollars. Within fourteen (14) working days of completion of the event and reception of player's bank details, FIDE transfers each player's prize money to his/her bank account.

5. 9. 3. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, GSC decides upon paying out his/her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

5. 9. 4. Although FIDE endeavours to sign an agreement with the Organizer stating that the prize funds are net and free of all local taxes, FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE gives all necessary assistance to the players if the Organizer acts to the contrary.

5. 10. Playing Conditions

5. 10. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events. The Organizer covers all the related costs up to five thousand (5,000) US dollars.

5. 10. 2. Only the players, principals and stewards are allowed in the actual playing area except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter. A player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

5. 10. 3. 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.

5. 10. 4. 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.

5. 11. Scoresheets

5. 11. 1. The Organizer provides scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

5. 11. 2. At the end of each game the players' original score sheets are to be given to the Chief Arbiter, who shall send them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the score sheets shall be penalized according to Article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the score sheets, the Arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

5. 12. Players' conduct

5. 12. 1. The dress code is strictly observed.

5. 12. 1. 1. Dress code for men: business casual (neat shirt with a collar, jacket/blazer, trousers).

5. 12. 1. 2. Dress code for women: business casual (neat shirt/blouse with a collar, jacket/blazer, trousers/skirt or dress).

5. 12. 1. 3. No players with t-shirts, jeans, sneakers, baseball caps, shorts or inappropriate dress are allowed in a playing area. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

5. 12. 2. The players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organizer. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

5. 12. 3. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. General interviews with them have to be arranged through the FIDE Press Officer, the same day or the next day after the end of the event.

5. 12. 4. The players are required to make themselves available for post-game press conferences, of not more than 20 minutes duration, immediately after the game.

5. 12. 5. The winner is obliged to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.

5. 12. 6. The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by the FIDE President or his Deputy during the event including official receptions, the Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony.

5. 12. 7. The players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations (FIDE Handbook, C.01, Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the event.

5. 12. 8. If a player fails to appear at the Players' Meeting, the Opening or Closing Ceremony or any approved function of the Championship such as official receptions, press conferences or interviews, expressed publicly his/her inappropriate attitude towards FIDE, the Grand Swiss Organizer and sponsors, other players or conducts him/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, (s)he shall suffer the following penalty: 5% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organizer and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct the player may be disqualified from the event and the World Championship Cycle. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Presidential Board.

5. 13. Principals

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President
- b) FIDE Deputy President/Director General
- c) FIDE Supervisor
- d) Organizer
- e) Arbiters
- f) FIDE Fair-Play Officer
- g) FIDE Press Officer

5. 14. FIDE Supervisor, Arbiters and FIDE Fair-Play Officer

5. 14. 1. The FIDE Supervisor, the Chief Arbiter and the FIDE Fair-Play Officer are appointed by FIDE, after consulting the Organizer. The Deputy Chief Arbiter and the remaining arbiters are appointed by the Organizer.

5. 14. 2. The FIDE Supervisor ensures that the event is held in accordance with these Rules and secures fair and equal conditions for all the players. He/she can also serve as a Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

5. 14. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy must be present in the playing area.

5. 14. 3 Within one (1) week after the end of GS the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. The report contains the result of each individual game as well as the final standings and also a general description of the course of the event. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them. The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins and the score sheets of the games.

5. 14. 4. The Chief Arbiter should in consultation with GSC, and with the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

5. 15. Appeals Committee

5. 15. 1. FIDE nominates the Chairman and the other two (2) members of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations. None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee sits in judgment in a dispute involving a player from his/her Federation except where the dispute is between two players from his/her Federation.

5. 15. 2. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

5. 15. 3. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of five hundred (500) US dollars or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

5. 15. 4. The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

5. 15. 5. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus. The Committee likely reaches a decision within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.

5. 15. 6. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

5. 15. 7. Within one (1) week after the end of GS the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to GSC.

5. 16. FIDE Press Officer

5. 16. 1. The Organizer is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event. All content is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer in co-operation with the Organizer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on the official domain, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organizer and GSC prior to the event. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the FIDE Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

5. 16. 2. All activities of both FIDE and the Organizer shall identify FIDE being the Governing Body of GS. The Organizer shall warrant that the official domain for the event is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance are provided to both FIDE and the Organizer.

5. 16. 3. The Organizer shall co-operate with the FIDE Press Officer concerning the accreditation and hospitality of journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre.

5. 16. 4. The FIDE Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the event.

5. 17. Photography and Television

5. 17. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Organizer (in co-operation with the FIDE Press Officer) may work in the playing venue.

5. 17. 2. Flash may be used only during the first five (5) minutes.

5. 17. 3. Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.

5. 18. Ceremonies

5. 18. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place the day prior to the first round.

5. 18. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by FIDE. Cultural program and speeches totaling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

5. 18. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last round. The Organizer provides a trophy for the winner and medals (gold, silver, bronze) for the top three (3) winners. The trophy and the medals are to be approved by GSC. The FIDE Anthem, the

Anthem of the winner's country and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

6. Commercial and Financial Issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organization of GS. (This is not relevant if the Organizer chose to pay the whole sum within 7 days of the contract being signed – see article 2.4). This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organizer and GSC. This sum shall include stipends, pre-expenses (inspections) and tournament expenses (traveling and boarding) for the principals. GSC advises and helps the Organizer on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary, bulletin and other technical problems.

6. 2. FIDE has the exclusive commercial rights of GS and is free to exploit them commercially, including entering into advertisement agreements either with the Organizer or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear clothes with the branding of sponsors. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE or FIDE's commercial agency.

6. 3. The income provided by GS through admission charges goes to the Organizer.

6. 4. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, belong to FIDE or its appointed agency. The right as described here and in the previous paragraph can be granted by FIDE to the Organizer.

6. 5. FIDE or its appointed agency has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet and provides the necessary equipment such as electronic boards and clocks to cover the event. FIDE provides to the Organizer the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organizer.

6. 6. The Organizer draws up a budget as detailed as possible. This shall be subject to the approval of GSC.

6. 7. Stipends

The stipends paid to the Principals of GS by the Organizer are (in US dollars):

FIDE Supervisor	5,000
Chief Arbiter:	5,000
FIDE Fair-Play Officer:	3,000
FIDE Press Officer:	3,000

6. 8. Traveling and lodging expenses of the FIDE officials

The FIDE President and the FIDE Deputy President/Director General have their travel and lodging expenses covered up to the total amount of 7,000 (seven thousand) US dollars. The Organizer covers travel and lodging expenses of the Principals mentioned in Article 6.7. up to a level agreed beforehand with GSC.

6. 9. Personnel – The Organizer should provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with the GSC.

6. 10. Procedures concerning commercial aspects

6. 10. 1. FIDE, or its appointed commercial agency, retains all commercial and media rights of the Grand Swiss 2019, including internet. These rights can be transferred fully or partially to the Organizer upon agreement.

6. 10. 2. No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

6. 10. 3. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo is represented above and will be displayed in a sky-blue colour on a white background. The text describing any event must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

6. 10. 4. The event title of the tournament is represented below. The corporate logo should include the above on top and the text in any kind of printed or electronic media must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.



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ANNEX 1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (FIDE Laws of Chess)

The FIDE Laws of Chess are Annex 1, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=208&view=article>