

FIDE Candidates Tournaments 2026 - Call for bids

1. The International Chess Federation (FIDE) will hold the Candidates and Women's Candidates Tournaments, preferably together, between 25 March and 1 May 2026.
2. The basic provisions are the following:
 - a) Number of participants in each event – 8
 - b) Total duration – up to 22 days
 - c) Minimum combined prize fund for the two tournaments – 1,000,000 (one million) euros: 700,000 for the Open and 300,000 for the Women's event.
 - d) The Organiser shall pay FIDE a license fee equal to 20% of the prize fund
 - e) The Organiser shall respect the rights of the FIDE sponsors and partners, including for the video and games broadcast
 - f) References:
 - [Regulations for the FIDE Candidates 2026](#)
 - [Regulations for the FIDE Women's Candidates 2026](#)
3. FIDE is opening a bidding procedure to invite any federation member of FIDE or any organiser approved by their national federation to host the event.
4. The Bid Form shall be filled in by an Applicant. Signed copy shall be submitted by e-mail messages to the FIDE Secretariat to office@fide.com from 12 August to 15 October 2025 by 23:59 Lausanne time (FIDE retains the right to extend this deadline). All the documents shall be submitted in English. Additional documents may be requested by the FIDE General Strategy Commission (GSC) for further evaluation.
5. The Bid Evaluation Report shall be presented by GSC for an approval of the FIDE Council.
6. Once the Organiser is granted the right to organise the event, a relevant announcement shall be made on the FIDE website. A FIDE Technical Delegate (FIDE TD) may be appointed at the same time to supervise the event on behalf of FIDE in consultation with GSC.