



FIDE EVENTS COMMISSION

CALL FOR BIDS

FIDE WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The Deadline to Bid is 26th January, 2026, CET 15:00

Bid 1: 2026 World Amateur Chess Championships U2300, U2000 and U1700 categories in the new format !!

What is new:

- Tournament duration – 7 days including day of arrival, one rest day, five playing days with maximum two rounds per day (total 9 rounds).
- Time control: 45 min + 30 sec increments from move one.
- Total prize fund: minimum 10.000 euros.
- The Organizer shall conduct the Chess Composition competition in cooperation with the **World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC)**.

<https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Amateur-Classic.pdf>

World Amateur Championships should be held between 1st September – 15th November as per EVE General calendar.

Bid 2: 2026 World Amateur Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships

U2300, U2000 and U1700 categories – the new tournament !!

- Tournament duration – 6/7 days. One rest day is recommended.
- Rounds & Time control for Rapid – the competitions will be held over 3 days in 11 to 13 rounds, using the Swiss system with time control 15 minutes + 10 sec.
- Rounds & Time control for Blitz – the competitions will be held over 2 days. The total number of games between 11 and 17 and finalized according to the total number of participants. The time control 3 minutes + 2 sec increment per move starting from move 1.
- Total prize fund: minimum 10.000 euros.

https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/RB_Amateur.pdf

World Amateur Rapid and Blitz should be held between 15th May – 15th June as per EVE General calendar.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

1. All bidders must fill in **BID FORM** **BID FORM ANNEX** completely.
2. A bid for any Competitions shall include the name of FIDE International Organiser.
3. All bids should be submitted by the due date in sealed envelope or scanned documents to the FIDE Secretariat:

Postal address: Avenue de Rhodanie 54, 1007 Lausanne, Switzerland

Tel: + (41) 21 6010039

Email: office@fide.com with copy to fideevents@fide.com by 26th January 2026, 15:00 CET.

4. Detailed information about the bidding procedure – FIDE General Regulations
<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

5. Bid & Deposit fees:

<https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Bid-and-Deposit-Fees-2.pdf>

FIDE Bank Details:

ACCOUNT NAME: FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ECHECS

BANK NAME: CAIXABANK S.A

BANK ADDRESS: AV. DIAGONAL, 621-629, 0828 BARCELONA

BIC/CODE SWIFT: CAIXESBBXXX

IBAN: ES32 2100 0555 3107 0028 5124

6. **BID FEE** - Any bidder must pay a bid fee until the bidding deadline. Bid fee is not refundable. If the bid fee is not paid, the bid will not be considered valid.
7. **DEPOSIT FEE** - Within a month after being awarded FIDE Chess Championships, the organising member federation shall pay deposit fee according to General regulations of FIDE competitions. When the event has been successfully concluded (according to the bid and the regulations), the deposit fee shall be credited to the account of the organising federation or refunded.
8. EVE will make inspections. The first inspection will be within four months after the bid deadline. If the organizer is granted with the event, EVE will define the number and necessity of pre-tournament inspections. Single FB accommodation in one of the official hotel and domestic transfer costs of the inspections must be paid by the organisers.

RELEVANT REGULATIONS

All bidders must ensure the tournaments are played in accordance with the regulations which are current at the time of the event (where available, the present regulations are provided for reference below):

FIDE Laws of Chess

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>

FIDE Arbiter Appointment Regulations

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B0604082023>

General Regulations for FIDE Competitions

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCProtectionMeasures.pdf>

FIDE Medical Commission Regulations

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/FIDEAntiDopingRules.pdf>

Appeals Committee Procedural Rules

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>

Captains and Heads of Delegation

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

Arbiters Stipend Regulation

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/ArbiterStipendRegulations2024>

EVE General Calendar

<https://events.fide.com/index.php/general-calendar/>

Guidelines for Marketing and Communications to be applied at FIDE events

Other Regulations pertaining to FIDE tournaments, or other FIDE Council decision, which may be made between the bid and the tournament.