



FIDE World U7-U17 Rapid and Blitz Championships

2026

Cairo – Egypt

8th December – 15th December 2026

Under the patronage of the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Egyptian Chess Federation is proud to host the FIDE World U7-U17 Rapid and Blitz Championships





1. INVITATION:

The International Chess Federation FIDE and the Egyptian Chess Federation are pleased to invite all FIDE member federations and players to participate in FIDE World U7-U17 Rapid and Blitz Championships for players under 7 to under 17 years old

The championship will take place at Cairo Egypt from 8th December to 15th December

- ❖ At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in this regulation shall be referred to EVE commission upon authorization by the FIDE President for any kind of amendments and special arrangements.

2. PARTICIPATION:

- 2.1 There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-7, Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 2.2 All chess players who shall not reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, or 17 before 1st January 2026 are eligible to participate:

Under 07: Born on or after 1st January 2019

Under 09: Born on or after 1st January 2017

Under 11: Born on or after 1st January 2015

Under 13: Born on or after 1st January 2013

Under 15: Born on or after 1st January 2011

Under 17: Born on or after 1st January 2009



2.3 The Champions (1st place) of the previous odd W-RBCYC edition (U9-U17 age groups) have personal rights and are entitled to participate provided they fulfil the condition of Rule 2.2 above. The mentioned winners may select to play in the same age-category or a higher age-category. For example, the U9 winner may play in the 9 category if he is still eligible by age or to play in U11 category. The Organizers will provide free board and lodging in twin share rooms.

2.4 The Championship is open to all players. FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies may also register players through their respective National Chess Federation (NCF) with a copy to TRG for endorsement.

2.5 FIDE Member Federations have the right to send any number of additional players they want.

3. REGISTRATION:

3.1 The registration fee is **140 Euros** for each player and each accompanying official/person

3.2 The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Cairo International Airport and Sphinx International Airport, accreditation, identification, badges, and organization costs.

3.3 Registration deadline is November 1st, 2026

3.4 The total FIDE fee is **EUR 70 per player**, consisting of **EUR 35** for the **Rapid Championship** and **EUR 35** for the **Blitz Championship**. This fee shall be collected by the Organizing Committee, which will be responsible for transferring the collected amount to FIDE.

3.5 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse late registrations. If late registration is accepted and availability permits, the registration fee will be doubled. More information can be found here:

<https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/General-updated-1.pdf>

3.6 For registration, please fill this form: <https://forms.gle/sJW3H1QfS5FZ3kqE8>



3.7 All registration fees and applicable FIDE fees shall be paid to the Organizing Committee using the following bank details:

Bank Name	Banque Misr – 153 Mohamed Farid St. Cairo - Egypt
SWIFT Code	BMISEGXXXX – OR – BMISEGCXTRF
IBAN Account Number	EG300002010101010130000003446
Branch Name	القاهرة
Account Number	1010130000003446
ID	14969987
Account Name	الاتحاد المصري للشطرنج يورو

For registration inquiries, payment confirmations, and official correspondence, please contact:

Email: youthrapidblitz@fide.com

4. TRAVEL INFORMATION / AIRPORT TRANSFER:

- 4.1** The Organizing Committee will provide airport transfers between **Cairo International Airport/Sphinx International Airport** and the official hotel on the official arrival and departure days (**8–15 December**).
- 4.2** Transfers outside the official dates will be subject to an additional fee of **EUR 40 per person round trip** or **EUR 20 one way**.
- 4.3** Flight details, including **arrival/departure date, time, and flight number**, must be submitted to the Organizing Committee by **November 1st, 2026**. The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for transfers if the required details are not provided by the deadline.
- 4.4** Participants arranging private transportation must indicate this during registration and will be fully responsible for their own transfers.
- 4.5** Private transportation services may be arranged upon request for delegations or individuals requiring dedicated transportation. A **private bus** will be available at a cost of **EUR 200 per bus**, subject to prior reservation and availability.



4.6 The approximate **travel distance** between the **airports and the official hotel** is as follows:

- **Cairo International Airport – Official Hotel:** approximately **45 minutes**
- **Sphinx International Airport – Official Hotel:** approximately **25 minutes**

5. **PAYMENTS:**

5.1 Following the completion and approval of the **Registration, Accommodation & Travel Form**, the Organizing Committee will issue the necessary invoices to the participating national federations for bank transfer payments. Each invoice will include the required banking information and payment details.

5.2 A **50% advance payment** of the total accommodation cost for all players, officials, and accompanying persons must be transferred to the designated bank account by the **registration deadline of 1st November 2026**. The remaining **50% balance** must be paid before the start of the first round.

5.3 All bank transfer fees and commissions shall be covered by the sender. Once the payment has been received and confirmed, the Organizing Committee will provide the participating federation with an official confirmation of its registration and hotel reservation.

5.4 All payments shall be made by bank transfer to the following account:

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Payment Confirmation Email: youthrapidblitz@fide.com



6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:

- 6.1** The official tournament hotel will be a **5-star hotel located in Giza, Egypt in front of the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Grand Egyptian Museum** and will serve as the **designated accommodation venue** for participants and accompanying persons. The **playing hall** will also be located within the **same official tournament hotel**
- 6.2** For security and organizational reasons, all participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the **official tournament hotel designated by the Organizing Committee.**
- 6.3** Hotel reservations must be made **exclusively through the Organizing Committee.** Individual bookings directly with the hotel will not be considered official tournament reservations.
- 6.4** The **hotel reservation deadline is 1 November 2026.** Reservations submitted after this deadline will be subject to availability and may not be guaranteed.
- 6.5** The accommodation package will be provided on a **full-board basis**, including **breakfast, lunch, and dinner served as an open buffet** throughout the official accommodation period.
- 6.6 Hotel Accommodation Rates:**

Room Type	Rate per person / night
Single Room	EURO 130
Double Room	EURO 95
Triple Room	EURO 80



OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOTEL





7. SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule shall be as follows:

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 8 th December	_____	Arrival
Wednesday 9 th December	11:00AM 14:30PM 15:00PM	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Rapid - Round 1 – Round 3
Thursday 10 th December	15:00PM	Rapid - Round 4 – Round 7
Friday 11 th December	15:00PM	Rapid - Round 8 – Round 11
Saturday 12 th December	_____	Free day
Sunday 13 th December	15:00PM	Blitz - Round 1 – Round 6
Monday 14 th December	10:30AM 19:00PM	Blitz - Round 7 – Round 11 Closing Ceremony
Tuesday 15 th December	_____	Departure

8. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS:

- 8.1 The Championships shall be played using the Swiss System with eleven (11) rounds.
- 8.2 If a player does not have an existing FIDE Rapid or Blitz rating, his/her FIDE Classical rating shall be used, where applicable.
- 8.3 The time control for the Rapid Championship shall be 15 minutes for each player with an increment of 5 seconds per move.
- 8.4 The time control for the Blitz Championship shall be 5 minutes for each player with an increment of 3 seconds per move.
- 8.5 The FIDE Anti-Cheating Rules and Guidelines and applicable Fair Play Protection Measures shall apply to all Championships.
- 8.6 Any appeal against a decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be submitted in writing within 15 minutes in accordance with the applicable FIDE Appeals Committee Procedural Rules.



8.7 In case of a tie, the following tie-break criteria apply:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied players have played each other);
- Buchholz Cut 1;
- Buchholz;
- Greater number of games played with Black;
- Greater number of wins;
- Drawing of lots

9. APPEALS PROCEDURE:

- 9.1 Any appeal against a decision made by the Chief Arbiter must be submitted **in writing** to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within **15 minutes** following the end of the relevant game.
- 9.2 The appeal must be accompanied by an **EUR 200 appeal deposit**. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded immediately. If the appeal is rejected, the deposit will be **forfeited to FIDE**.
- 9.3 If the player is **under 18**, then the appeal must be submitted by the **player's parent**, guardian, head of delegation and the decision of the **Appeals Committee shall be final and binding**.



10. PRIZES:

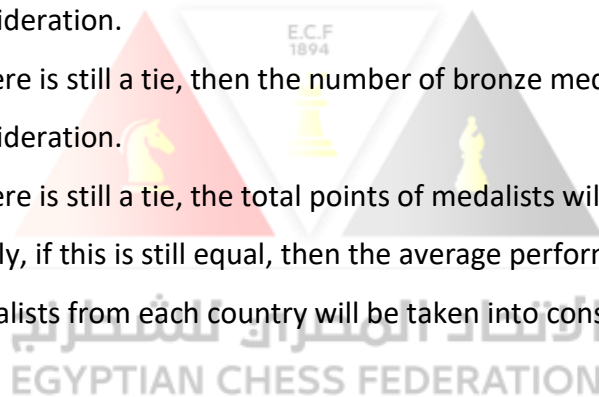
10.1 Trophies, Medals, certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players in each category.

10.2 Special prizes will be given to first 3 players.

10.3 Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate of participation.

10.4 Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy according to the rules below:

- For first place, the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration.
- If there is a tie, then the number of silver medals will be taken under consideration.
- If there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals will be taken under consideration.
- If there is still a tie, the total points of medalists will be taken for tiebreak.
- Finally, if this is still equal, then the average performance rating of the medalists from each country will be taken into consideration.





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