



FIDE WORLD 2026
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Roquetas de Mar, Spain 13-21 October 2026

OFFICIAL INVITATION

1. INVITATION

The International Chess Federation FIDE and Spanish Chess Federation jointly invite all FIDE National Federations to participate in the World Under-7 to Under-17 Chess Championships 2026. The event will take place from 13 October (arrival day) to 21 October 2026 (departure day).

2. PARTICIPATION

Each National Federation may register one invited player in each category: Under 7, Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, and Under 17, in both the Open and Girls sections. The Organizers invite these twelve Players and one Head of Delegation, from each National Federation with FIDE ID.

A player must not have reached his/her 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th or 17th birthday, respectively, before 1st January 2026.

Players, other than Invited Players, shall be classified as Additional Players. All other persons, other than players or the Head of Delegations, shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. Each National Federation shall be responsible for all the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.



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In order to provide appropriate tournament conditions, the **Federations must carefully complete the official online registration form and submit it to the Organizers by Monday, 14 September 2026.**

Late registration after the registration deadline – the Registration fee (see Article 3.8) will double. The organiser is not required to accept registrations made after the deadline. After the late registration no invited/personal right players shall be accepted with FB accommodation. The mentioned participants will be considered as additional players.

FIDE ENTRY FEES

In accordance with FIDE regulations, a FIDE entry fee of 70 € for the first player in each category from each federation should be paid before the start of the tournament. For each additional player from each Federation, a fee of 140 € should be paid before the start of the tournament.

The National Federations must send this amount to the organizer. The FIDE fees will be included in the invoice from Spanish Chess Federation to National Federations.

3. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

Each invited or additional player and each Head of Delegation or accompanying person must pay the Organizers a registration fee of 140 Euros by Monday, 14 September 2026. Payment confirms participation; registrations without payment will be considered invalid and will not be accepted.

Players, Head of Delegations, and additional persons upon paying the registration fee will receive:



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- Registration
- Accreditation with personalized badge (players and Heads of delegation)
- Welcome bag (players and Heads of delegation)
- Admission to the opening and closing ceremonies
- Water during games (players)

Transfers for players, Head of Delegations and additional persons on the official arrival and departure days from **Malaga International Airport (AGP)** to the hotels are 40 €/person two ways.

Transfers for players, Head of Delegations, and additional persons on the official arrival and departure days from **Almeria International Airport (LEI)** is included in the registration fee.

The airport pick-up and drop-off can only be booked on the official or authorized arrival and departure day.

The deadline for registration is 14 September 2026. After this date, the Organizers reserve the right to refuse late registrations or, subject to availability, charge participants a penalty of €80 for each late registration.

The deadline is valid in terms of registration, hotel booking, and transportation requests (both ways). If a National Federation fails to book and communicate the travel details of its delegation, the Organizing Committee will automatically be considered relieved of all responsibility.

All transportation arrangements, in both directions, from Malaga Airport or Almeria International Airport must be booked by the National Federation by 14 September 2026.

Every registration must include the Federation, FIDE ID, surname, first name, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure, and the passport number of every player and every



accompanying person who requires an invitation. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation, in both cases the Organizing Committee is not responsible for such expenses.

It is the responsibility of all National Federations to strictly adhere to the deadlines to ensure proper event organization and efficient management of participation.

4. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

The Chief Arbiter will be announced in due time.

FIDE Technical Delegate will be announced in due time.

5. OTHER REGULATIONS

According to FIDE Rules

Electronic Devices, Wrist Watches & Pens: Mobile phones, electronic devices, and any other radio frequency source (except for medical purposes upon authorization provided by the CA), wristwatches (all types of wristwatches), and personal pens are prohibited inside the tournament hall.

6. VISAS

Those who need visas must submit their data by 14 September 2026.

To proceed with the visa application, each federation must



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- 1) Fill out the registration form provided by the organizing committee.
- 2) Email the organizing committee sending PDF scans of the participants' passports, which must be valid for more than six months.
- 3) Proceed with the payment of the registration fee as it will be communicated by the organizing committee.
- 4) At the same time as registering for the tournament, proceed with the reservation and payment of the hotel stay (if there are fees).

The Organizers will provide VISA assistance according to National laws only after all the pre-payments are made.

The Organizers are not responsible in case the Spanish Consular authorities decline to issue the VISA due to public order and/or failing to meet all the requirements to obtain an Spanish VISA.

Please, see the Schengen Visa information: [Schengen Visa Information](#)

7. PAYMENTS

Entries must be submitted through the registration forms by Monday 14 September, 2026.

When registering by 14 September 2026, the FIDE fee, the registration fee of 140 Euro, the applicable transportation fee from Malaga Airport €40, and a minimum prepayment of 50% of the board and lodging costs must be paid into the Organizers' designated bank account.

Account beneficiary holder:

FEDERACION ESPAÑOLA DE AJEDREZ (Spanish Chess Federation)

Account holder address: Calle Coslada, 10, 28028 MADRID VAT Number: EQ2878002A

IBAN account number: **ES8200750349410606178264**

Bank Name & address: BANCO SANTANDER Paseo de Recoletos, 20 28001 MADRID

BIC/SWIFT code: **BSCHESMM**

Only National Federations are entitled to issue payments to the Organizing Committee. Private payments will not be accepted and/or considered valid.



Entry Fees for withdrawals, or no-show shall be charged as follows as per FIDE Regulations on following link: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312> .

If any FIDE federation is expected to miss the registration deadline for reasons/circumstances beyond their control, they shall approach EVE before the registration deadline. EVE shall investigate the case, and attempt to work with the organizer to find a solution.

Each National Federation will be invoiced by the organizers. Upon payments confirmed, the Organizers will send to the Federations the confirmation of the hotel bookings. As soon as the FIDE officials are appointed and the registrations are confirmed, registered players will then appear on the official website, where players' statuses may be checked on a daily basis.

All balance payments must be finalized by Thursday, 1 October 2026.

Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are transferred to the Organizers.

National federations unable to fulfill payment obligations through bank transfer must request authorization from both the Organizing Committee and the FIDE Events Commission before the deadline (14 september 2026).

Such requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the circumstances and reasons provided by the concerned federation. Approval for alternative payment methods will be granted only under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and the FIDE Events Commission.

Federations must provide compelling reasons for their inability to make payments via bank transfer, along with a feasible alternative proposal for fulfilling their financial obligations.



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National Federations are responsible for paying the Organizing Committee the fees as communicated. Any bank charges or for transferring the amounts will be charged to the National Federations prior to the event or directly with the Head of Delegation on site.

8. VENUE, OFFICIAL HOTEL- BOARD & LODGING

The venue of the event is [Evenia Zoraida Beach Resort](#). ****

Mariano Hernandez St. 133, 04740 Roquetas de Mar, Spain

The official hotel of the event and rates are, per person with full board, 3 meals/ day with open buffet and water in rooms (each person will be provided free water either bottled or through refillable water stations. Other drinks will be charged by the Hotel).

Prices per person per day:

Evenia Zoraida Resort 4*			
SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUADRUPLE
115 €	86 €	80 €	75 €

(Triple and Quadruple Room: Two beds 150 x 190 cm, 3 or 4 persons)

Invited players and the Head of Delegation are entitled to free full-board accommodation from 13 October (arrival day, lunch included) to 21 October (departure day, breakfast included).

Room keys will be made available from 2:00 p.m. The Organizing Committee, in cooperation with the hotel management, shall take all reasonable measures to ensure minimal waiting times starting from the official check-in time.

As per FIDE regulations **all invited players are entitled to free lodging in a shared double room**. Upgrades (to a single room) won't be possible due to the age of participants. Special requests for downgrades (from double room to triple) must be required beforehand.



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If a participating Federation does not send an invited player in any age category, they cannot substitute him/her with another age-category player.

As per FIDE regulations, all players and accompanying persons must be accredited and stay at the official hotel of the event. Bookings and accreditation are possible only through the procedure described in articles 8.1 to 8.4 above.

The organization may provide a second hotel, if necessary based on the number of registrations: [Hotel Mediterraneo Bay Hotel Resort](#), located across from the official hotel, with the same category, prices, services, and conditions.

Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms will be decided by the Organizing Committee.

The above-mentioned prices are also understood to be valid on the two days before and after the event to ensure the same conditions for participants and their accompanying people.

Transportation at the mentioned price will only be provided on the official arrival and departure days. Special requests (different dates) will be considered as private transfers on demand with different rates.

9. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. The national rankings will not be taken into account for pairings. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: each player has **45 minutes for the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from the first move. The default time is 15 minutes.**



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Tie break criteria:

- a) direct encounter according to C.07 August 2024,
- b) Buchholz cut 1,
- c) Buchholz,
- d) Sonneborg,
- e) the greater number of wins,
- f) Average Rating of Opponents ARO

FIDE Anti Cheating Measures and guidelines are in effect during the championship.

10. APPEALS

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee **within 60 minutes after the completion of the respective game**. The protest must be accompanied by the sum of 200 € as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit may be forfeited to FIDE.

The Appeals Committee will be announced in due time.

11. SAFETY

All delegations should abide by specific security regulations. Each National Federation shall be responsible for their delegations including damages to property.



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12. PRESS RELEASES

Press releases, photos, highlight videos, a selection of games in pgn format, and general information will be provided on a daily basis through the official website.

13. TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Date	Time	Activity
2026-10-13		Arrival
	20:00	Technical Meeting
2026-10-14	10:00	Opening ceremony
	10:30	Round 1
	16:00	Round 2
2026-10-15	10:00	Round 3
	16:00	Round 4
2026-10-16	10:00	Round 5
	16:00	Round 6
2026-10-17		Rest Day
2026-10-18	10:00	Round 7
	16:00	Round 8
2026-10-19	10:00	Round 9
2026-10-20	10:00	Round 10
	16:00	Round 11
	20:00	Closing Ceremony
2026-10-21		Departure



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14. PRIZES

The three best players in each tournament will receive a trophy and a medal.

Chess, technology, and educational gifts to the top 5 ranked of each category.

All players will receive a diploma.

The three best Federations will receive trophies based on the medals won across all categories. Rankings will be determined first by the number of gold medals, then silver medals, bronze medals, and finally the total points scored by medalists.

- For first place, the number of gold medals will be taken into consideration,
- If there is a tie, then the number of silver medals will be taken into consideration
- If there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals will be taken into consideration.
- If there is still a tie, then the total points of medalists will be taken for a tiebreak

Finally, if this is still equal, then the average performance rating of the medalists from each country will be taken into consideration.

15. CONTACT

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