



The World Chess Federation (FIDE)
The German Chess Federation (DSB)
LandesSchachVerband Sachsen-Anhalt e. V. (LSV)

FIDE WORLD SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP Categories 50+ and 65+

Magdeburg, Germany

31st March - 11th April 2027



GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

The International Chess Federation (FIDE), LandesSchachVerband Sachsen-Anhalt e. V. and the German Chess Federation have the honour to invite all senior women and men throughout the world to participate in the WORLD SENIOR TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (categories 50+ and 65+) organised in Magdeburg (Germany) from 31st March (arrival) to 11th April 2027 (departure). At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in this invitation shall be referred to EVE Commission upon authorization by the FIDE President for any kind of amendments and special arrangements.

2. Participation

The World Senior Team Chess Championship is open to all players, regardless of rating and title, who reach their age of 50 and 65 by 31st December 2027 and represent National Chess Federations which are members of FIDE. Teams can register only through their national chess federations. There is no limit in the number of teams per federation (club teams, city teams, regional teams, national teams, etc. may start in the championship, there is no limitation). There is only one limitation – all team players must be members of the same chess federation (for example GER).

According to the FIDE tournament rules, **the World Championship will be played in four categories: age 50+ and 65+ (Open and women).** A separate tournament will take place only with a minimum of 10 teams from at least 2 continents. If these conditions are not met, then the teams may participate in the corresponding age category in the Open Section.

All teams are obliged to be accommodated in the official hotel through the organizer.



3. Entry fees and registration and Visa information

The entry fee is 120 EUR per player and accompanying person. It includes accreditation and transportation from / to Hanover airport and Maritim Hotel Magdeburg on 31st March and 11th April 2027.

The registration period ends on 31st January 2027 (application deadline). Late registration entry fee is 240 EUR per player.

Registration instructions will be published on the official website worldseniorteam2027.fide.com.

Registration opens on 10th October 2026.

Please note that Germany is a part of the Schengen Area. Requests for Visa invitation letter will be included in the application form and submitted before the application deadline. These requests can be processed earlier by e-mail if required.

For further information see the official website of the German government: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/215870-215870>

The person responsible for the team's application will pay the entry fee for all players and the full accommodation costs for all players, including accompanying persons, until the end of registration (31st January 2027) free of bank charges to the account of Landesschachverband Sachsen-Anhalt e. V.:

IBAN – DE81 8105 3272 0641 1118 27, SWIFT/BIC – NOLADE21MDG

In exceptional cases, payments can be made on site by cash upon agreement with the organizer.

In addition to the written application, personal attendance and accreditation by a responsible person at the venue before the start of the tournament is also required. It will take place at Maritim Hotel on 31st March between 14:00 and 22:00 and on 1st April between 8:00 and 10:00, or at the latest by the end of the technical meeting. Players who are not so accredited will not be included in the draw and their entry fees will be forfeited. Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer.

Refunds of the registration fee in the event of withdrawal or a no-show will be made in accordance with Section 3.9 of the FIDE Handbook.

No reimbursement of accommodation and meal costs is possible after January 31, 2027. A player can be substituted. The organizer recommends taking out travel cancellation insurance.

4. Playing venue

The playing venue for all four categories is situated at Maritim Hotel Magdeburg, Otto-von Guericke Str. 87, 39104 Magdeburg.

5. Accommodation and boarding

Accommodation and boarding will be arranged at the following hotel:

Maritim Hotel Magdeburg**+, Otto-von-Guericke-Str. 87, 39104 Magdeburg**

(full board buffet can be purchased for 70 EUR / person per day, drinks not included)

Single room - 95 EUR / room per night with breakfast buffet

Double room - 67 EUR / person per night with breakfast buffet

The municipality fee to the city of Magdeburg and WiFi in a room and common areas are included in these rates. Parking in the Maritim Hotel Magdeburg for participants at a price of 21 EUR / day. All participants must be accommodated in official hotels.



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6. Tournament schedule

Wednesday	31 st March		Arrival
Wednesday	31 st March	14:00 – 22:00	Teams registration
Thursday	1 st April	8.00 - 10:00 11:00 14:30 15:00	Teams registration Technical meeting Opening ceremony 1 st round
Friday	2 nd April	15:00	2 nd round
Saturday	3 rd April	15:00	3 rd round
Sunday	4 th April	15:00	4 th round
Monday	5 th April	15:00	5 th round
Tuesday	6 th April		free day
Wednesday	7 th April	15:00	6 th round
Thursday	8 th April	15:00	7 th round
Friday	9 th April	15:00	8 th round
Saturday	10 th April	13:00 21:00	9 th round Closing ceremony
Sunday	11 th April		Departure

7. Rules and regulations

The FIDE Tournament Rules should be followed.

There shall be a 9 rounds Swiss System for teams with 5 players (4 boards + 1 optional reserve).

The time control is 90 minutes/40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 sec for each move from the first move.

Default time for all 9 rounds is 30 minutes.

8. Anti-Cheating guidelines

The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines are also valid for the World Senior Team Chess Championship. During the championship random AC inspections are possible.

9. Appeals procedure

A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 60 minutes after the end of the game. A protest fee of 200 EUR has to be paid to FIDE and it is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.

10. Tie-break criteria

1. number of match points (win = 2 points, draw 1 point, lost game 0 points)
2. number of game points (score)
3. mutual game
4. Buchholz Cut 1
5. Buchholz
6. Sonneborn-Berger

The team with a free lot will obtain 2 match points and 50% of points to the score. If the opponent default the match, the team will obtain 2 match points and 100% of points to the score.

Prizes for teams, which get the same number of match points and game points, are distributed according to the Hort system (among such number of teams which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes).



11. Arbiters and Appeals committee

The names of the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of Appeals committee will be published by due date. Names of other arbiters and members of the Appeals committee will be announced during the technical meeting.

12. Chess equipment

The FIDE approved chess equipment will be used for the event.

13. Awards and titles

The winning team of the World Senior Team Chess Championship in +50 category receives the title "World Senior Team Champion 2027 in the category +50".

The winning team of the World Senior Team Chess Championship in +65 category receives the title "World Senior Team Champion 2027 in the category +65".

The winning women team of the World Senior Team Chess Championship in the women category +50 receives the title "World Senior Team Champion 2027 in the women category +50".

The winning women team of the World Senior Team Chess Championship in the women category +65 receives the title "World Senior Team Champion 2027 in the women category +65".

14. Prizes (in EUR)

Total Prize Fund: 15,000 EUR

The first three places in each category will be awarded trophies and medals.

Prize fund	WSTCC Open	WSTCC Open	WSTCC - women	WSTCC - women
Rank	category 50+	category 65+	category W50+	category W65+
1	2 000	2 000	800	800
2	1 500	1 500	500	500
3	1 000	1 000	200	200
4	700	700		
5	500	500		
6	300	300		

Valuable material prizes will be prepared for best players on individual chessboards. Criteria will be specified during the technical meeting.

15. Medical support

In the event of a medical emergency during the tournament rounds, rapid on-site first aid is guaranteed. Due to the central location in downtown Magdeburg, emergency services typically arrive well within the statutory 12-minute response time to provide immediate medical assistance.

Players and accompanying persons have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the duration of the Championship.

16. Parallel activities

Rapid and blitz tournaments

Guided tour of Magdeburg

Different other options will be published



17. Airport transfer

The organizer arranges the transfer for participants and accompanying persons from the Hanover airport to the official hotel on the arrival day (31st March) and back on the departure day (11th April) free of charge, at other days for 50 EUR / 1 person and way.

The organizer arranges the transfer for participants and accompanying persons from BER airport in Berlin to the official hotel on the arrival day (31st March) and back on the departure day (11th April) for 30 EUR / 1 person and way, at other days for 80 EUR / 1 person and way.

18. Applications and information

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19. Why playing in Magdeburg



Join Us in Magdeburg – Where Chess History Meets Cultural Splendor!

We look forward to welcoming you to an unforgettable World Championship experience. Here is why you cannot miss this spectacular event:

Premium & Accessible Comfort:

- Enjoy world-class playing conditions at the Maritim Hotel with short, senior-friendly distances between your room and the playing hall.

Historic Architecture & Sightseeing:

- Discover Magdeburg's rich heritage **less than a 10-minute walk from the venue**, featuring the impressive **Magdeburg Cathedral** (One of Germany's oldest Gothic cathedrals) and the world-famous, colorful **Green Citadel** designed by Hundertwasser.

Museum & Arts Scene:

- Immerse yourself in history at the **Cultural History Museum** or enjoy contemporary art inside the breathtaking Romanesque **Monastery of Our Lady**, also **less than a 10-minute walk from the venue**

Massive Live Broadcast:

- Share your games with friends and family worldwide with at least **200 games broadcasted live every single round**.

Attractive Prize Fund:

- Compete for world titles alongside an exceptionally rewarding and generous prize fund.

Scenic & Relaxing Environment:

- Enjoy leisurely walks along the beautiful Elbe River and vibrant local cafes, making your stay both comfortable and memorable.

Secure your spot now and become part of this historic senior chess festival!

Magdeburg is ready to welcome you!