

Total Chess World Championship Tour

At a glance

- **World first:** A single, FIDE-recognized World Championship that unifies **Fast Classic, Rapid, and Blitz** into one complete test.
- **Global field: 24 elite players per tournament** at location 1, 2 and 3, competing across various cities. Only **the four best advance** to the fourth and final tournament.
- **Milestone year: 2027** marks the official launch of Total Chess World Championship Tour.

Qualification to enter the tour:

- **Direct entrants:** A selected number of top-rated players qualify automatically by rating.
- **Through competition:** A selected number of players will qualify through eligible tournaments.

Competition Format

- **Three disciplines, one title:** Performance in **Fast Classic, Rapid, and Blitz** is aggregated to determine advancement and final standings.
- **Progressive elimination:** Players compete through staged events across multiple locations. Cumulative results decide who moves on.
- **Armageddon:** Armageddon will be used for play-offs and will not be rated.

Titles & Honors

- **Golden Knights:** Awarded to **location winners**.
- **Golden Rook:** Awarded to the player with the **highest tour points**.
- **Golden King:** Awarded to the **ultimate victor** of the Total Chess World Championship.
- **Pathway:** The event includes **Candidates qualification** opportunities.