



FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

(Under 8,10,12)

BATUMI (GEORGIA)

21 – 29 NOVEMBER

1. INVITATION

The FIDE and the Georgian chess federation invite 48 players (according to 3.2 & 3.3) to participate in the World Cadets Championships 2026. The EVENT will be held in Batumi (Black Sea-Side). The dates are 21 of November (arrivals) to 29 of November (departures) 2026.

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.

W E L C O M E



Batumi Europe Square



Batumi Botanical Garden



Batumi dolphinarium



Dendrological Park

2. SCHEDULE

November 21		Arrival Day
November 21	22:00	Technical Meetings
November 22	14:30	Opening
November 22	15:00	Round 1
November 23	15:00	Round 2
November 24	15:00	Round 3
November 25	15:00	Round 4
November 26	15:00	Round 5
November 27	15:00	Round 6
November 28	11:00	Round 7
November 28	20:00	Closing Ceremony
November 29		Departure Day

3. PARTICIPATION

3.1 Any player must not have reached his 8th, 10th, 12 birthday, respectively, before January 1st of the year 2026:

Under 8 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2018 and after

Under 10 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2016 and after

Under 12 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2014 and after

3.2 Totally 48 players will participate in the World Cadets Championships, 8 players in each category. **All 48 players are invited/PR players with Free FB accommodation** from 21 of November (lunch) to 29 of November (breakfast).

Spot distribution

3 spots - The three winners of the 2026 World Cup.

4 spots – One nomination from each continent. The nominations shall be sent by the continental President's offices.

1 spot – nomination from the organizing federation.

3.3 If a participation federation does not register an invited player for any reason or any continent doesn't not accept the invitation by the deadline for any reason, the spots will become EVE wildcards.

3.4 ACCOMPANYING PEOPLE – National Federations must register accompanying people, parents, coaches and so on. The National Federations shall be responsible for the costs of accompanying people.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 The deadline for the registration is **October 12th 2026**.

4.2 The **Registration fee** is 120 EUROS for each player and each accompanying coach/parent people. The registration fee is compulsory (not refundable) and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.

4.3 The Payment deadline is **October 20th 2026**.

4.4 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE **member federations** must **fully complete** THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM, accommodation & travel form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **October 12th 2026**. **Incomplete registrations** will not be accepted. **Individual applications** will not be accepted also.



5. FIDE FEE

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, an entry FIDE fee of 70 Euros for each invited (official) player.
- The national Federations must transfer the above-mentioned amount directly to the **FIDE bank account**.

6. VISA INFORMATION

- **More than 100 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas**, Including the USA, EU, former Soviet Union countries, Israel, Turkey, Republic of South Africa, UAE and many others. They will get free of charge stamps in Batumi, Kutaisi or Tbilisi airports.
- **Do I Need a Visa?**
<https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>
- The electronic visa (including the payment for visa) could be obtained via website <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/>
- Instructions for E-Visa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYJz8Xj4PnE>
- The cost of visa is about 20 USD in Georgian Lari.
- Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 12 of October 2026.

7. TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS TO THE HOTEL

- 7.1** The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **November 21th** as well as the departure transfer on **November 29th**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.
- 7.2** Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- 7.3** Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) by agreement.
- 7.4** Travel price from Trabzon (Türkiye) airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) by agreement.
- 7.5** Travel price from Rize-Arvin (Türkiye) airport (2 ways) to hotels (80 km) by agreement.
- 7.6** Travel price from Tbilisi (Georgia) airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) by agreement.

For air ticket instructions visit <https://wcc2026.fide.com/>

8. HOTEL, MEAL & VENUE

- 8.1** For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all players are invited to stay in the official hotels. FB hotel accommodations free of charge for all 48 players from 21 November (lunch) to 29 of November (breakfast) is double sharing rooms. Accompanying people (coaches or parents) must pay for their FB accommodation. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the World Championships.
- 8.2** Hotel reservation deadline is **October 12th 2026**
- 8.3** Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day in double room is 85 Euros.
- 8.4** Payment deadline for hotels is **October 20th 2026**.

8.5 To ensure guests comfort as well as conserving the time and energy, **the players will have their playing venue within their hotel complex.** Hotel check-in time is before 15:00 (local time), check-out time is by 12:00 (local time). Early check-in/check-out time must be required beforehand.

8.6 The hotel prices will be the same on the two days before and after the event.

9. Payments

9.1 After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and **approved by the organizer**, the national federations will receive **invoices for bank payments.** The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

9.2 The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is **October 12th 2026.**

9.3 A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

10. Technical Regulations

10.1 The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.

10.2 The tournament will be played using the round robin system with 7 rounds.

Time control is 90 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Default time is 30 minutes.

10.3 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.

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

10.5 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:

- a. The games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other)
- b. Sonneborn - Berger
- c. Sonneborn – Berger – 1 (excluding the lowest result)
- d. Number of games played with black.

11. APPEALS PROCEDURE

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the

Chairmen of the appeals Committee within one hour after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

12. PRIZES

	6 Playing categories X 3 Players each category = 18 players (Open 8, 10, 12 + Girls 8, 10, 12)
I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, MacBook Air/iPhone 2025
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, MacBook Air/iPhone 2025
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, IPAD



Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

13. CONTACT INFORMATION

Email – wcc@fide.com

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Annex 1 – FIDE Regulations

Relevant FIDE Regulations can be found here:

FIDE Laws of Chess: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>

General Regulations for FIDE Competitions: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

Captains and Heads of Delegation:

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

Appeals Committee Procedural Rules:

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

Anti-Cheating Protection Measures:

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

Arbiter Stipend Regulations:

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

Tie-Break Regulations

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/TieBreakRegulations2023>