



FIDE World Junior U20 Championships 2026
(Open & Girls)

Greater Caracas, Venezuela

EVENT: 17-28 NOVEMBER 2026

Official arrival: 17 November · Competition: 18-27 November · Official departure: 28 November

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Official 5-Star Hotel and Playing Venue
Municipality of Baruta - Bolivarian State of Miranda

OFFICIAL INVITATION

1. INVITATION

1.1 This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations to participate in the FIDE World Junior U20 Championships 2026 (OPEN & GIRLS), to be held at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas, municipality of Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda. The event will run from 17 to 28 November 2026, with official arrival on 17 November, competition from 18 to 27 November, and official departure on 28 November 2026.

1.2 The Championships will be organised by the Venezuelan Chess Federation, in cooperation with the Ministry of People's Power for Sport and under the auspices of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1.3 Any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in this invitation shall be referred to the FIDE Events Commission (EVE). Any amendment or special arrangement shall be subject to the corresponding FIDE authorisation procedure, including authorisation by the FIDE President where required.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Each National Federation may register one (1) player in the Open category and one (1) player in the Girls category, subject to the age requirements established by FIDE (shall not have reached the age of 20 before 1st January 2026), in total two (2) invited players.

2.2 Players holding personal participation rights under the applicable FIDE Regulations, provided they meet the age requirements for their respective category, will also be eligible:

- a) The top three players of the previous edition of the World Junior Championships 2025.
- b) The Continental Junior Champions of the year preceding this edition.
- c) The top six (6) Junior U20 players in the Open category and the top four (4) Junior U20 players in the Girls category from the FIDE Rating List as of 1 January 2026.
- d) World Youth Under-18 and Under-16 Champions of the year preceding this edition.

2.3 FIDE member federations may register additional players at their own expense.

2.4 All registrations – players with personal rights, additional players and accompanying persons – must be submitted through the corresponding National Federation no later than 16 October 2026. This single deadline also applies to participants requiring visa support. Late registrations will be subject to the applicable FIDE Regulations and approval procedures.

3. FEES

3.1 In accordance with FIDE Regulations, the FIDE entry fee is €70 for the first player in each category from each National Federation and €140 for each additional player.

3.2 FIDE entry fees must be paid directly to FIDE or charged to the corresponding Federation account. The Organising Committee does not collect these fees.

3.3 Organisation fee: €120 for each player and accompanying person. All Championship amounts are expressed in euros (€).

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Registration must be submitted through the corresponding National Federation using the official registration form no later than 16 October 2026 for all categories, including accompanying persons and participants requiring visa support. The completed form must be sent to the official Championship e-mail: worldjunior@fide.com.

4.2 No later than 26 October 2026, all applicable fees and an advance payment equal to 50% of the total accommodation cost must have been paid. The remaining 50% must be paid before arrival, by the date communicated by the Organising Committee.

4.3 Other payment methods. In addition to bank transfer, payments through PayPal or Binance may be authorised. The participant or Federation must first request the official payment instructions from the Organising Committee at worldjunior@fide.com. The amount due remains denominated in euros (€), and any commission, conversion or platform charge shall be borne by the sender.

4.4 Registration fees, late registration fees, withdrawal fees or non-attendance fees will be charged in accordance with the FIDE General Regulations, p. 3.9 available at the following link:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

4.5 All bank, correspondent-bank and payment-platform charges shall be borne by the sender. Reservations will be considered confirmed only after receipt and verification of the funds. No direct payments to the hotel will be accepted.

BANK INFORMATION	OFFICIAL EUR ACCOUNT
Beneficiary	Consortio Geo Corp
Beneficiary address	120 North Compass Way, Apt 523, Dania Beach, FL 33004, USA
Bank	JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
Account / IBAN	2911562032
Routing /ABA para Wire Transfer	021000021
Routing /ABA para ACH	267084131
Payment receipts	worldjunior@fide.com

4.6 Each registration must include full name, FIDE ID, date of birth, nationality, passport information, participant category, accommodation and room requirements, visa requirements, arrival and departure flight information, accreditation photograph and Head of Delegation contact information.

4.7 Players under 18 years of age travelling without a parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a responsible adult duly authorised in accordance with the applicable regulations.

5. ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be offered at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas, the official five-star hotel and playing venue, located in Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda. The complex offers hotel and convention infrastructure, restaurants, a Business Centre, swimming pools, gym and extensive event spaces, allowing accommodation, meals, competition and organisational services to be concentrated in one

location. Full-board meal service for Championship participants will be provided as an open buffet during the established meal periods, with meal times coordinated with the playing schedule and subject to the hotel's normal service rules and reasonable-use controls.

Championship accommodation will be provided in standard rooms only, configured for single or double occupancy and allocated by the Organising Committee according to registration requirements, hotel availability and the applicable occupancy conditions.

Official hotel website: <https://www.hoteleuro.com/es/hotel/caracas> (also accessible through <https://www.eurobuilding.com.ve>). Delegations may consult the hotel's current public rates there. The rates negotiated for the Championships are preferential group conditions and should be compared taking into account that they include full board, Wi-Fi, official transfers and organisational assistance.

5.2 Officially invited players entitled to accommodation will receive free accommodation in a double room for 11 nights, from 17 to 28 November 2026, with full board and open buffet meal service during the established meal periods from lunch on 17 November through breakfast on 28 November, subject to the hotel's normal service rules and reasonable-use controls.

5.3 Official all-inclusive packages:

ITEM	DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
Price per person	€1,375	€1,925
Reference daily rate	€125	€175
Stay	17-28 November · 11 nights	17-28 November · 11 nights
17 November	Lunch and dinner	Lunch and dinner
18-27 November	Breakfast, lunch and dinner	Breakfast, lunch and dinner
28 November	Breakfast	Breakfast
Included	Open buffet meals, Wi-Fi, airport reception, official transfers and organisational assistance	Open buffet meals, Wi-Fi, airport reception, official transfers and organisational assistance

On double-round days, meal service will be coordinated so that breakfast is available before the 10:00 round, lunch is served between rounds, and dinner is available after the 17:00 round.

5.4 Possible second official hotel: The Organising Committee may subsequently designate a second official hotel if participation levels, room availability or operational needs require it. If confirmed, its category, rates, meal plan, booking conditions and transportation arrangements will be officially published.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The official playing halls will be located at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas.

ACTIVITY	DAY	DATE	TIME
Official Arrival / Accreditation	Tuesday	17 Nov.	All day
Technical Meeting	Wednesday	18 Nov.	10:00
Opening Ceremony	Wednesday	18 Nov.	15:00
Round 1	Wednesday	18 Nov.	16:00
Round 2	Thursday	19 Nov.	15:00
Round 3	Friday	20 Nov.	15:00
Round 4	Saturday	21 Nov.	10:00
Round 5	Saturday	21 Nov.	17:00
Round 6	Sunday	22 Nov.	15:00
Free Day	Monday	23 Nov.	All day
Round 7	Tuesday	24 Nov.	10:00
Round 8	Tuesday	24 Nov.	17:00
Round 9	Wednesday	25 Nov.	15:00
Round 10	Thursday	26 Nov.	15:00
Round 11	Friday	27 Nov.	10:00
Closing & Prize-Giving	Friday	27 Nov.	16:00
Official Departure	Saturday	28 Nov.	All day

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

7.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System over 11 rounds.

7.2 The time control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the remainder of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

7.3 Default time: A player who arrives at the chessboard more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the round shall lose the game by default, subject to the applicable FIDE regulations.

7.4 Draw offers are not permitted before move 30 without the consent of the arbiter.

7.5 Tie-breaks, in order of priority: (1) direct encounter, where applicable; (2) Buchholz Cut 1; (3) Buchholz; (4) greater number of games played with Black; (5) greater number of wins; (6) drawing of lots if a tie remains after exhaustion of the listed criteria, in accordance with the FIDE Play-Off and Tie-Break Regulations effective from 1 March 2026.

7.6 FIDE titles and norms will be awarded in accordance with the applicable regulations.

7.7 FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and guidelines will apply throughout the Championship.

8. AWARDS

8.1 The preliminary prize fund is €12,750:

POSITION	OPEN	GIRLS
1st place	€3,500 + trophy + gold medal	€2,500 + trophy + gold medal
2nd place	€2,500 + trophy + silver medal	€2,000 + trophy + silver medal
3rd place	€1,250 + trophy + bronze medal	€1,000 + trophy + bronze medal

All participants will receive an official participation certificate. The top three players in each category will also receive an official diploma.

9. APPEALS AND THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

9.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or assistants must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Appeals Committee within 60 minutes after the conclusion of the relevant game.

9.2 The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of €200. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be returned; if rejected, it will be retained in accordance with the applicable procedure.

9.3 The Appeals Committee will be announced later.

10. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

10.1 Chief Arbiter: TO BE CONFIRMED.

10.2 FIDE Technical Delegate: TO BE CONFIRMED.

11. VISA INFORMATION

11.1 Federations and participants requiring a visa must inform the Organising Committee sufficiently in advance and submit the required information through worldjunior@fide.com no later than 16 October 2026.

11.2 Applications under the VISA PRO-V 90 procedure are processed through the Cancillería Digital portal of the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs.

OFFICIAL PORTAL TO START THE VISA APPLICATION

Cancillería Digital - Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs:

<https://cancilleriadigital.mppre.gob.ve/login>

First-time users must create their account and complete the consular registration as a foreign natural person before starting the corresponding visa request. Official manuals and guidance:

<https://mppre.gob.ve/cancilleria-digital>

11.3 Applicants should prepare a passport valid for at least six months, a passport-style photograph with white background, application form, proof of financial solvency, invitation letter and any other documentation required by the Venezuelan authorities.

11.4 The Venezuelan Chess Federation will provide the corresponding institutional support documentation. Visa approval is the exclusive responsibility of the competent Venezuelan authorities.

12. TRANSPORTATION

12.1 The organiser will provide official transfers between Simón Bolívar International Airport (Maiquetía/La Guaira), the principal international airport serving Greater Caracas, and Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas for registered participants travelling on the official dates. Round-trip service is included in the official hospitality package.

12.2 Special transfers: Arturo Michelena International Airport (Valencia, Venezuela, about 200 km from Caracas): €120 per person, round trip. G/D José Antonio Anzoátegui International Airport (Barcelona, Venezuela, about 300 km from Caracas): €160 per person, round trip.

13. ELECTRICITY

13.1 In Venezuela, the electrical grid operates at 120 V and 60 Hz. Plug types A and B are commonly used.

14. CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

14.1 The official currency of Venezuela is the Bolívar. However, all Championship prices, rates, fees and financial obligations are established in euros (€). Where an authorised payment method processes another currency or asset, the participant must pay the equivalent of the amount invoiced in euros in accordance with the Organising Committee's instructions.

15. OTHER REGULATIONS

15.1 Chess clocks: the Organising Committee will provide FIDE-approved chess clocks.

15.2 Mobile phones, electronic devices and wristwatches are prohibited inside the playing hall in accordance with FIDE regulations.

15.3 Excursions and free-day activities will be announced by the Organising Committee.

16. REPORTS AND CONTACT

16.1 Tournament Director: TO BE CONFIRMED.

16.2 Organising Committee: Venezuelan Chess Federation.

16.3 Official e-mail: worldjunior@fide.com

16.4 Official website: worldjunior2026.fide.com

16.5 Dedicated registration portal: TO BE CONFIRMED.

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