



Rules for the FIDE World Team Championships 2019

1. Scope

1. 1. The FIDE World Team Championships 2019 (hereinafter referred to as WTeams) shall be organized in the first half of 2019.
1. 2. Governing Body of WTeams is the World Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge for preparing regulations, conducting inspections, communicating with the Host Federation (hereinafter referred to as HF) and the participating Federations.
1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Rules is the FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by GSC.
1. 5. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Rules shall be referred to the FIDE President for final decision.

2. Qualification for WTeams

2. 1. WTeams is held in two (2) sections: Open and Women.
2. 2. In each section, qualification for WTeams is done according to the following criteria:
 - Defending World Team Champion.
 - Four (4) Continental Champions: the winners of the respective most recent Continental Championships organized not earlier than twenty-four (24) months but not later than six (6) months prior to the WTeams' beginning. If there was no a Continental Championship held within this time frame, then the team with the highest average ELO of the best four (4) players in the FIDE Standard January 2019 Rating List represents the respective Continent.
 - Three (3) highest ranked teams from the FIDE Olympiad 2018.
 - Team from HF.
 - Team nominated by the FIDE President.
2. 3. If any team qualifies according to two (2) or more paths, the qualification spot(s) go(es) to the next highest ranked team(s) in the Olympiad 2018.
2. 4. If any replacements are needed including due to a withdrawal or a refusal of participation, the qualification spot(s) go(es) to the next highest ranked team(s) in the Olympiad 2018.
2. 5. In each section, any federation can be represented by one (1) team only.

3. Registration to WTeams

3. 1. Not later than eight (8) weeks before the start of WTeams, HF sends the invitation to all Federations entitled to participate as well as to the top three (3) reserve teams of each section.
3. 2. Not later than seven (7) weeks before the start of WTeams, each team qualified for WTeams confirms its participation to HF and GSC.
3. 3. Not later than six (6) weeks before the start of WTeams, every participating Federation pays FIDE one thousand (1,000) euros entry fee for each participating team.
3. 4. Not later than six (6) weeks before the start of WTeams, every participating Federation provides HF and GSC with the following details regarding the participating team(s):
 - a. Full name of the chief of delegation;
 - b. Full name of the captain;
 - c. Full name of each team member;
 - d. All required information related to visas.

3. 5. The deadlines in Articles 3.1. – 3.4. may be altered upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. WTeams Regulations

4. 1. Format & System

In both sections: Round-Robin, 9 rounds.

4. 2. Composition of Teams

4. 2. 1. In both sections, the teams are made up of four (4) players plus one (1) reserve.

4. 2. 2. Each team has a captain, who may also be one of the players (or the reserve).

4. 2. 3. Each federation may be represented by a Chief of delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust the team captain, or one of the players or the reserve(s). Chief of delegation is responsible for all administrative matters and relations with HF.

4. 3. Travel and Accommodation

4. 3. 1. Teams' travel expenses are covered by their Federations

4. 3. 2. Free accommodation with full board in standard single rooms (4-star hotel minimum) is offered by HF to six (6) persons of each team.

4. 4. Playing venue

4. 4. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organization of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook, C.01).

4. 4. 2. HF provides, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the captains, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

4. 5. Schedule

Day	Event
1	Arrival, Opening Ceremony, Technical Meeting
2	Round 1
3	Round 2
4	Round 3
5	Round 4
6	Round 5
7	Free day
8	Round 6
9	Round 7
10	Round 8
11	Round 9, Closing Ceremony
12	Departure

4. 6. Pairings

Pairings for both sections are made during the Opening Ceremony.

4. 7. Time control

4. 7. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 7. 2. The time control for each game is: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 8. Conditions of victory

4. 8. 1. Each match is scored by match points. A winner gets 2 points, a draw gives 1 point to each team, a loss - 0 points. A team with

the most number of match points in the final standings is declared the World / Women World Team Champion.

4. 8. 2. If the two (2) or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie is broken as follows:

- a. Total number of board points.
- b. The results of the matches between the teams involved in the tie.
- c. Sonneborn-Berger system.
- d. Berlin System:
 - win on Board 1 – 4 points;
 - win on Board 2 – 3 points;
 - win on Board 3 – 2 points;
 - win on Board 4 – 1 point.

In case of drawn games, the points are shared.

If after the board-count, the tie is not broken, then the points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upward.

4. 8. 3. If the tie is still not broken by 4.8.2., then for teams in tie for medals:

- a. The match(es) shall be played with time control of 15 minutes per player for the whole game.
- b. Drawing of lots is done.

4. 9. Playing Conditions

4. 9. 1. The anti-cheating measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.

4. 9. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the captains, the principals and stewards (-ess) are allowed in a playing area.

4. 9. 3. The players and the captains are not permitted to bring into a playing area telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.

4. 9. 4. During the playing session, a player may leave a playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters.

4. 9. 5. The anti-doping test procedure is to be regulated by the contract between FIDE and the Organizer.

4. 10. Players conduct

4. 10. 1. The dress code is strictly observed.

4. 10. 1. 1. Dress code for men: smart-casual (neat shirt with a collar, jacket/blazer, trousers).

4. 10. 1. 2. Dress code for women: smart-casual (neat shirt/blouse with a collar, jacket/blazer, trousers/skirt or dress).

4. 10. 1. 3. No players with t-shirts, jeans, sneakers, baseball caps, shorts or inappropriate dress are allowed in a playing area. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

4. 10. 2. The players are required to be present at all official events approved by GSC including official receptions, the opening and the closing ceremonies.

4. 10. 3. The captains are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

4. 10. 4. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players shall be available for short interviews immediately after each game.

4. 10. 5. The players shall be available for the daily press conference.

4. 10. 6. Two (2) representatives of the winner teams are obliged to attend the final press conference and to provide exclusive interviews for the tournament and FIDE websites, if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.

4. 10. 7. The players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations (FIDE Handbook, §C.01, Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the event.

4. 10. 8. If a player fails to appear at any approved function of the tournament such as official receptions, press conferences or interviews, or conducts him/her-self in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, he/she may be penalized according to the decision of GSC. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event.

4. 11. Principals

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- FIDE Deputy President
- Chief Arbiter;
- Deputy Chief Arbiter;
- Chairman of the Appeals Committee and two (2) other members
- FIDE Press Officer;
- GSC member.

4. 12. Arbiters

4. 12. 1. The Chief Arbiter and two (2) Deputy Chief Arbiters are nominated by FIDE.

4. 12. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy must be present in a playing area.

4. 12. 3. HF appoints one (1) Assistant Arbiter per match to ensure that all games are reasonably supervised.

4. 12. 4. Within one (1) week after the end of WTeams the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. The report contains the result of each individual game, the result of each match as well as the final standings and also a general description of the course of the event. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them. The report is supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins and the scoresheets of the games.

4. 13. Appeals Committee

4. 13. 1. FIDE nominates the Chairman and the two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations.

4. 13. 2. None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee sits in judgement in a dispute involving a player/team from his Federation.

4. 13. 3. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

4. 13. 4. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of one thousand (1000) euros or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

4. 13. 5. The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's or a captain's behavior,
- c) all other matters which the Committee considers relevant.

4. 13. 6. The Committee endeavors to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

4. 13. 7. The Committee endeavors to make a decision within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.

4. 13. 8. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

4. 13. 9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to GSC.

4. 14. FIDE Press Officer

4. 14. 1. HF is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: wteams.xxxx2019.fide.com where xxxx refers to the city where the event is being held. All content is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event details are carried on the official domain. HF shall not develop any other website. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer is the authentic version.

4. 14. 2. All activities of both FIDE and HF shall identify FIDE being the Governing Body of WTeams. HF warrants that the official domain for the event is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such event. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance are provided by the FIDE Press Officer to both GSC and HF.

4. 14. 3. HF shall co-operate with the Press Officer concerning the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre.

4. 14. 4. The Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the event.

4. 15. Photography and Television

4. 15. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.

4. 15. 2. Flash may be used only during the first five (5) minutes of play.

4. 15. 3. Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.

4. 16. Ceremonies

4. 16. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place the day prior to the first round.

4. 16. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC. Cultural program and speeches totaling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country are played.

4. 16. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last round. FIDE trophies for the three team winners and FIDE medals (gold, silver, bronze) for the six (6) members of three (3) team winners of each section, as well as for the three (3) winners of each board in each section are provided by the Organizer. The trophies and the medals are to be approved by GSC. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winners' countries and the Anthem of the hosting country are played.

5. Selection of HF

5. 1. Any federation member of FIDE or any organizer approved by the national federation may apply for organization of WTeams.

5. 2. Each application should contain the following:

- a) Proposed dates.
- b) Proposed tournament venue.
- c) Commitment to cover all financial obligations to FIDE, including all the stipends.
- d) Commitment to cover all organizational costs, in accordance with the current regulations.
- e) Invitation for at least two (2) members of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant.
- f) Applicant's name, signature and authentication.

5. 3. Each applicant pays a refundable deposit of three thousand (3,000) euros. After the end of WTeams, within one (1) week, the deposit is reimbursed to HF. If WTeams is granted to the applicant, but is failed to be held, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE.

5. 4. Upon FIDE's selection of HF, a contract is to be signed between FIDE and HF regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the event. HF is required to present all necessary bank guaranties for the whole amount all expenses related to WTeams.

5. 5. GSC advises and helps HF on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary and other technical issues.

6. Financial issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organization of WTeams. This is a fixed sum agreed in the contract between HF and GSC. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), stipends, traveling expenses for the Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

6. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals of WTeams by HF are (in euros):

Chief Arbiter:	4,000
Deputy Chief Arbiter:	3,000
Chairman of the Appeals Committee	3,000
Members of the Appeals Committee	2,000 each
FIDE Press Officer:	3,000
TOTAL	17,000.

6. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at HF's expense. All other Principals are compensated by HF for their travel expenses in economy class up to one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) euros if travelling from another continent.

6. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel is offered by HF for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard single room in the same hotel is offered by HF for each Principal. Extra expenses are covered by HF only for the FIDE President.

6. 5. Local transportation.

Transfer from and to the airport is provided by HF, if necessary. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car, for the other Principals, a number of cars are provided by HF. Their use depends on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media center. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between HF and GSC. Local transport is provided for players to official functions if necessary.

6. 6. Personnel

HF provides sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

6. 7. Anti-cheating measures.

HF covers all the related costs up to ten thousand (10,000) euros.

7. Commercial issues

7. 1. FIDE, or its appointed commercial agency, retains all commercial and media rights of WTeams, including internet. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to HF.

7. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE or its appointed agency. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to HF.

7. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE provides to HF the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. This right as described here can be granted by FIDE to HF.

7. 4. The income provided by WTeams through admission charges goes to HF.

7. 5. HF draws up a budget as detailed as possible. This is subject to approval of GSC.

7. 6. No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

7. 7. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo is displayed in a dark blue colour on a white background. The text describing any event must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

7. 8. The event title of the tournament is represented below. The corporate logo should include the above on top and the text in any kind of printed or electronic media must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.



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ANNEX 1

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (FIDE Laws of Chess)

The FIDE Laws of Chess are Annex 1, as valid since January 1st 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=208&view=article>