



## **WORLD AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**20 - 30 October 2022**

***FIDE Rating Categories u-1700, u-2000, u-2300***

**Mellieha, MALTA**



### **INVITATION & REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Invitation**

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of FIDE and eligible players to participate in the FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships for men and women with a FIDE rating under 2300. In total, 6 (six) championship titles in 3 categories will be awarded: Open & Women u-1700, Open & Women u-2000, Open & Women u-2300. The dates are from 20 October (arrivals) to 30 October 2022 (departures).

#### **2. Playing Venue**

The FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships will be held in the **4-star Conference Hotel “Paradise Bay Resort”**, 30 km north of Malta International Airport, on the northern seaside of Malta island.

#### **3. Tournament schedule**

**20 October, 14:00** -> Arrival of participants  
**21 October, 10:00** -> Technical meeting  
**21 October, 14:30** -> Opening Ceremony  
**21 October, 15:00** -> Round 1  
**22 October, 15:00** -> Round 2  
**23 October, 15:00** -> Round 3  
**24 October, 15:00** -> Round 4

**25 October, 15:00** -> Round 5  
**26 October, 15:00** -> Round 6  
**27 October, 15:00** -> Round 7  
**28 October, 15:00** -> Round 8  
**29 October, 15:00** -> Round 9  
**29 October, 21:00** -> Closing Ceremony  
**30 October, 11:00** -> Departure of participants

#### **4. Technical Regulations**

- 4.1 There will be separate Championships for FIDE rating categories under-2300, under-2000 & under-1700. There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least ten players from at least two continents in each category. Otherwise Women players will play in Open competition and, in this case of a merged tournament, women players will be eligible to win prizes from both categories: For example, if the 1st woman player also wins the 3rd place in the men (open) standings, she will receive both prizes in terms of any trophies, medals, prize money and qualification rights awarded.
- 4.2 a) The Championships are open for players registered by their national federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.
- b) The Winners from each World Amateur Championship rating section and from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are invited with personal rights as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300 by the registration deadline, and their places cannot be substituted.
- 4.3 a) For participation in the **u-2300 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline (5 September 2022). A player must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.
- b) For participation in the **u-2000 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (20 October 2022). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.
- c) For participation in the **u-1700 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (20 October 2022). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.
- If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category.
- 4.4 a) The games will be held in 9 rounds with FIDE-rated Swiss system.
- b) The time limit for each player is 90 minutes for the whole game + 30 seconds increment for every move played, starting from the first move.
- c) A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his board within 15 minutes after the start of the game.
- d) Tie-break criteria: The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in priority accordance to the following criteria for Swiss events:
- i. Results of direct encounters between the tied players  
(applies only if all tied players have played each other).
  - ii. Buchholz Cut 1.

- iii. Buccholz.
- iv. The greater number of games played with black.
- v. The greater number of wins.

e) The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all FIDE World Championships.

f) Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 €, as a deposit from the signatory. 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 Appeals Committee are final.

## **5. Titles & Qualifications**

- 5.1 The three (3) gold winners of the Open/Men sections receive respectively the titles of:  
*"2022 World Amateur Champion" for the u-2300 section*  
*"2022 World Amateur Champion u-2000"*  
*"2022 World Amateur Champion u-1700"*
- 5.2 The three (3) gold winners of the Women sections receive respectively the titles of:  
*"2022 World Women's Amateur Champion" for the u-2300 section*  
*"2022 World Women's Amateur Champion u-2000"*  
*"2022 World Women's Amateur Champion u-1700"*
- 5.3 The gold winners of each section u-2300, u-2000 & u-1700 (in total 6 winners, men and women sections) also obtain a personal right qualification for the next FIDE World Amateur Championships, as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300, with free accommodation in double occupancy room & full board provided from the local Organizing Committee of the FIDE World Amateur Championships 2023.
- 5.4 FIDE titles shall be awarded in accordance with the current FIDE Handbook.
- 5.5 All players will receive certificates of participation.

## **6. Prize Fund 15,000 euros (€)**

**Under-2300:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1500, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1000, 4<sup>th</sup> place 600, 5<sup>th</sup> place 400.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 600, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 400.

**Under-2000:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 500.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 700, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 500, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 300.

**Under-1700:** 1<sup>st</sup> place 1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 600, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 400.

1<sup>st</sup> woman 500, 2<sup>nd</sup> woman 300, 3<sup>rd</sup> woman 200.

## **7. Travel Details**

Participants shall book their flights to the International Airport of Malta (IATA code: MLA). The bus transportation from and to the Malta airport is included in the organisation package for all participants on the arrival day (20<sup>th</sup> October 2022) and the departure day (30<sup>th</sup> October 2022). Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

## **8. Covid-19 and Health Protocol**

The official information regarding travel regulations to Malta, including instructions for the country's vaccine policy, is published at: <https://visitmalta.com/en/covid-19>. The organizers and the participants should follow the official FIDE Health Measures. The organizers will accept all valid Covid-19 vaccines and/or negative PCR tests from participants. The organizers and the participants should follow strictly all the vaccination and testing regulations applied by the Health Authorities of Malta.

## **9. Registration cost and deadline**

**OFFICIAL HOTEL: 4-star PARADISE BAY RESORT (\*\*\*\*)**

**Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):**

- Accommodation for 10 nights.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (full board).
- Drinks, beverages and water during meals.
- Transportation from and to Malta airport on 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- All fees including registration fees.
- All taxes (including VAT and National Tourism Tax).

### **Price in double occupancy room**

**780 euros per person**

### **Price in single occupancy room**

**1080 euros per person**

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

Price per night in a double room: 69 euros per person

Price per night in a single room: 99 euros per person.

Registration fee: 90 euros per person (includes accreditation & airport transfer on 20 and 30 October).

FIDE entry fee: 30 euros (free for first two players of each federation, all fees will be paid by the Organizer to FIDE on behalf of all players).

The deadline for registrations and bookings is the **5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**, together with a 30% deposit payment for the selected registration-accommodation package.

## **10. Registration procedure**

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register (without any objection from their national federation) before the deadline of **5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**, together with a 30% deposit payment of the registration-accommodation package described in article (9) above. After the deadline, a late registration fee of 50 euros per participant can be required.

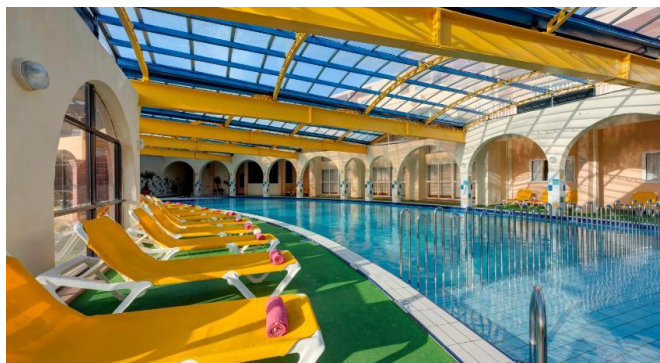
The complete registration of each delegation should be sent by the national federation, or have its approval, and must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (**for visa only purpose**) of each player, each accompanying person and each delegation member where applicable. It must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Chief of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships are possible only through the appointed local Organizer in the official hotel and only by email: [malta2022@chess.travel](mailto:malta2022@chess.travel)

## **11. Visa information**

Players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Malta, are requested to contact the Organizer before the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in articles (9) and (10) above. Schengen visas are valid in Malta.

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### **Tournament office / Contact Information**

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