



# Regulations for the FIDE World Cup 2023

## 1. Scope

1. 1. The FIDE World Cup 2023 (hereinafter referred to as World Cup) shall be organised in the second half of 2023.
1. 2. The governing body is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing Regulations, communicating with the participants and the Organiser, conducting inspections.
1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council (upon GSC's recommendations).
1. 5. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

## 2. Qualification

2. 1. 206 players shall take part in World Cup. Players shall qualify for World Cup by the following paths:

- I. Reigning World Champion as at 1 June 2023.
- II. Winner, runner-up and 2 other semi-finalists of the FIDE World Cup 2021 – 4 players.
- III. Reigning Women's World Champion as at 1 June 2023.
- IV. World Junior Champion U-20 2022 – 1 player.
- V. Qualifiers from the Continental events (see [Appendix II](#)) – 80 players.

For the purpose of distribution of eighty Continental spots the following system shall apply:

- a) 12 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each of 4 Continents is granted 3 spots;
- b) 8 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 8 juniors in the January 2022 FIDE standard rating list.
  - Americas: 1
  - Asia: 3
  - Europe: 4
- c) 60 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 60 players in the January 2022 FIDE standard rating list.
  - Africa: 1
  - Americas: 7
  - Asia: 12
  - Europe: 40

| SPOTS          | Africa   | Americas  | Asia      | Europe    |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Granted        | 3        | 3         | 3         | 3         |
| Top 8 juniors  | 0        | 1         | 3         | 4         |
| Top 60 players | 1        | 7         | 12        | 40        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>4</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>47</b> |

The Continental events may be the following:

- a) Continental Championships and Zonals 2021
- b) Continental Championships and Zonals 2022
- c) Continental Championships and Zonals 2023

In Zonal Tournaments a player shall score at least 50% of the maximum possible score in order to be eligible; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.

All the Continental events are to be completed by 15 June 2023.

- VI. Highest rated players in the June 2023 FIDE standard rating list - 13 players, who have not qualified by any path from I to V.

If the ratings are equal then the total number of rated games in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to June 2023 shall be decisive: the player who has played more games qualifies. If the numbers of games are equal, a drawing of lots shall decide.

A player who appears inactive at least once in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to June 2023 shall not be eligible.

- VII. ACP Tour 2022 – 1 player.

- VIII. 100 players shall be determined according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2022 Main Competition open section.

The top 100 national federations are given one qualification spot (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad spot). If any federation is represented by 2 or more teams, it cannot get more than one Olympiad spot. Not more than 40 federations per Continent may get Olympiad spots. If there are more than forty federations from the same Continent in top 100 of the Final Ranking, Olympiad spot(s) shall go to the next federation(s) in the Final Ranking.

Each Continent has the right to transfer up to 50 % of the eventual respective Continent's Olympiad spots to Continental events (see [Article 2.1.V](#)). Such a decision is to be announced by 1 March 2022. If this decision is taken, the remaining Continent's Olympiad spots shall be given to the best federations representing the respective Continent according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2022 Main Competition open section.

Each national federation having won the Olympiad spot needs to work out qualification criteria for its representative. The Olympiad spot shall be given to one of the Olympiad 2022 national team members. If all Olympiad 2022 national team members qualify to World Cup by other paths or decline participation, the spot can be given to any other player.

All the Olympiad spots are to be decided and announced by the federations between 15 and 30 June 2023.

- IX. Nominees of the FIDE President – 3 players.

- X. Nominees of the Organiser – 2 players.

2. 2. All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to IV](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events V a).

2. 3. All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to V a\)](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events V b).

2. 4. All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to V a\) and b\)](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events V c).

2. 5. If any replacement is needed, it shall be done as follows:

- a. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. I, III and IV and VI](#) shall be replaced using the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path VI](#).
- b. The reigning Women's World Champion (see [Article 2.1.II](#)) shall be replaced by the highest rated women in the June 2023 FIDE Women standard rating list.  
If the latest declines to participate, the replacement shall be made according to the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path VI](#).
- c. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. V, VII and VIII](#) shall be replaced from their respective events.  
In Zonal Tournaments a replacement shall have scored at least 50% of the maximum possible score; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.
- d. If the events IV or/and VII don't take place, the respective spot(s) shall go to [Article 2.1, path IX](#).

### 3. Confirmation of Participation

- 3. 1.** The list of qualified players and a standard player's contract shall be published on the FIDE website same time.
- 3. 2.** Each player shall receive his/her contract by email. He/she may also download his/her contract from the FIDE website. Each player shall sign and send his/her contract to the FIDE Secretariat by the registered email by the announced deadline. Additional contracts between the Organiser and the players may be signed if needed.
- 3. 3.** A player who does not submit his/her contract within the deadline shall be replaced according to [Article 2.5](#). FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons FIDE President considers to be admissible. Players qualified as replacements shall have one week from the date their invitation was sent to return their signed contracts.
- 3. 4.** A player who signs his/her contract announced his/her but withdraws afterwards shall be replaced as described in [Article 2.5](#).
- 3. 5.** No player that withdraws after the pairings are announced (see [Article 4.2.1](#)) shall be replaced.
- 3. 6.** A player who fails to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after he/she has signed the player's contract, may be sanctioned by FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission.

## 4. Tournament Regulations

### 4. 1. Format & System

Knock-out tournament, 8 rounds. All rounds shall be played with 2-game matches.

| Round                                          | Number of Players               |           |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Round 1                                        | 156 players                     |           |
| Round 2 (78 winners of Round 1 + 50 top seeds) | 128 players                     |           |
| Round 3                                        | 64 players                      |           |
| Round 4                                        | 32 players                      |           |
| Round 5                                        | 16 players                      |           |
| Round 6                                        | 8 players                       |           |
| Round 7                                        | 4 players                       |           |
| Round 8                                        | Final                           | 2 players |
|                                                | Match for 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 2 players |

### 4. 2. Pairings

**4. 2. 1.** The pairings shall be announced not later than 14 days before the beginning of World Cup, unless the FIDE President decides otherwise due to a force majeure.

**4. 2. 2.** For purposes of pairings the players shall be seeded according to the most recent FIDE standard rating list as per the moment when the pairings are announced. In case of equality of two or more players, the player with the bigger number of games played during the period covered by the list shall be seeded higher. In case of equal number, the order shall be decided by draw of lots. If he enters, the reigning World Champion shall be seeded number one.

**4. 2. 3.** The players participating in Round 1 are those seeded from number 51 to 206. Pairings shall follow the principle of top half vs. lower half reversed.

Match 1.1: P (player) 51 vs P 206,

Match 1.2: P 52 vs P 205,

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Match 1.78: P 128 vs P 129.

Thus, the highest seeded player of the top half plays the lowest seeded player of the bottom half. The second seeded player of the top half plays the penultimate seeded player of the bottom half. And so on.

**4. 2. 4.** The players participating in Round 2 shall be the winners of Round 1 and the 50 highest seeded players. Pairings shall follow the principle of top half vs. lower half reversed.

Match 2.1: P 1 vs Match 1.78 winner,

Match 2.2: P 2 vs Match 1.77 winner,

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Match 2.64: Match 1.14 winner vs Match 1.15 winner.

**4.2.5.** For Rounds 3 to 7, pairings shall follow the same procedure as in [Article 4.2.4](#). If the lower ranked player wins any match, he/she shall automatically assume the position of his/her eliminated opponent.

### **4.3. Drawing of colours**

**4.3.1.** The draw of colours for Round 1 shall be made during the Opening Ceremony. In Round 1 the higher rated players of odd matches (matches of players seeded fifty-first, fifty-third etc...) and lower rated players of even Matches (Matches of players seeded fifty-second, fifty-fourth etc...) shall have the same colour.

**4.3.2.** In the first game of Round 2, each winner of Round 1 shall have the colour opposite to the colour that in his/her previous match the higher seeded player had in the first game. Thus, if the lower seeded player wins any match, he/she shall automatically assume in the next round the colour position of his/her eliminated opponent.

**4.3.3.** For Rounds 3-7 and the Final the procedure described in [Article 4.3.2](#) shall apply.

**4.3.4.** In the Match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place a higher seeded player shall have in the first game the colour opposite to the colour he/she had in the first game in Round 7.

**4.3.5.** The draw of colours for tie-breaks is described in [Article 4.7](#).

### **4.4. Time control and default time**

**4.4.1.** The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

**4.4.2.** The time control for each game shall be: 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.

**4.4.3.** A player who arrives in the playing area after the actual start time of his/her game shall have five hundred (500) USD deducted from his/her prize money. A player who arrives in the playing area more than 15 minutes after the actual start time of his/her game shall lose his/her game by default, but without financial penalty.

### **4.5. Draw by mutual agreement**

The players cannot draw a game by mutual agreement before black's 30<sup>th</sup> move. A claim for a draw before black's 30<sup>th</sup> move is permitted only through the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy in case of threefold repetition repetition ([Article 9.2 of the FIDE Laws of Chess](#), see [Appendix 1.a](#)) or a stalemate.

### **4.6. Conditions of victory and qualification to the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024.**

**4.6.1.** In any match, the first player to score more points than his/her opponent in the two standard games shall be the winner of the match. If the scores are level a tie shall be broken according to [Article 4.7](#).

**4.6.2.** Both finalists of World Cup shall qualify to the FIDE Candidates Tournament to be held in the first half of 2024.

If any finalist has already qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024 at the moment of the beginning of World Cup via another qualification track, the unallocated spot shall be awarded, in order of priority:

- to the next non-qualifying player of World Cup, but not further than 4<sup>th</sup> place;
- to another path determined by the Regulations for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2024.

### **4.7. Tie-breaks**

**4.7.1.** If the score is level after the two regular games, after a new drawing of colours done immediately after Game 2, two tie-break games shall be played with time control of 25 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

**4.7.2.** If the score is level after the games in [Article 4.7.1](#), then after a new drawing of colours, 2 games shall be played with time control of 10 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

**4.7.3.** If the scores are level after the games in [Article 4.7.2](#), then after a new drawing of colours, 2 games shall be played with time control of 5 minutes for each player + 3 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

4. 7. 4. If the score is still level after the games in [Article 4.7.3](#), then after a new drawing of colours, one game with a time control of 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 shall be played to determine the winner.

4. 7. 5. If the game described in [Article 4.7.4](#) is drawn, another game shall be played with a time control of 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 with the colours reversed from the previous game.

4. 7. 6. If the game described in [Article 4.7.5](#) is drawn, the procedure described in [Article 4.7.5](#) shall be repeated until the first game won by one of the players.

#### 4. 8. Prizes

4. 8. 1. Distribution of prizes in USD:

| Round                 | Number of Players | Prize   | Sum of Prizes per Round |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Round 1               | 78                | 3,000   | 234,000                 |
| Round 2               | 64                | 6,000   | 384,000                 |
| Round 3               | 32                | 10,000  | 320,000                 |
| Round 4               | 16                | 16,000  | 256,000                 |
| Round 5               | 8                 | 25,000  | 200,000                 |
| Round 6               | 4                 | 35,000  | 140,000                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> place | 1                 | 50,000  | 50,000                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 1                 | 60,000  | 60,000                  |
| Runner-up             | 1                 | 80,000  | 80,000                  |
| Winner                | 1                 | 110,000 | 110,000                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>206</b>        |         | <b>1,834,000</b>        |

4. 8. 2. The prize money shall be paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. Within 14 working days after completion of the event and receiving player's bank details, FIDE shall transfer players' prize money to his/her bank account.

4. 8. 3. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council shall decide upon paying out his/her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

#### 4. 9. Schedule

| DAY    | EVENT                                          |           |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Day 1  | Arrivals, Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting |           |
| Day 2  | Round 1                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 3  |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 4  |                                                | Tie-break |
| Day 5  | Round 2                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 6  |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 7  |                                                | Tie-break |
| Day 8  | Round 3                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 9  |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 10 |                                                | Tie-break |
| Day 11 | Free Day                                       |           |
| Day 12 | Round 4                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 13 |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 14 |                                                | Tie-break |
| Day 15 | Round 5                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 16 |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 17 |                                                | Tie-break |
| Day 18 | Round 6                                        | Game 1    |
| Day 19 |                                                | Game 2    |
| Day 20 |                                                | Tie-break |

|        |                                            |                              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day 21 | Free Day                                   |                              |
| Day 22 | Round 7                                    | Game 1                       |
| Day 23 |                                            | Game 2                       |
| Day 24 |                                            | Tie-break                    |
| Day 25 | Final & Match for 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>place | Game 1                       |
| Day 26 |                                            | Game 2                       |
| Day 27 |                                            | Tie-break & Closing Ceremony |
| Day 28 |                                            | Departures                   |

The schedule may be modified only upon approval of the FIDE President.

#### 4. 10. Travel and Accommodation

4. 10. 1. All players shall pay their own cost of travel, accommodation and meals for the duration of their stay.

4. 10. 2. The Organiser shall offer accommodation options. For security and administrative reasons, all participants are recommended to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).

#### 4. 11. Playing venue

4. 11. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing venue and its environs meet the requirements of the Basic Guidelines For Playing Venues Of Fide Top-Level Tournaments ([FIDE Handbook C.01](#), see [Appendix 1.c](#)), amended by GSC if needed.

4. 11. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating federations.

4. 11. 3. The Organiser shall provide water, coffee, tea and soft drinks free of charge for the players and the FIDE principals.

4. 11. 4. The Organiser shall provide the Press Centre and VIP room with catering services according to the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

#### 4. 12. Playing Conditions

4. 12. 1. The Anti-Cheating Protection Measures for Level 1 events shall be applied ([FIDE Handbook A10](#), see [Appendix 1.b](#)).

4. 12. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. During a game a player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 12. 3. The players are not permitted to bring in the playing area a telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 12. 4. While his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the Chief Arbiter may declare the current game lost by the player.

4. 12. 5. The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical Commission and host country requirements.

4. 12. 6. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE approved anti-doping protocol according to WADA requirements.

4. 12. 7. The tournament physician(s) shall be available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

#### 4. 13. Scoresheets

4. 13. 1. The Organiser shall provide scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

4. 13. 2. At the end of each game the players' original scoresheets shall be submitted to the Chief Arbiter, who shall hand them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets shall be penalised according to [Article 12.9.](#) of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter shall countersign those to confirm the results.

#### 4. 14. Players conduct

- 4. 14. 1.** The dress code is strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.
- 4. 14. 1. 1.** Dress code for men: neat shirt and formal suit.
- 4. 14. 1. 2.** Dress code for women: neat shirt/blouse and formal suit (with slacks or skirt) or dress.
- 4. 14. 1. 3.** No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress shall be allowed in a playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress shall be approved by the FIDE Supervisor.
- 4. 14. 2.** The players are recommended to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.
- 4. 14. 3.** The players are expected to be present at all official functions approved by GSC during the event including the Opening Ceremony and official receptions.
- 4. 14. 4.** The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game.
- 4. 14. 5.** The players shall be available for the daily press conference.
- 4. 14. 6.** The finalists and the participants of the Match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.
- 4. 14. 7.** The winner is obliged to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website, if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.
- 4. 14. 8.** The players shall strictly abide by all medical regulations approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser. The players shall be aware that the regulations are subject to change and at short notice. FIDE shall inform players about any changes as quickly as possible.
- 4. 14. 9.** If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 4.14.1, 4.14.4 – 4.14.8](#), he/she can be penalised by FIDE Council as follows: 5% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event.
- 4. 14. 10.** If a player undermines the reputation of FIDE, the World Cup Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, he/she shall be penalised in accordance with the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code ([FIDE Handbook A.08](#)).

#### **4. 15. Principals**

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- b) FIDE Deputy President/FIDE Director General;
- c) Chief Arbiter;
- d) Deputy Chief Arbiter;
- e) 8 Match Arbiters;
- f) 2 Fair-Play Officers;
- g) FIDE Technical Delegate – Chairman of the Appeals Committee and 2 other Members;
- h) Press Officer;
- i) Representative of the FIDE Medical Commission (if needed);
- j) GSC Member (if needed).

#### **4. 16. Arbiters**

- 4. 16. 1.** The Chief Arbiter, the Deputy Chief Arbiter, the Fair-Play Officers and the Match Arbiters shall be appointed by GSC.
- 4. 16. 2.** Eight Match Arbiters are required for Rounds 1 and 2; four Match Arbiters are required for Rounds 3 and 4, two Match Arbiters are required for Rounds 5 and 6.
- 4. 16. 3.** As far as possible, in each match no Match Arbiter shall belong to the same federation as either of the players. Exception: if both players are members of the same federation, a Match Arbiter may also belong to this federation.
- 4. 16. 4.** The Organiser shall appoint a necessary number of Assistant Arbiters to ensure the adequate supervision of all tie-break matches - 1 Arbiter per match.

4. 16. 5. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy shall be present in the playing area.

4. 16. 6. Within 1 week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final result of each match and also a general description of the course of the event. If there are any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

#### 4. 17. FIDE Technical Delegate

4. 17. 1. The FIDE Technical Delegate shall be appointed by GSC.

4. 17. 2. The FIDE Technical Delegate shall ensure that:

- a. the organisation meets the required FIDE standards;
- b. all the contractual obligations are fulfilled by the Organiser.

4. 17. 3. The Organiser shall implement the decisions of the FIDE Technical Delegate regarding issues mentioned in [Article 4.17.2](#).

4. 17. 4. Any decision of the FIDE Technical Delegate can be appealed only to the FIDE President.

#### 4. 18. Appeals Committee

4. 16. 1. The Appeals Committee shall be appointed and act in accordance with [FIDE Handbook C11](#) (see [Appendix 1.d](#)).

4. 16. 2. Two reserve members shall work remotely.

4. 16. 3. The Chairman of the Appeal Committee shall also fulfil duties of FIDE Technical Delegate (see [Article 4.17](#)).

4. 16. 4. All appeals shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 500 (five hundred) or the equivalent in local currency.

#### 4. 19. Ceremonies

4. 19. 1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place on the day prior to Round 1.

4. 19. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by FIDE Supervisor; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

4. 19. 3. The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the day of the last round. FIDE trophy for the winner and FIDE medals – gold, silver, bronze, for the top 3 winners shall be provided by the Organiser. Design of the trophy and the medals shall be approved by FIDE Supervisor. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

## 5. Media

### 5. 1. Website

The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: <http://worldcup.fide.com>. The Organiser shall warrant that <http://worldcup.fide.com> is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance shall be provided to GSC.

### 5. 2. Communications

5. 2. 1. All official written communications, in print or online form, as well as activities shall identify FIDE as the governing body of World Cup.

5. 2. 2. All official communications shall use the official name for the event, in full: FIDE World Cup 2023.

5. 2. 3. All pre-tournament public communications regarding World Cup (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE and the Organiser) shall be co-written and scheduled in coordination with the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

### 5. 3. Press Officer designated by FIDE



**5.3.1.** GSC shall appoint the Press Officer for World Cup. The Organiser shall co-operate with the Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide, and assists him/her to establish contacts with the local media.

**5.3.2.** All content shown at <http://worldcup.fide.com> shall be reviewed and approved by the Press Officer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on official domains, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to World Cup. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

**5.3.3.** The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

**5.3.4.** The Press Officer shall be a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during World Cup.

#### **5.4. Photography and video**

**5.4.1.** Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Organiser (in cooperation with the Press Officer and the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer) may work in the playing venue.

**5.4.2.** The Organiser shall provide FIDE with a copy of all the video footage filmed during the event. This includes a recording of the broadcast, interviews, press conferences, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This footage shall be provided in a physical support: DVD, flash drive, hard drive, etc. FIDE can make use of these materials as specified in [Chapter 8](#).

**5.4.3.** Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with the FIDE Media Regulations ([FIDE Handbook C09](#), see [Appendix 1.e](#)).

### **6. Selection of the Organiser**

**6.1.** Any Federation member of FIDE or any sponsor supported by a national federation may apply for organisation of World Cup.

**6.2.** FIDE shall open a bidding procedure for World Cup.

**6.3.** Each application shall contain the following:

- a) Proposed exact place and date.
- b) Proposed tournament venue.
- c) Proposed prize fund - minimum one million eight hundred thirty-four thousand (1,834,000) USD net of any applicable local taxes.
- d) Contribution to the FIDE Development Fund.
- e) Commitment to cover all financial obligations to FIDE, including all the stipends, in accordance with these Regulations (see [Chapter 7](#)).
- f) Commitment to cover all organisational costs in accordance with these Regulations.
- g) Invitation for at least two members (or representatives) of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant from the non-refundable fee. (see [Article 6.4](#)).
- h) Special rates for hotel rooms and meals for participants, accompanying persons and journalists.
- i) Applicant's name, signature and authentication.
- j) Letter of support from a national federation and relevant local authorities.

**6.4.** Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of three thousand (3,000) USD.

**6.5.** The FIDE's choice of the Organiser shall be based on many factors aiming for the best of chess. The proposed prize fund shall not be the only criterium.

**6.6.** Upon FIDE's selection of the Organiser of the event, a contract shall be signed between FIDE and the Organiser regarding all financial and commercial aspects of World Cup. The Organiser is required to present all necessary bank guaranties for the whole amount of the prize fund and all expenses related to the event.

### **7. Financial issues**

**7.1.** Before the end of the event, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of World Cup. This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), work of the FIDE operational team (see [Article 7.2](#)), stipends (see [Article 7.3](#)), traveling expenses for the Principals (see [Article 7.4](#)) and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

## 7. 2. Expenses of the FIDE operational team

The Organiser shall cover all the expenses of the FIDE operational team involved in organisation of World Cup (traveling, accommodation, remuneration) up to one hundred thousand (100,000) USD. The detailed description of the team's functions shall be included in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE.

## 7. 3. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals of the event by the Organiser:

| Principal                                              | Stipend, USD | Number | Sum, USD |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|
| Chief Arbiter                                          | 7,000        | 1      | 7,000    |
| Deputy Chief Arbiter                                   | 5,000        | 1      | 5,000    |
| Match Arbiter (R1 through R2)                          | 1,000        | 4      | 4,000    |
| Match Arbiter (R1 through R4)                          | 1,800        | 2      | 3,600    |
| Match Arbiter (R1 through R6)                          | 2,600        | 2      | 5,200    |
| Fair-play Officer                                      | 4,400        | 2      | 8,800    |
| Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee | 5,700        | 1      | 5,700    |
| Member of the Appeals Committee                        | 3,700        | 2      | 7,400    |
| Press Officer                                          | 5,700        | 1      | 5,700    |
| Member of the FIDE Medical Commission                  | 3,700        | 1      | 3,700    |
| TOTAL                                                  |              |        | 56,100   |

## 7. 4. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser's expense. If other travel conditions are not specified in the contract signed by the Organiser and FIDE, all other Principals shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses up to a maximum of one thousand one hundred (1,100) USD if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand seven hundred (1,700) USD if travelling from another continent.

## 7. 5. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel shall be offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard room in the same hotel shall be offered by the Organiser for each Principal. Alternatively, the Organiser may substitute full board with a daily allowance. The amount of the allowance shall be indicated in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE. Extra expenses shall be covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President.

## 7. 6. Local transportation

Transfer from and to the airport shall be provided by the Organiser, if necessary. A sufficient number of cars shall be made available for Principals; their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided. The amount of the allowance shall be indicated in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE. Local transport shall also be provided for the players to official functions, if necessary.

## 7. 7. Personnel

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

## 7. 8. Broadcast

The Organiser shall produce a high-quality live video and games broadcast of World Cup with commentaries in English by at least two commentators. Commentaries in other languages may be arranged by the Organiser upon recommendations of GSC. All expenses related to the broadcast shall be covered by the Organiser. The Organiser is required to deliver broadcast feed(s) to FIDE and its broadcasting partners as per FIDE's obligations with FIDE's broadcasting partners.

## 7. 9. Medical care

7. 9. 1. The Organiser shall cover the costs of treating acute illnesses including the cost of medicines, but not chronic ailments of the players and FIDE Principals.

7. 9. 2. The Organiser shall cover the costs related to the medical protocol (see [Article 4.12.5](#)).

#### 7. 10. Anti-doping control

The Organiser shall cover the costs related to anti-doping testing (see [Article 4.12.6](#)) in accordance with the requirements of the anti-doping protocol.

#### 7. 11. Fair-play measures

The Organiser shall cover the costs associated with implementing the fair-play regulations (see [Appendix I](#)) according to requirements of the FIDE Fair-Play Commission up to ten thousand (10,000) USD.

### 8. Commercial issues

8. 1. FIDE retains all commercial and media rights of the event, including internet. These rights can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

8. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, belong to FIDE. These rights can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

8. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE shall provide to the Organiser the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser.

8. 4. FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors.

8. 5. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (*e.g.* bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE Supervisor.

8. 6. The income from admission charges goes to the Organiser.

8. 7. The Organiser shall produce a detailed budget for the event, which shall be approved by GSC.

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

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



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

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The present Regulations are governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Switzerland. All disputes arising from or in relation to with the Regulations shall be submitted to CAS (art. 35.1 FIDE Charter). All disputes and claims arising from or in relation to the bidding procedure and obligations of the Organiser may also be submitted to the competent court of the City of Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, unless otherwise agreed in the contract with the Organiser.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Useful Links

- a) **FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2023** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>
- b) **Anti-Cheating Regulations** – <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCProtectionMeasures.pdf>
- c) **Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C01>
- d) **Appeals Committee Procedural Rules** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>
- e) **FIDE Media Regulations** – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C09>

## APPENDIX 2

### QUALIFYING EVENTS FOR WORLD CUP

1. Continental Championships and Zonal tournaments are qualifiers for World Cup.
2. The whole qualification process shall be conducted under Regulations developed by each Continent and approved by FIDE Council.
3. Each Continent is entitled to decide either Zonal tournaments shall be held or the entire Continental qualification quota shall go to the Continental Championships. If it is decided to have Zonal tournaments, then the number of qualification spots allocated for each Zone shall be approved by FIDE Council upon recommendations of each Continent.
4. The Continental Presidents shall be responsible for organisation of Continental Championships and the Zonal Presidents shall be responsible for organisation of Zonal tournaments in accordance with relative Regulations (see [Article 3](#) above) and the Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments ([Handbook, C.01](#), see [Appendix 1.c](#)). In exceptional cases, an alternative Regulations proposal may be submitted to FIDE Council.