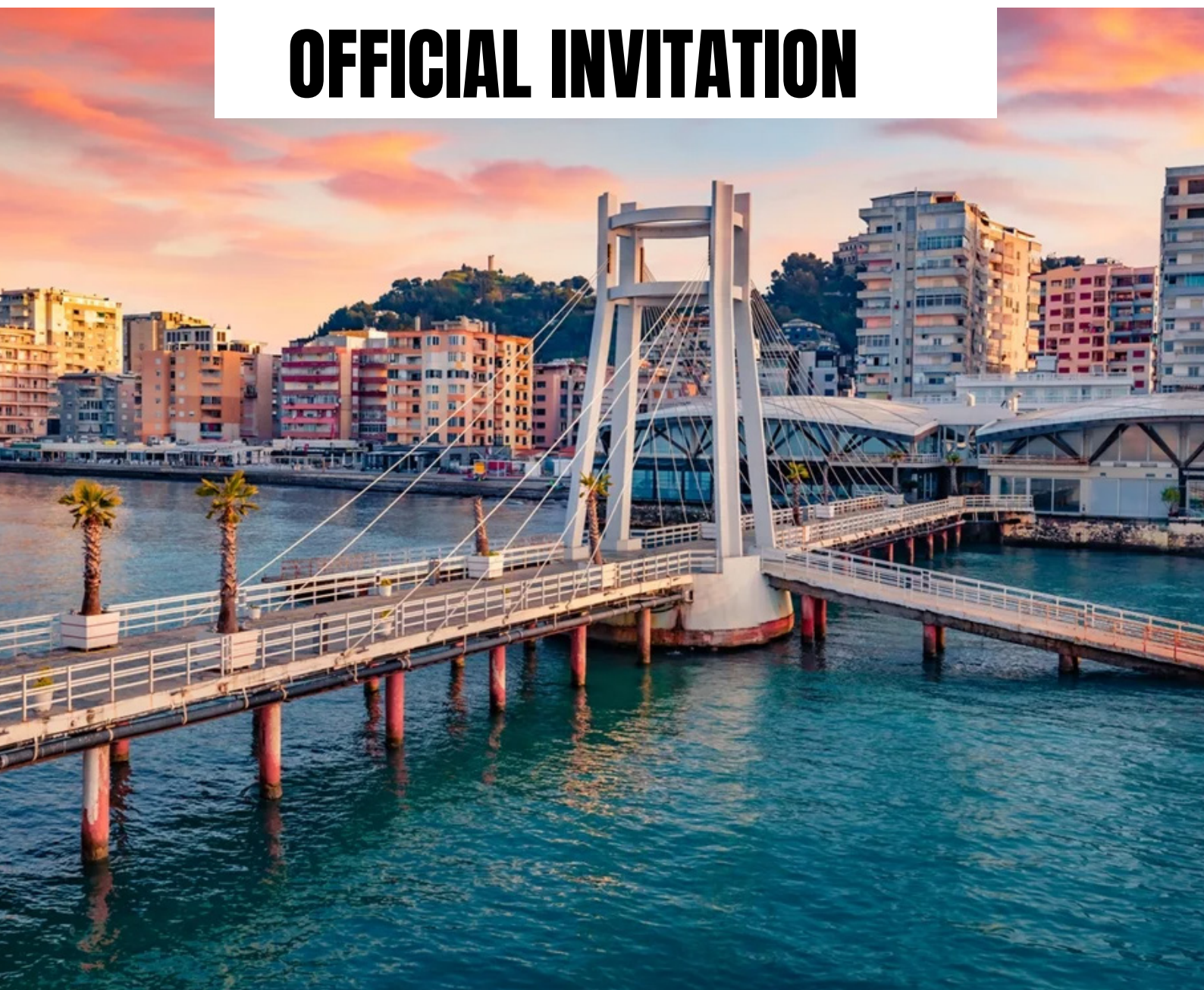




FIDE WORLD YOUTH U14, U16 & U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 Durrës, Albania 3-16 OCTOBER

OFFICIAL INVITATION





1. INVITATION

The organizers, International Chess Federation (FIDE) and Albania Chess Federation (ACHF), are inviting all National Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE to participate in the World Youth Chess Championships 2025. The event will be organized in Durrës, Albania, from October 3rd (arrivals) to October 16th, 2025 (departures).

2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. Every National Federation can register one official player in each category (under 14, 16, 18 years old, open and girls) in total of six (6) Official Players plus one Accompanying Official Head of Delegation, belonging to the national federation are Invited by the Organizers. A player must not have reached his/her 14th, 16th or 18th birthday, respectively, before 1st January 2025.

- 2.2. The players placed 1-3 in the previous U14, U16, U18 World Youth Championships, and the respective Champions (first place) of the last Continental Youth Championships, shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championships of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the age stipulation of Art. 2.1 above is met. Such players shall also be classified as Official Players and have to be registered by the national federation.
- 2.3. Players, other than Official Players, shall be classified as Additional Players. All other persons, other than players or the Accompanying Officials, shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. Each National Federation shall be responsible for all the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.
- 2.4. In order to provide appropriate tournament conditions, the Federations must complete the official online registration form and submit to the Organizers by Saturday, 2nd August 2025. After this deadline, the official players cannot be registered as invited players. Further participants may not be accepted, or an additional fee of 80 € (euro) may be requested according to the FIDE regulations. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation otherwise a registration will be invalid and will not be accepted.
- 2.5. In case of absence of both parents or legal guardians, the child/adolescent must be accompanied by an adult who must present written legal authorization granting powers for the care and custody of the minor.

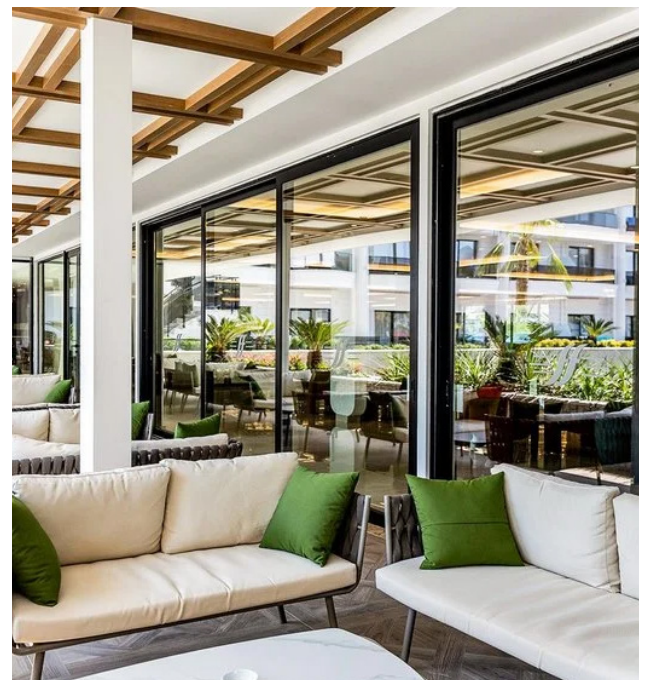
3. FIDE ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. In accordance with FIDE regulations, a FIDE entry fee of 70 € for each Official Player and 140 € for each Additional Player should be paid before the start of the tournament.
- 3.2. The National Federations must send this amount directly to the FIDE bank account or FIDE will charge the respective National Federation account.

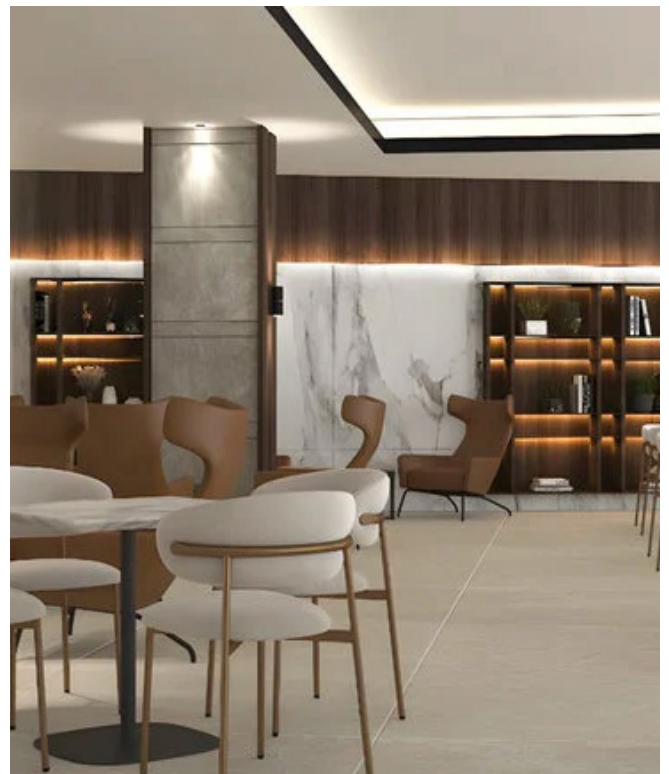
4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

- 4.1. **Registration fee:** All players and accompanying people, including coaches, captains, head of delegations should pay a Registration Fee 120 Euros per person to the Organizer by 2nd August 2025. This shall include the cost for airport transfers (the same or nearest city where the tournament is organized), accreditation, organization costs and participation certificates.
- 4.1.1. The deadline for registration is 2nd August 2025. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, if there is availability, a penalty of 80 € for each late registration will be charged to participants.
- 4.1.2. Federations should register the official players and accompanying officials by the above deadline. After this date no official players will be accepted and their application will be treated as if they were additional players.
- 4.1.3. Every registration must include the Federation, FIDE ID, surname, first name, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure and the passport number of every player and every accompanying person who requires an invitation. It must also include the name, details and phone number and email of the head of each delegation. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- 4.1.4. A player registered in a lower category of age due to a mistake in specifying his/her birthday will have his/her registration suspended until rectification.
- 4.2. Free transfers for players, accompanying officials, and additional individuals on official arrival and departure days will be provided from 'Mother Teresa' Tirana International Airport to the official hotel. The airport is located 40 km (about 45 minutes) from the hotel.
- 4.2.1. Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the regulation will be fully responsible for any problems they experience during arrival or departure.

5. VENUE, OFFICIAL HOTELS - BOARD & LODGING



- 5.1. The venue of the event is at Grand Blue FAFA Resort Hotels*****
- 5.2. For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. All players and guests are invited to stay in the official hotels of Grand Blue FAFA Resort *****
- 5.3. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the event.



5.4. Rates for additional extra players and accompanying persons are, with full board, 3 meals/ per person/ per day are:

Single room	€	110.00
Double room	€	94.00
Triple room	€	89.00
Family room (4 people)/ 2 connected rooms)	€	94.00

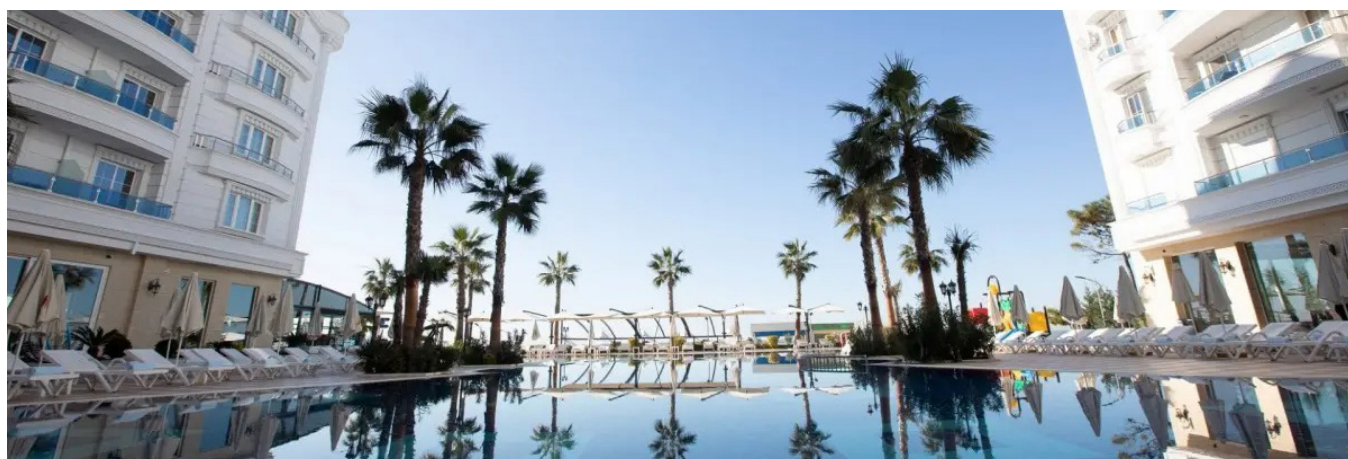
5.4.1. According to the Hotel's regulations, Check-in starts from 14:00 (lunch and dinner included). Check-out 11:00 (only breakfast included)

5.5. The above-mentioned prices are also understood to be valid on the two days before and after the event to ensure the same conditions for participants and their accompanying persons.

5.6. Official players and heads of delegation from each Federation are offered FREE full board accommodation from October 3rd (arrival day) to October 16th (departure day). More details about heads of delegations are here: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

5.7. If a participating Federation does not send an invited player in any age category, they cannot substitute this for another age category.

5.8. Each delegation shall distribute their delegation in an equal proportion of double rooms. If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms will be decided by the Organizing Committee.





6. PAYMENTS

- 6.1. Entries must be submitted through the registration forms by 2nd August 2025.
- 6.2. When registering the registration fee of 120 € and a minimum of 30% prepayment of the total cost shall be paid through the organizer bank account given.

Account beneficiary holder: FederataShqiptare e Shahut

Account holder address: Rruga Liman Kaba, ParkuOlimpik, Tirana Albania

VAT Number: K51730017V

IBAN account number: AL08202110060000000021050488

Bank name & address Bank: Raiffeisen, Postal code: 1001

BIC/SWIFT code: SGSBALTX

Reference: Wycc 2025

- 6.3. The foreign bank commissions must be paid by the sender. If not, the respective amount will be charged and should be paid upon arrival.
- 6.4. Entry Fees for late registration, withdrawal, or no-show shall be charged as follows as per FIDE Regulations on following link: https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401_202312
- 6.5. Each National Federation will be invoiced by the organizers. Upon payments confirmed, the Organizers will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel bookings. Confirmed registrations will then appear on the official website and Chess Results, where Federations may check players' status on a daily basis.
- 6.6. All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are transferred to the Organizers.

7. INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

- 7.1. Players and accompanying persons from visa-required countries are requested to contact the Organizing Committee before 2nd August 2025 and apply on time to the respective Albanian Consulate.

7.2. The Organizing Committee will provide invitation and required confirmation of booking in the official hotel after the necessary payments. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility for late or not complete applications.

7.3 The Organizers are not responsible in case the Albanian Consular authorities decline to issue the VISA due to public order and/or failing to meet all the requirements to obtain VISA.

<https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/regjimi-i-vizave-per-te-huajt/>

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Activity
3/10/2025	All Day	Arrival
4/10/2025	10:00	Technical meeting/ Captains
	14:30	Opening ceremony
	15:00	1 st round
5/10/2025	15:00	2 nd round
6/10/2025	15:00	3 rd round
7/10/2025	15:00	4 th round
8/10/2025	15:00	5 th round
9/10/2025	15:00	6 th round
10/10/2025	Free Day	Cultural activities& visits tours
11/10/2025	15:00	7 th round
12/10/2025	15:00	8 th round
13/10/2025	15:00	9 th round
14/10/2025	15:00	10 th round
15/10/2025	13:30	11 th round
	21:00	Closing ceremony
16/10/2025	All Day	Departure

*The closing ceremony might be delayed depending on the end of the last round

9. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- 9.1. The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. The national rankings will not be taken into account for pairings. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves plus 30 minutes, plus an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Default time is 15 minutes.
- 9.2. Tie break criteria: a) the games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other), b) Buchholz cut 1, c) Buchholz, d) Sonneborg, e) the greater number of wins, f) Average Rating of Opponents ARO.
- 9.3. Direct Titles Available to Winners Subject to Rating Criteria Direct Titles are awarded according to FIDE available regulations <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2017>
- 9.4. FIDE Anti Cheating Measures and guidelines are in effect during the championship.

10. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 10.1. The Chief Arbiter will be announced in a due time.
- 10.2. FIDE Technical Delegate will be announced in due time.

11. OTHER REGULATIONS

- 11.1. Type of Clock: FIDE Approved
- 11.2. 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), wrist watches (all types of wrist watches) and personal pens are prohibited inside the tournament hall.

12. APPEALS & APPEALS COMMITTEE

12.1. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit may be forfeited to FIDE.

12.2. The Appeals Committee will be announced in due time.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Top three places in each age category will be awarded with cups, medals. All the winners will be awarded with presents and special diplomas.

13.2. All players will receive certificate of participation.

14. SAFETY

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

15. TOURNAMENT PRESS RELEASES AND INFORMATION

Press releases, photos, highlight videos, a selection of Live games and general information will be provided on a daily basis through the official website.



16. PARALLEL EVENTS

16.1. Parallel events like cultural visits, chess events and seminars, will be announced in due time.

16.2. According to FIDE Guidelines there will be a side program of FA, Fide Trainers', and IO seminars which will be announced in due time.

17. ELECTRICITY

In Albania, the standard electricity voltage is 230 V, and the frequency is 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets used are of type C and F, which are the two round-pin types commonly found in Europe.

18. CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The local currency in Albania is the lek. You can exchange at banks, currency exchange offices, or ATMs in Albania.

19. CONTACT INFORMATION

Official website: <http://worldyouth2025.fide.com>

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