



# FIDE World Team Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships 2026

16 — June — 22  
*Hong Kong*  
2026

## Fair Play Protection Measures

### 1. General Provisions

1.1 The Championship is subject to the FIDE Fair Play Regulations, the FIDE Fair Play Protection Measures, and the Regulations of the FIDE World Team Rapid & Blitz Chess Championship 2026.

1.2 The event shall be conducted under Maximum Protection (Level 1) Fair Play measures applicable to FIDE World Events.

1.3 All Fair Play matters shall be handled by the Chief Fair Play Officer (CFPO) in cooperation with the Chief Arbiter (CA) and the Organizer.

1.4 All persons present at the Championship venue, whether accredited or not, including participants, team members, captains, arbiters, officials, media representatives, spectators, VIPs, Premium Ticket Holders, accompanying persons, and any other third parties, shall comply with these Measures and with all instructions issued by the Fair Play Team (FPT), arbiters, security personnel, and authorised event staff.

1.5 Any person with a medical condition or medical device that may affect Fair Play screening procedures shall inform the Organizer, the Chief Arbiter, and the Chief Fair Play Officer as soon as possible, and no later than 17 June 2026, via [worldrapidblitzteams@fide.com](mailto:worldrapidblitzteams@fide.com).

1.6 Members of the Fair Play Team, together with the security guards, the arbiters and the Organizer, are responsible for implementing the Fair Play Protection Measures, monitoring the venue, controlling access to restricted areas, and preventing unauthorized communication with players and captains during play.

1.7 Failure to comply with these Measures may result in sanctions in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Fair Play Regulations, and the Championship Regulations.

1.8 For the purpose of these Measures, the Controlled Playing Area includes the playing hall, players' rest areas, players' toilets, access corridors, and any other area designated by the Chief Arbiter and the Chief Fair Play Officer as subject to Fair Play control.

1.9 The official access-control credentials for the Championship shall be:

- Accreditation badge and official green player card for players;
- Accreditation badge and official blue captain card for captains;
- Accreditation badge for media representatives;
- Accreditation badge for arbiters, Fair Play Team members, organizers, technical staff, and tournament officials;
- Official event wristband for VIPs, Premium Ticket Holders and spectators.

These credentials must be presented upon request by the Fair Play Team, arbiters, security personnel, or authorized event staff.

## **2. Access Control and Screening**

2.1 Access to the Controlled Playing Area is restricted to accredited persons only.

2.2 All persons entering the Controlled Playing Area are subject to security and Fair Play screening.

2.3 Players must carry their official accreditation badge and official green player card, and captains must carry their official accreditation badge and official blue captain card at all times while accessing the Controlled Playing Area. Failure to present the required credentials may result in denial of access.

2.4 Media representatives must display their official media accreditation badge at all times while accessing authorized media areas.

2.5 VIPs and Premium Ticket Holders must wear the VIP accreditation badges and official event wristbands issued by the Organizer and comply with all venue access restrictions applicable to their accreditation category.

2.6 All arbiters, Fair Play Team members, organizers, technical staff, and tournament officials must display their official accreditation badge at all times while performing their duties within the venue.

2.7 Screening may include walk-through security gates, manual scanning, inspection of bags and personal belongings, and any additional checks deemed necessary by the Fair Play Team.

2.8 Prohibited items must be deposited in the designated storage area before entering the Controlled Playing Area.

2.9 Any person refusing a screening procedure may be denied access to the Controlled Playing Area.

2.10 Team officials, delegates, managers, assistants, coaches, accompanying persons, parents, and spectators who are not accredited for access to the Controlled Playing Area shall remain outside the Controlled Playing Area.

### **3. Electronic Devices and Prohibited Items**

3.1 Players and captains are strictly prohibited from bringing into the Controlled Playing Area any electronic or communication device or any item capable of transmitting, receiving, storing, or processing information.

3.2 Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile phones and similar communication devices;
- Laptops, tablets, and other computer devices;
- Smart watches and similar wearable technology;
- Earphones, earbuds, headphones, and hearing devices not medically authorized;
- USB devices and electronic storage devices;
- Recording devices;
- Chess books, notes, printed material, or any other source of external assistance.

3.3 Bags larger than A4 size, backpacks, suitcases, and similar items are not permitted inside the Controlled Playing Area.

3.4 All prohibited items must be deposited in the designated storage area before entry.

3.5 The possession of a prohibited item within the Controlled Playing Area, whether switched on or switched off, may result in sanctions in accordance with the applicable FIDE Regulations.

3.6 VIPs and Premium Ticket Holders entering restricted areas are subject to the same electronic-device restrictions unless specifically authorized.

### **4. Players and Captains**

4.1 Players may not leave the Controlled Playing Area during their games except as permitted by the Fair Play Team and the Chief Arbiter.

4.2 Captains may enter the Controlled Playing Area under the same entry conditions as players, at any time before the start of the round.

4.4 A captain who has not entered the Controlled Playing Area before the start of the round loses the right to enter during that round.

4.5 Once a captain leaves the Controlled Playing Area during a round, re-entry will not be permitted until the next round and only after completing the applicable screening procedure.

4.6 During playing sessions, players who remain within the secured area between rounds are not required to undergo repeated screening.

4.7 Players and captains selected for Fair Play checks must cooperate fully and immediately.

4.8 Players and captains shall comply with all instructions issued by the Fair Play Team regarding screening procedures, Fair Play checks, and movement within the Controlled Playing Area.

## **5. Fair Play Checks**

5.1 The Fair Play Team may conduct random or targeted Fair Play checks before, during, or after games.

5.2 Players may be selected for additional Fair Play checks immediately after the conclusion of their games or, where deemed necessary by the Fair Play Team, during the round.

5.3 Checks shall be conducted in a manner appropriate to the rapid and blitz format and shall avoid unnecessary interference with play.

5.4 Refusal to cooperate with a Fair Play check may result in sanctions under the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE Fair Play Regulations.

5.5 The Chief Fair Play Officer may order additional Fair Play measures whenever deemed necessary for the protection of the integrity of the Championship.

## **6. Media**

6.1 Media representatives must display official media accreditation at all times.

6.2 Unless specifically authorized by FIDE, media representatives may access the Controlled Playing Area only during the first five (5) minutes of each round (Rapid) and the first three (3) minutes of each round (Blitz). However, media representatives may enter the Controlled Playing Area up to twenty (20) minutes before the start of the first round of each playing day and up to ten (10) minutes before the start of all subsequent rounds.

6.3 After the first five (5) / three (3) minutes, media representatives must leave the Controlled Playing Area.

6.4 FIDE-authorized media personnel may remain in the venue throughout the day in accordance with approved media regulations.

6.5 Media activity must not disturb players or interfere with arbiters, the Fair Play Team, or event operations.

6.6 Media accreditation and team accreditation are mutually exclusive. Players, captains, team officials, delegation members, and other team representatives may not simultaneously hold or exercise media accreditation privileges during the Championship, unless expressly authorized by FIDE.

## **7. Spectators, VIPs, and Premium Ticket Holders**

7.1 Spectators, VIPs, and Premium Ticket Holders must remain within their designated areas.

7.2 Any form of communication with players or captains is strictly prohibited, including verbal communication, gestures, sign language, written messages, electronic communication, or any other form of signalling.

7.3 Silence shall be maintained in spectator areas at all times.

7.4 VIPs and Premium Ticket Holders must not carry, possess, or use mobile phones or other electronic communication devices within the VIP and Premium Spectator viewing areas of the Field of Play.

7.5 Any person violating these provisions may be removed from the venue and may lose access privileges.

### **7.6 Playing Days – 17, 18, 19 and 20 June 2026**

- A delay shall be applied to the transmission of moves and official video broadcasts.
- Spectators may use mobile phones only within the designated Spectators Zone.
- Communication with players, captains, or persons inside the Controlled Playing Area remains strictly prohibited.

### **7.7 Finals Day – 21 June 2026**

- No transmission delay or video delay shall be applied.
- Spectators may use mobile phones only during the first three (3) minutes following the official start of each round and solely for the purpose of taking photographs.
- After the first three (3) minutes, mobile phones must be put away and shall not be used for calls, messaging, browsing, photography, recording, streaming, game-following, or any other purpose.
- Additional Fair Play restrictions may be imposed if required.

## **8. Communication**

8.1 During games, players may communicate only as permitted under the FIDE Laws of Chess.

8.2 Any form of external communication, whether direct or indirect, is prohibited.

8.3 Players must avoid interaction with spectators, coaches, team officials, or third parties while their games are in progress.

## **9. Monitoring and Analysis**

9.1 Games may be subjected to statistical screening and other Fair Play monitoring methods approved by FIDE.

9.2 Fair Play monitoring may include observation by Fair Play personnel, review of relevant information, and analysis of games using approved methods.

9.3 Additional Fair Play measures may be implemented whenever deemed necessary to protect the integrity of the Championship.

## **10. Complaints**

10.1 Fair Play complaints must be submitted in writing in accordance with the FIDE Fair Play Regulations and the official in-tournament complaint procedure.

10.2 In-Tournament Complaints shall be submitted to the Chief Fair Play Officer.

10.3 Oral or informal complaints shall not be considered formal complaints.

10.4 Public accusations without evidence, disruptive conduct, or manifestly unfounded allegations are prohibited.

10.5 Fair Play complaints and related proceedings shall remain confidential.

10.6 Participants and accredited persons shall respect the confidentiality of all Fair Play procedures and investigations.

## **11. Sanctions**

11.1 Any violation of these Fair Play Protection Measures may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE Fair Play Regulations, and the Championship Regulations.

## **12. Final Provisions**

12.1 The Chief Fair Play Officer may amend or adjust these Measures, in consultation with the Chief Arbiter and the Organizer, whenever necessary to protect the integrity of the Championship.

12.2 Participation in the Championship constitutes acceptance of these Fair Play Protection Measures.

## **13. Useful Links**

FIDE Fair Play Regulations

<https://fpl.fide.com/anti-cheating-regulations/>

Fair Play Complaint Forms

<https://fpl.fide.com/itc-ptc-complaints/>