



General Fair Play Provisions on the use of analog watches during the third leg of the Women's Grand Prix in Monaco 2025

The prohibition on players wearing watches during tournament rounds, as stated in 1.4 in the [FIDE Fair Play Regulations](#), is amended to allow specific analog watches under the conditions outlined in these provisions.

It has to be agreed by FIDE that such sponsorship is allowed in general and has to be stipulated in players' agreements or otherwise.

Only analog watches approved by the Chief Fair Play Officer and previously by FIDE are permitted. Smart watches or any hybrid watches with digital components remain strictly prohibited.

Approval and Examination of Watches

A detailed technical description to be provided by a player or their sponsor and further enquiries responded upon CFPO request.

Each analog watch must be pre-approved by the CFPO prior to the start of the tournament.

Watches must meet the following criteria to be eligible for approval:

- **Non-Digital Mechanism:** The watch must operate on a purely mechanical or quartz analog mechanism, with no digital displays or smart functionalities.
- **Design Specifications:** The watch design must prominently feature the sponsor's branding as part of the sponsorship agreement.

All approved watches are subject to security screening and examination before each tournament round.

Procedures for Wearing and Verification

Players must present their approved watches to the Fair Play Officer before the start of each round for re-examination.

The Fair Play Officer has the authority to re-inspect any watch before, during or after a game if deemed necessary.



Penalties for Non-Compliance

Wearing an unapproved watch or failing to present the approved watch for examination will result in penalties, including but not limited to:

- Immediate removal of the watch and retention for further examination.
- Forfeit the game.
- Disqualification from the tournament in severe cases.

Any attempt to use a watch to gain an unfair advantage will be treated as a violation of fair play and dealt with according to FIDE's Fair Play Regulations.

The decision of the Chief Fair Play Officer regarding the application of these provisions is final.

Penalty Matrix

Violation	Penalty
Wearing an unapproved watch	Warning and removal of the watch before the start of the round or forfeit/disqualification if the watch is detected during the round
Failing to present watch for inspection	Warning before the start of the round or forfeit if it is during the round
Attempted use of a watch for cheating	Disqualification and report for further investigation

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