

FIDE WORLD YOUTH U16 Chess Olympiad Eindhoven 2023

Welcome to Eindhoven

1 Invitation

Dear chess friends,

The International **Chess Federation (FIDE)** and the **Royal Dutch Chess Federation (KNSB)** have the pleasure to invite all national chess federations to participate in the FIDE World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2023 which will be held in **Eindhoven**, the Netherlands from **12 - 19 August 2023**.

2 Participation

2.1 All players who did not reach the age of 16 by 1 January 2023 (born 2007 or later) are entitled to participate. Upon arrival, or at any time during the event, players may be required to present passports for verification of their age.

2.2 Each team shall comprise of 4 players, with boys and girls represented (i.e. each team will have at least 1 boy and at least 1 girl). The team will have 1 captain.

2.3 Each FIDE member federation has the right to send one team as their invited team.

2.4 Each FIDE member federation has the right to send additional teams and shall be responsible for all the costs of their additional teams and accompanying persons.

3 Registration

3.1 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations shall duly complete the official registration, accommodation & travel form (on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline on the **June 15th 2023**. Incomplete and individual applications will not be accepted.

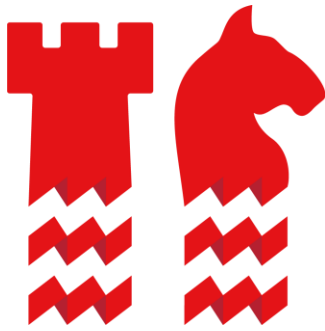
3.2 After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, in case of availability, a late registration fee of 200 EURO per team will be charged for each late registration.

3.3 All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation.

3.4 The Registration fee is 100 EURO for each player, captain and accompanying person. The Registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to the listed international airports, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.

3.5 Once the registration, accommodation and travel forms have been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

3.6 The Payment deadline is **July 1st, 2023**.



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4 FIDE Fee

4.1 The FIDE entry fee is 100 EURO for each team.

4.2 The National Federations must pay this amount directly to the FIDE.

5 Travel Services

5.1 Shuttle services from/to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (135 KM) and Eindhoven Airport (12 KM) are provided for all participants. These shuttle services are provided on August 11, 12, 19 and 20.

5.2 It is also possible to fly to Rotterdam The Hague Airport (126 KM), Brussels Airport (123 KM) or Dusseldorf Airport (110 KM). Shuttle services are **NOT** provided by the organizing committee.

5.3 The Netherlands is known for their world famous and safe public transportation system. It is safe to take the train and bus from and to the airport, hotel and city centre.

5.4 During competition dates, there will be shuttle services provided free of charge between the official hotel(s) and the competition venue for players and coaches.

5.5 Take into account that the airports might be crowded during summer and it may take time to get your luggage and check out of the airport.

6 Venue & Official Hotel

6.1 The tournament will be held at the High Tech Campus Eindhoven.

6.2 Players and coaches will be accommodated at the Van Der Valk Hotel in Eindhoven. For more information on the Hotels, see *14 Hotels, Meals and Venue* below.

6.3 The hotel is situated less than 3 kilometers from the playing location at the High Tech Campus Eindhoven (5 minutes by car, 25 minutes by foot).

6.4 The organizing committee shall provide free board and lodging for 5 members of the teams mentioned in 2.2 above from August 12 (arrival) until August 19 (departure).

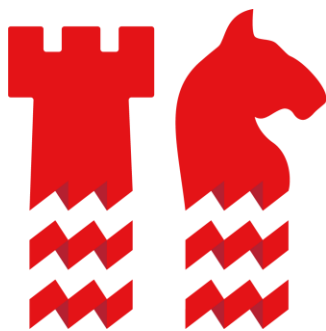
6.5 Hotel rooms will be booked on the principle of First Come, First Served. Bookings must be done through the organizers only.

6.6 In the official hotel a help desk and a players/coaches lounge will be provided. Opening times will be shared with the team captains.

6.7 At the official hotel, diets are taken into account for at least the following requirements:

- Vegetarian options
- Gluten / Lactose free options
- Halal

If you have any requirements, please let us know in your registration/application form.



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6.8 The competition venue and official hotel are fully accessible for people in a wheelchair and/or with a disability. If you need any assistance, please let us know in your registration/application form.

7 Tournament Schedule

Saturday	12 August		Arrivals
Sunday	13 August	10:30	Technical Meeting
Sunday	13 August	15:00	Opening Ceremony
Sunday	13 August	16:00	Round 1
Monday	14 August	10:30	Round 2
Monday	14 August	16:00	Round 3
Tuesday	15 August	10:30	Round 4
Tuesday	15 August	16:00	Round 5
Wednesday	16 August	10:30	Round 6
Thursday	17 August	10:30	Round 7
Thursday	17 August	16:00	Round 8
Friday	18 August	10:30	Round 9
Friday	18 August	16:00	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	19 August		Departures

8 Technical Regulations

8.1 The Championships will be held according to FIDE Tournament Rules and Laws of Chess for Rapid Chess (Appendix A).

8.2 The tournament shall be run on a 9 round Swiss system. Please note: if less than 40 teams are represented only 7 rounds will be played.

8.3 Each match between teams will be conducted over 4 boards. The pairings, scoring and tiebreak regulations are in accordance with the Pairing Rules for the Chess Olympiad.

8.4 The time control is 45 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1.

8.5 Default time for all rounds is 20 minutes.

8.6 FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations are valid for the whole tournament.

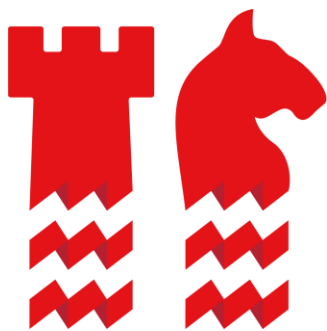
8.7 Mobile phones, electronic devices, wrist watches (all types of wrist watches) and personal pens are prohibited inside the tournament hall.

9 Prizes

9.1 The best three teams will receive Cups.

9.2 The members of the best three teams, including the captains, will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and memorable gifts.

9.3 The best three players on each individual board will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and memorable gifts.



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9.4 Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players.

10 Tie-Break Regulations

10.1 The teams will be ranked according to:

- a. Match Points (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
- b. Extended Sonneborn Berger for Teams Cut-1 (EMGSB)
- c. Game Points
- d. Buchholz Cut 1

10.2 Individual players will be ranking according to the Tournament Performance Rating (TPR). In case two players have the same TPR, the tie will be broken according to:

- a. Direct Encounter
- b. Buchholz Cut 1
- c. Buchholz
- d. Number of Games Played with Black
- e. Number of Games Won

11 Appeals Committee

11.1 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 EURO 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 is forfeited to FIDE. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

11.2 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced in due time.

12 Visa information

12.1 E-visas can easily be obtained on the website of the Dutch government:

<https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/visa-the-netherlands>.

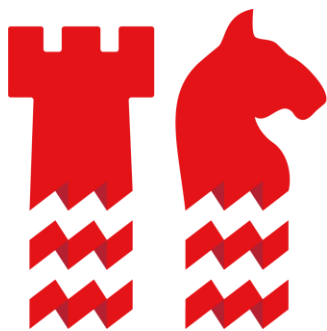
12.2 If you are unsure whether you require a visa to get into the Netherlands, please fill in the check on the website of the Dutch government: <https://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/visa-the-netherlands>.

12.3 In case you will need assistance or a letter of invitation, our Team Services department is happy to assist you and/or guide you through the necessary websites or authorities.

12.4 To obtain a visa will remain the responsibility of the applicant. The organizers cannot be held responsible to obtain a visa (in time) in any way. Take into account that it will take time to get the visa. It is de responsibility of the applicant to start the visa application on time.

12.5 Costs associated with obtaining a visa are for the applicant.

12.6 If a visa (application) has been refused, fees that are already paid to the organizers cannot be refunded.



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13 Payments

13.1 All payments to the organizers need to be made by **July 1st 2023** at the latest. You will be informed on the payment by the organizers after sign up. Incomplete payments will result in a rejection of participation.

14 Hotels, meals and venue

14.1 Free accommodation and full board will be provided to the invited players and team captains from 12 August (lunch) to 19 August 2023 (breakfast). Accommodation is offered for free on the basis of double/triple rooms. The organizers will provide all teams with the appropriate number of rooms (with a maximum of 3 rooms per team; appointed by the organizers).

For example: if a team comprises of 2 boys, 2 girls and 1 coach, the team may be given 2 double rooms and 1 single room. Second example, if a team comprises of 3 boys, 1 girl and 1 coach, the team may be given 1 triple room, and 2 single rooms (unless for example the coach is father/mother of one of the team members when they may be placed together in a double room). The organizers will share the room list after the registration deadline is expired.

14.2 Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) prices per room:

Single use	146,00 EURO full board	146,00 EURO per person
Double use	207,00 EURO full board	103,50 EURO per person
Triple use	284,00 EURO full board (depending on availability)	94,67 EURO per person

All prices are including city tax (3,50 EURO per person per night).

14.3 It is possible to make use of the hotel services such as the swimming pool and fitness center free of charge. Mini bar, laundry, room service, long distance/international phone calls, services offered in the hotel's bar and lobby are chargeable. The organizing committee is not responsible for such additional costs.

15 Other information

15.1 The local currency is the EURO.

15.2 The standard voltage in the Netherlands is 230 Volts. In the Netherlands the power plug sockets are of type C, E and F.

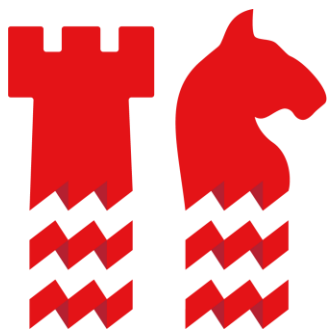
15.3 More information on visiting Eindhoven will be updated soon on our website:
<http://youtholympiad.fide.com>.

15.4 In the Netherlands tap water is of the highest quality and safe to drink.

15.5 For more information on visiting Eindhoven, visit <https://www.thisiseindhoven.com/en>.

15.6 Every individual is solely responsible for his or her liability and travel insurances. The organizers cannot be held responsible for any damage or injuries (caused by third parties) in any way.

16 Health protocol



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By entering the Netherlands, you need to comply with all health protocols and rules that are applicable to our country. In particular make sure you will oblige to the rules regarding to COVID19 or other health protocols and rules. Check your local authorities if you need to take any precautions prior to your visit.

17 Contact information

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