



# FIDE WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX 2024-2025



## FAIR PLAY PROVISIONS FIDE WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX 2024-2025

### INTRODUCTION

Fair Play is adopting several - visible and invisible, on-site and remote - fair play measures during the tournament. Fair Play measures are aimed at creating a safe environment for players. The cooperation of all parties involved (organizers, players, arbiters, and fair play personnel) is key to this goal and will make it much easier for every involved party.

A Fair Play Officer is a highly trained expert who can handle different fair-play-related situations in the most effective way, minimizing the impact on the tournament and individual players. For this event - the second leg of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix, the Chief Fair Play Officer is Bojana Bejatovic.

### SPECIFIC MEASURES

While it is not in the interest of the FP to share all the measures adopted during the tournament, it is important that players are aware of at least the following so that they are not emotionally impacted during play.

All players will be scanned before each round. You are asked not to enter the playing hall before having been scanned. If the FPO is performing a scan on another player, please wait in line and do not pass the FP line. If you leave the playing room before the start of the round but after the FPO has scanned you, you will be scanned again. If you are late for the round, or if there is a queue, this is not the FP's fault: please wait patiently in line until it's your turn to be scanned.

Please note that during and after the round, you may be subject to a new scan. Scans are not invasive, and they do not last more than 10-20 seconds. After the game, you may be asked for a post-game check, which will be performed in the Arbiters' room.

There will be a 15' delay in the broadcast of games.

All games are subject to statistical screening.

Players are not allowed to talk to the general public or any other third party while their game is in progress. Please try to avoid any sort of communication with associates and/or the general public.

During the round, the FPT will be using a wide array of long-range devices. These will not interrupt play, and players are advised not to mind any FP actions.

Failure to cooperate with the FPO during the round may lead to sanctions.



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## ACCESSING THE PLAYING AREA

Accreditation is required to access the playing hall.

Accompanying persons are allowed in the venue in the first 3 to 5 minutes. VIPs and spectators are allowed in the first 15 minutes. This may be subject to change.

The spectators are subject to inspection, as no mobile phones and no electronic devices policy is applicable.

Authorized FIDE and LOC Media are allowed in the venue, with their operating gear needed for their work. Media rules apply.

It is forbidden to bring the following items into the playing area:

- Any electronic device and electronic items (mobile phones, tablets, cameras, laptops, electronic cigarettes, vapes, etc. - the list is not exhaustive!)
- Anything that is made out of materials that could possibly transfer any data or simply looks capable of transmitting data (sim cards, memory cards, etc. - the list is not exhaustive!)
- Any sort of watches, pens, sunglasses, headphones, earphones, earplugs and any other similar devices
- Chess books, and other unnecessary items not specifically approved by the CFPO and the CA are not allowed in the playing hall and should be left out of the playing hall.
- Complex bags, backpacks and any other bags bigger than A4 are not allowed.
- You are strongly recommended not to take big wallets into the playing area but small mini wallets, which are subject to inspection.

You are strongly advised to leave **wallets** and **handbags** in your hotel room.

If you are carrying one of these items, you will inevitably be taken on a side by the FPO, and the scanning procedure will take longer as the FPO will be forced to inspect your wallet and your handbag, which is an invasive and lengthy procedure.

If you need to bring any item with you, you are best advised to do so in a metal-free container (for example, a cloth/shopper bag).

Jewellery is not forbidden, but you are kindly requested not to wear it, as it will be subject to thorough scanning.

For your convenience, we advise you to **consider carefully everything that you intend bringing or wearing**.

Possession of a forbidden item may lead to losing the current game, and further participation will be decided on the merits of the case by the CFPO/CA.

This applies to players and other persons accessing the area.



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## **POST-GAME CHECKS**

Post-game checks will be carried out in the Arbiters' Office, which is located next to the entrance from the right and identified by a clear sign. During a post-game check, inspections may be more thorough. You may be asked to cooperate at great length with the FPO (for example, removing shoes or any other specific item). The FPO will be using low- and high-tech devices to identify devices that are forbidden and hidden on your body. These devices are completely safe from a medical point of view.

Please note that you are not allowed to go to the toilet in the timeframe between the end of your game and the post-game check.

Failure to cooperate with the FPO during the post-game checks may lead to severe sanctions, including expulsion from the event.

## **REFRESHMENT AREAS**

Toilets are located next to the entrance, and there are two toilets at the players' disposal. No other person can use the toilets that are intended for the players.

The catering area is separated by a mobile wall/movable partition within the playing area. Do not use any other facility during the round.

You are reminded that exiting the playing venue leads to immediate forfeiture.

## **COMPLAINTS**

Any Fair Play-related complaint must be submitted in written form. You can get the form from the Fair Play Officer or [online](#). Under no circumstance should a player make his complaint public, as this is not in his/her own interest or the tournament. The best way to deal with suspicions is discreetly. Please note that this does not mean that you cannot discreetly talk to the FPO and share your doubts.

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

All games will be checked by Prof. Ken Regan's software, and the Chief Fair Play Officer will receive daily relevant reports.

These provisions are subject to change to ensure the best outcome for the event.