



## 2024 FIDE Congress

### FIDE Events Commission Annual Report

Dear Mr. FIDE President, FIDE Council members and FIDE Management Board members,

Below you could find the informative report of Events Commission leading by its Chair, FIDE Special Tasks Director **Akaki Iashvili** for the year 2024 for 3d FIDE Council Meeting.

#### FIDE EVE World Calendar for 2024:

In 2024 there are 12 competitions in total.

1. World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Championships in Albania, Durrës
2. World School Chess Championships in Peru, Lima
3. World Junior U20 Chess Championships in India, Gandhinagar Gujarat
4. World Cup U8, U10, U12 in Georgia, Batumi
5. World Senior Team Chess Championships in Poland, Krakow
6. World U20 Junior Rapid & Blitz Championships in Uzbekistan, Tashkent
7. World Schools Rapid & Blitz Championships in Uzbekistan, Tashkent

By the end of year there will be held:

8. World Amateur Chess Championships in Greece, Rhodes
9. World Youth U14, U16, U18 Championships in Brazil, Florianopolis
10. World Cadet U8, U10, U12 Championships in Italy, Montesilvano
11. World Senior Chess Championships in Portugal, Porto Santo
12. World Youth Rapid & Blitz Championships in Slovenia, Terme Čatež

During the whole cycle of bidding procedure EVE dealt with necessary paperwork (from receiving the bids to evaluation reports after inspections), prepared the announcements in cooperation with FIDE social media group, checked the invitation letters of the tournaments and supported the organizers in every possible way during preparation period and also solving current issues while tournaments were on.

The Events Commission will complete the 2024 calendar successfully.

### **FIDE EVE World Calendar for 2025:**

FIDE EVE Procedure “Call for Bids FIDE World Championships 2025” was announced on 1st December 2023 according to the new General Regulations for FIDE Competitions (EVE).

There were 12 competitions in the list:

1. World Cadet U8, U10, U12 Championships
2. World Youth U14, U16, U18 Championships
3. World Junior U20 Championships
4. World School Championships U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17
5. World Cup U8, U10, U12
6. World Cadet & Youth Rapid & Blitz Championships
7. World Youth U16 Olympiad
8. World Schools Team Championships
9. World Senior Championships (50+, 65+ Individual)
10. World Senior Team Championships (50+, 65+)
11. World Amateur Championships
12. World Disabled Championships

The deadline for bidders was 1st February 2024 with inspections due date 1st June, 2024 and announcement of winners on 15th July, 2024.

The Events Commission received 10 bids for 7 tournaments:

3 bids were for World Cadet U8, U10, U12 Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Albania, 2) Chess Federation of Greece,
- 3) USA Chess Federation

1 bid was for World Youth U14, U16, U18 Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Albania

1 bid was for World School Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Serbia

1 bid was for World Cadet & Youth Rapid & Blitz Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Greece

1 bid was for World Senior Individual Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Italy

1 bid was for World Senior Team Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Czech Republic

2 bids were for World Amateur Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Italy, 2) Chess Federation of Serbia

By FIDE Council decision the rights to hold events were granted:

- ✓ World Senior Team Championships – to the Chess Federation of Czech Republic
- ✓ World School Championships – to the Chess Federation of Serbia
- ✓ World Cadet & Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships – to the Chess Federation of Greece
- ✓ World Cup U8, U10, U12 – to the Chess Federation of Georgia
- ✓ World Cadet U8, U10, U12 Championships – to the USA Chess Federation
- ✓ World Youth U14, U16, U18 Championships – to the Chess Federation of Albania
- ✓ World Senior Chess Championships – to the Chess Federation of Italy
- ✓ World Amateur Chess Championships – to the Chess Federation of Serbia

Dates and places of the events 2025 are included in FIDE Calendar 2025.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> Events Commission announced reopening of the bidding for the following competitions of 2025:

1. World Junior U20 Championships
2. World Youth U16 Olympiad
3. World Schools Team Championships
4. World Disabled Championships

The deadline for submitting bids was July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

EVE received 2 bids for 2 tournaments:

1 bid was for World Junior U20 Championships from:

- 1) Chess Federation of Peru

1 bid was for World Youth U16 Olympiad (from Chess Federation of Colombia)

- 1) Chess Federation of Colombia

Bids for these competitions are subjects of inspections.

No bids were received for:

- ✓ World Schools Team Championships
- ✓ World Disabled Championships

### **FIDE EVE World Calendar for 2026:**

FIDE EVE Procedure “Call for Bids FIDE World Championships 2026” was announced on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

The bid deadline is **September 15, 2024, 15:00 CET**.

There are eight competitions on the list:

1. World Youth U14, U16, U18 Championships
2. World Junior U20 Chess Championships
3. World Cadet & Youth Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships
4. World Schools Team Chess Championships
5. World Senior Chess Championships (50+, 65+ Individual)
6. World Senior Team Chess Championships (50+, 65+)

7. World Amateur Chess Championships
8. World Disabled Chess Championships

### FIDE EVE important Documents:

Events Commission made some amendments in important documents.

There was a proposal to update the Financial Rules in Handbook with information about Title/Licence Fees for *Associate Organizer*, *International Organizer* and *Premier Organizer*:

Title Fee for period 2024-2026	
Associate Organizer	EUR 75
International Organizer	EUR 200
Premier Organizer	EUR 300
Title Fee starting from 2027	
Associate Organizer	EUR 100
International Organizer	EUR 300
Premier Organiser	EUR 400

Title	Initial Licence Validity Period	Subsequent Licence Validity Period	Licence Fee for Subsequent Licence
Associate Organizer	2 years	2 years	EUR 100
International Organizer	4 years	4 years	EUR 100
Premier Organizer	4 years	4 years	EUR 100

There was the rule about the number of local players on all EVE tournaments to be added to FIDE EVE General Regulations EVE competitions to protect world status of events:

3.11 If any FIDE federation is expected to miss the registration deadline for reasons/circumstances beyond their control, they shall approach EVE before the registration deadline. EVE shall investigate the case, and attempt to work with the organiser to find a solution.	3.11 If any FIDE federation.....  3.12 At all EVE world championships, the total number of local players shall not exceed 1/3 of the total players. However, the FIDE Events Commission can consider requests from Organizers to accept more domestic players at FIDE's discretion.  In any case, the number of local participants shall not exceed 50 % of the total participants.
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There were 3 Regulations edited and completed:

- ✓ The World Championships U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17
- ✓ The World Cup U8, U10, U12
- ✓ The World Championships U8, U10, U12

Starting from 2026 the FIDE World School individual will be replaced by the FIDE World Championships U7-U17.

The main goal is to raise the tournament status, attract more stronger players, conduct the World Championship U7-U17 all over the Globe.

The World Cadets U8-U12 Championship format will be also changed. It will be renamed to the FIDE World Cup without changing any conditions. Based on the results of EVE survey the tournament will be organized from 15<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> August every year.

FIDE World Championship U8-U12 will be held the same year from 10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November (also dates were chosen based on EVE survey).

Only 8 players will be invited to FIDE World Championship: 3 winners of the World Cup for youngsters, 4 continental champions and 1 from the organizing federations. The two stages tournament will be organized to reveal the World Champion:

Stage 1: Double round robin

Stage 2: Two matches between the players who finish in the same position in each group (according to the tournament regulations).

EVE send proposals to FIDE Council and General Assembly.

#### IO Seminars:

By September there were **4** IO Seminars: in Arabic, English, French, Persian and Russian.

The following subjects were covered:

FIDE Events Regulations (General Regulations, Specific Regulations, Bid Procedure, Bid Evaluation criteria)

FIDE Ratings and Titles Regulations

FIDE Online Chess Regulations; Hybrid Chess Tournaments.

Events' Management

Fair Play Guidelines

- ✓ IO Online Seminar in Hybrid format in Russian in Novokuznetsk, Kemerovo region, Russia, February 16-18, 2024 by *the Chess Federation of Russia and the Chess Federation of the Kemerovo* with **22 participants** from **4 countries** with **15 students** passed the examination test
- ✓ IO Online Seminar via zoom in Nouakchott, Mauritania in Arabic with translation to French, June 6-9, 2024 by *the Mauritanian International Chess Academy and the Mauritanian Chess Federation* with **20 participants** from **8 countries** with **17 students** successfully passed the examination test
- ✓ IO Seminar online via zoom in English, August 2-6, 2024 by *Asian Chess Federation* with **27 participants** from **10 countries**; **20 of them** passed the examination test
- ✓ IO Seminar online via Google Meet platform in English translated into Persian, August 28-31, 20234 by *Asian Chess Federation* with **30 participants** from **Iran**; **30 students** passed the exam

By the end of the year Events Commission expects more IO Seminars, at least 5.

**IO Titles:**

There were 53 applications for AO and IO Titles in 2024; FIDE Council approved 46.

**EVE Survey:**

On 24 May EVE initiated the survey aimed to collect data about children's vacations all year around in different countries. The aim was to learn about the most suitable time for FIDE Youth competitions.

56 national federations took part in it. They provided data for academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

Based on results of the survey, the general events calendar was adjusted.

		sDate based on holidays	Approximate number of players	Continent
1	FIDE World Rapid and Blitz U8-U18	1 April - 1 May	400	Any
2	FIDE World Cup U8-U12	15 June - 1 August	600	Any
3	FIDE World Championship U14-U18	15 June - 1 August	600	Any
4	FIDE Olympiad Under 16 in odd years (from 2027)	1 - 30 August	300	Any
5	FIDE World Under 20	1 - 30 September	250	Any
6	FIDE World Championship U7-U17	20 October - 5 November	1000	Asia, Africa, America
7	FIDE World Championship U8-U12	10 - 25 November	48	Any

**EVE is working closely with:**

**Legal department** – to prepare the draft of the basic contract between FIDE and EVE competitions organizers and its step-by-step implementation.

**FPC** – in order to standardize to process of appointing Fair Play Officials for FIDE EVE Championships.

**GSC** – jointly working on a system for nominating tournaments (the most memorable FIDE chess tournament of the Century and the most memorable private chess tournament of the Century) for 100-year FIDE jubilee award ceremony.

**National Federations** – Communication regarding renewal of license fee for IO title for future indication of valid or not valid status on FIDE and EVE websites.