Astana 2030

48TH FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD

Candidate City · Kazakhstan

Kaz Chess



ASTANA 2030 BID · FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD 2030

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01

ASTANA INVITES THE CHESS WORLD

Kazakhstan proposes to host the 48th FIDE Chess Olympiad in its capital, Astana, in 2030



01 · ASTANA

Letter from the Minister of Tourism and Sports



"Astana will welcome the world's chess family at the highest level in 2030!"

MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS OF KAZAKHSTAN

On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, I express full support for the bid to host the **48th FIDE Chess Olympiad**, the **FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities** and the **FIDE Congress** in Astana in 2030. Chess is a national priority, and the Ministry will lead state support for the events.

278,000+
Kazakhstanis play chess regularly

2,500+
schools teach chess

2023–2027
Comprehensive Chess Development Plan approved by the Government

Together with the relevant state bodies, the Ministry will ensure:

- Visa support and facilitated entry for all participants, officials and guests
- Security, public order and medical support throughout the events
- Customs clearance of equipment and materials
- An interagency working group coordinating all state bodies

The Ministry will coordinate state support so that the Organiser's obligations under the FIDE Chess Olympiad Regulations are fulfilled in full

Yerbol Myrzabosynov
Minister of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Letter of support and intent in Annex 1

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Official bid of the Kazakhstan Chess Federation

Kaz Chess

Kazakhstan Chess Federation formally submits Kazakhstan's bid to host the **48th FIDE Chess Olympiad**, the **Olympiad for People with Disabilities** and the **FIDE Congress** in Astana in 2030 — with the personal support of President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev and Freedom Holding Corp. as General partner.

€20M **Minimum budget officially guaranteed** for organising and staging the 2030 Olympiad — backed by state support and the commitments of official partner Freedom Holding Corp.

20 / 100
regional branches — in every region of the country / professional staff

1,538 → 5,500
chess tournaments a year, 2023 → 2025

133,000+
primary pupils in 2,500+ schools, ~40% of them rural

448
international medals in 2023–2025, incl. 162 in 2025

2 silvers
for the women's team at Budapest 2024 and Samarkand 2026

≈$12M
annual budget of the Federation

Hosted: World Chess Championship Match, Astana 2023 · World Rapid & Blitz Team Championships, Astana 2024 · World Cadet Chess Championships, Almaty 2025 — 842 players from 88 countries · 2nd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities, Astana 2025 · FIDE World University Team Chess Championship, Almaty 2026

Gulmira Dauletova
Executive Director, Kazakhstan Chess Federation

The Federation commits to comply with all applicable FIDE regulations and rules



"We look forward to welcoming the global chess community to Astana in 2030"

Official bid letter, signed and sealed by Kazakhstan Chess Federation — Annex 2

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Letter of support from Freedom Holding Corp.

Freedom Holding Corp. fully supports Kazakhstan's bid. ESG and corporate social responsibility are part of the group's long-term strategy, and chess development is one of its key priorities in this area.

≈$75M
total investment in chess development

~15
major international FIDE tournaments supported, incl. WCh Match Astana 2023 and World Rapid & Blitz New York 2024

since 2022
investing in chess; strategic partner and sponsor of KazChess since 2023

24
countries — international fintech group: banking, brokerage, insurance, digital

FRHC
listed on NASDAQ since 2019

$10B+
market capitalisation

With the Holding's support: children's and youth chess programmes · international competitions

Freedom Holding Corp. confirms its readiness to provide:

- Official partner of Kazakhstan Chess Federation, the Olympiad, the FIDE Congress and the Olympiad for People with Disabilities
- Sponsorship support to help secure the budget — in close cooperation with the government authorities of Kazakhstan
- Active participation in preparing and delivering the project

Baglana Mussina
Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer, Freedom Holding Corp.



"Hosting the Chess Olympiad in Astana will be a significant event for the international chess community"

Letter of support and intent in Annex 3



Astana, Baiterek

01 · ASTANA

WELCOME TO

Astana

Astana is Kazakhstan’s dynamic, fast-growing capital, where bold architecture, a rich cultural heritage and the energy of a modern metropolis create a setting for world-class international events.

1.4M
residents

~190
international events in 2025

01 · ASTANA

A city of experiences

Culture, leisure, family and sightseeing routes for delegations



Baiterek
Symbol of the capital and observation deck



Nur Alem
The EXPO sphere next to the venues



Khan Shatyr
Shopping and entertainment centre



Astana Opera
Opera and ballet



National Museum
History and culture of Kazakhstan



Hazrat Sultan
One of the largest mosques in the region

01 · ASTANA

Culture and tourism for guests



Sightseeing tour

Baiterek, Nur Alem, Khan Shatyr



02 An evening at Astana Opera

Opera and ballet for delegations



03 National Museum

History and culture of Kazakhstan

When 15 August — Olympiad rest day · evening programmes after rounds · transfers from hotels

01 · ASTANA

Astana — a stage for world sport

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Astana - Almaty 2011
7TH ASIAN WINTER GAMES

7th Asian Winter Games

- 30 January – 6 February, Astana and Almaty
- 26 countries, 843 athletes
- 69 medal events
- Kazakhstan — 1st in the medal table



2017

28th Winter Universiade, Almaty

- 29 January – 8 February
- 56 countries, 1,604 athletes
- 85 medal events in 12 sports
- Kazakhstan — 2nd place, 11 gold medals



2024

5th World Nomad Games

- September 2024, Astana
- 89 countries, about 3,000 participants
- 21 sports
- Tens of thousands of foreign visitors



2026

Games of the Future 2026

- 29 July – 9 August, 4 sports arenas
- 800+ athletes from 50+ countries
- Opening at Barys Arena
- The city prepared for up to 10,000 visitors

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Astana — a capital of international dialogue



2010

OSCE Summit Astana

- 1–2 December 2010
- 56 OSCE participating States
- First OSCE summit in 11 years
- Outcome: the Astana Declaration



2017

EXPO 2017 Astana «Future Energy»

- 10 June – 10 September, 3 months
- 115 participating countries
- About 4 million visits
- Legacy: Exhibition Centre, Congress Centre and the Nur Alem sphere



2022

VII Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions

- September 2022
- 100+ delegations from 50+ countries
- A dialogue platform hosted by Astana since 2003



2025

Astana International Forum

- May 2025, the country's flagship diplomatic forum
- More than 5,000 foreign guests
- Heads of state, leaders of the UN, FAO and IOM
- Agreements worth over $800M

01 · ASTANA

Kazakhstan — a chess nation

Chess is a national priority: the Government has approved the Comprehensive Chess Development Plan for 2023–2027

FIDE EVENTS
13
official FIDE events since 2012

NATIONAL TEAMS
2
Silver Medals at the 2024 and 2026 Chess Olympiads - Women's Team.

YOUTH
14
junior and cadet world champions in 2025

MEDALS
162
medals at international events in 2025

TOURNAMENTS
5,500
tournaments in 2026 nationwide

REGIONS
20
KAZCHESS branches covering every region

SCHOOLS
2,500
schools teaching chess in primary grades

TEACHERS
5,800
primary-school chess teachers

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FIDE events in Kazakhstan, 2012–2026

Year	Official name	City	Dates	Scale and results
2012	FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championships 2012	Astana	6–10 July	Top 16 players of FIDE raiting;
2019	FIDE World Team Chess Championship 2019 (Open & Women)	Astana	4–14 March	10 + 10 teams;
2022	FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2022–23, Astana	Astana	17–30 September	12 players, series leg; winner — K. Lagno
2022	FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championships 2022	Almaty	26–30 December	178 + 98 players; M. Carlsen; B. Assaubayeva — blitz
2023	FIDE World Championship Match 2023	Astana	7 April – 1 May	Ding Liren vs I. Nepomniachtchi; prize fund €2M
2024	FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Team Championships 2024	Astana	1–5 August	40 teams, 300+ players; QazExpoCongress
2025	FIDE World Cadet Chess Championships 2025	Almaty	18 Sep – 1 Oct	842 players from 88 countries
2025	2nd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities	Astana	19–25 October	34 teams
2026	FIDE World University Team Chess Championship 2026	Almaty	3–10 August	16 teams; first edition ever

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KazChess track record



2019
FIDE World Team Chess Championship



2023
FIDE World Championship Match



2024
FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Team Championships



2025
2nd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities

13
FIDE events since 2012

6
of them in Astana

88
countries at the World Cadet Chess Championships 2025

€2M
prize fund, FIDE World Championship Match 2023

Team events	FIDE World Team Chess Championship 2019, FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Team Championships 2024
Women's events	FIDE Women's World Team Chess Championship 2019, FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2022–23 Astana
Inclusive format	2nd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2025 — 34 teams
Mass participation	FIDE World Cadet Chess Championships 2025 — 842 players from 88 countries
Top level and media	FIDE World Championship Match 2023 — protocol and broadcasting

01 · ASTANA

Astana Airport



18
international destinations

18
domestic destinations

≈200
international flights a day

2
terminals: T1 international — 47,000 m², T2 domestic — 23,892 m²

9M
passengers expected in 2026

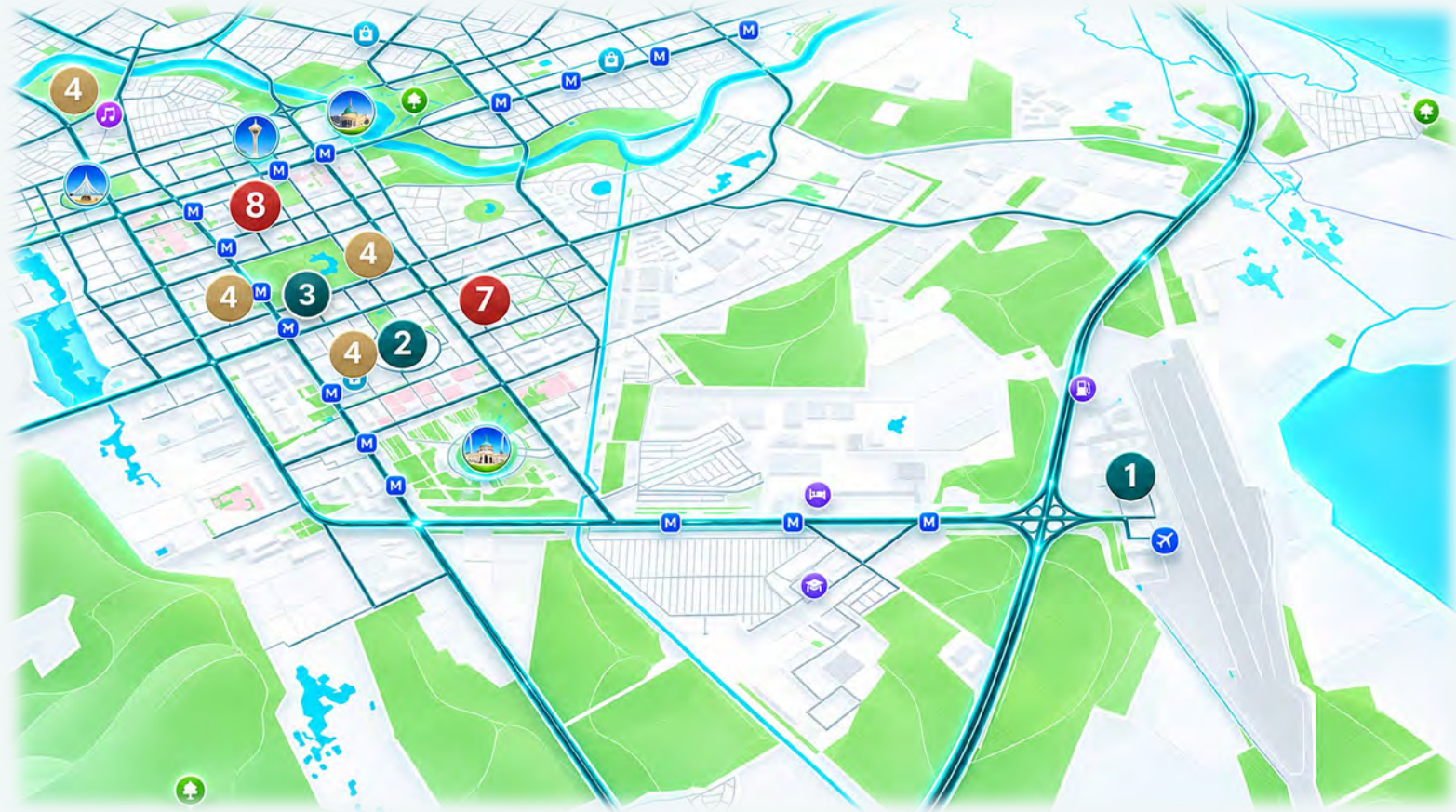
LRT: Airport station at Terminal T2
To EXPO (University station) — 15–20 min · to Baiterek — about 30 min · every 5–6 min · 06:00–23:00

Development: 3,500 m runway; a second runway and Terminal T3 for 15M passengers a year by 2033

Fast Track: Dedicated fast-track lanes for accredited delegations at security screening and border control.

01 · ASTANA

Airport, hotels, hospitals and venues on the map



NQZ Airport
Terminals T1 and T2, LRT station

2 **EXPO complex**
Exhibition Centre (Olympiad), Congress Centre, Hilton Astana, Hilton Garden Inn

3 **Barys Arena**
Opening ceremony

4 **City-centre hotels**
Ritz-Carlton, Marriott, Rixos President, St. Regis

5 **Martial Arts Palace**
Hotel complex

6 **Right bank**
Radisson, Sheraton, Park Inn

7 **Medical cluster**
Clinics near Nura LRT station

8 **Cardiac and neurosurgery**
National centres near Syganak station

01 · ASTANA

Required Hotel Capacity

Accreditation group	Number	Min. category	DBL/TWIN	SGL
FIDE leadership	35	5★	—	34
Teams · Open section	200 teams	4–5★	400	600
Teams · Women's section	180 teams	4–5★	360	540
Fair Play experts	18	4★	9	—
Arbiters	190	3★	95	—
Technical Appeals Committee	4	4★	—	4
FIDE operations team	25	4–5★	25	—
FIDE media team	10	4–5★	10	—
Video broadcast	15	4★	15	—
Live broadcast	5	4★	5	—
Accompanying persons	15%	4–5★	114	171
FIDE guests	10	4–5★	—	10
FIDE partners and sponsors	10	4–5★	—	10
Media and press	50	3–5★	—	50
Total rooms · 2,452 + 10% reserve			**1,033**	**1,419**

3,500
arriving guests official national delegates

340
accommodation facilities, 9,914 rooms (H1 2026)

4,505 rooms in 43 hotels (3–5★) available for the Olympiad

FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities ends before 7 August — rooms are reused

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Hotel capacity for the Olympiad

Category	Hotels	Rooms	Share
5★ hotels	9	1,548	34%
4★ hotels	22	1,961	44%
3★ hotels	12	996	22%
Total	**43**	**4,505**	**100%**

rooms in 43 hotels, 3–5★

3,509
rooms in 5★ and 4★ hotels

×1.7
headroom over the FIDE need of ≈2,700 rooms

Conclusion: capacity confirmed

43 hotels (3–5★) offer 4,505 rooms — 1.7 times the FIDE requirement (2,452 rooms + 10% reserve ≈ 2,700). 5★ and 4★ hotels alone provide 3,509 rooms — enough for every group that requires 4–5★. The Olympiad for People with Disabilities ends before 7 August, so its rooms are reused.

LARGEST 5★ HOTELS IN THE POOL



Sheraton Astana Hotel
★★★★★



The Ritz-Carlton Astana
★★★★★



Hilton Astana
★★★★★
At the EXPO complex



Rixos President Astana
★★★★★



SAAD Hotel Astana
★★★★★



The St. Regis Astana
★★★★★

Source: Astana hotel pool, 43 hotels 3–5★ · Room requirement — FIDE Chess Olympiad Regulations

01 · ASTANA

Comprehensive security plan

The Organising Committee works with the Interior, Emergencies and Health Ministries and the Astana Akimat at every stage, from arrival to departure. The EXPO complex was built for major events, with easy access for police, ambulances and fire crews.

Venues have first-aid posts and on-duty ambulance crews, with the medical cluster near Nura LRT station close by.

Security and access control

The Olympiad will bring together thousands of participants and guests from ~190 countries. Key measures:

- EXPO complex perimeter with single entry points for screening and accreditation
- Covered screening lanes with walk-through detectors and scanners at every entrance
- Accreditation-based access zones: playing halls, FIDE, media, VIP
- Unified security headquarters and 24/7 CCTV



Your safety is our priority

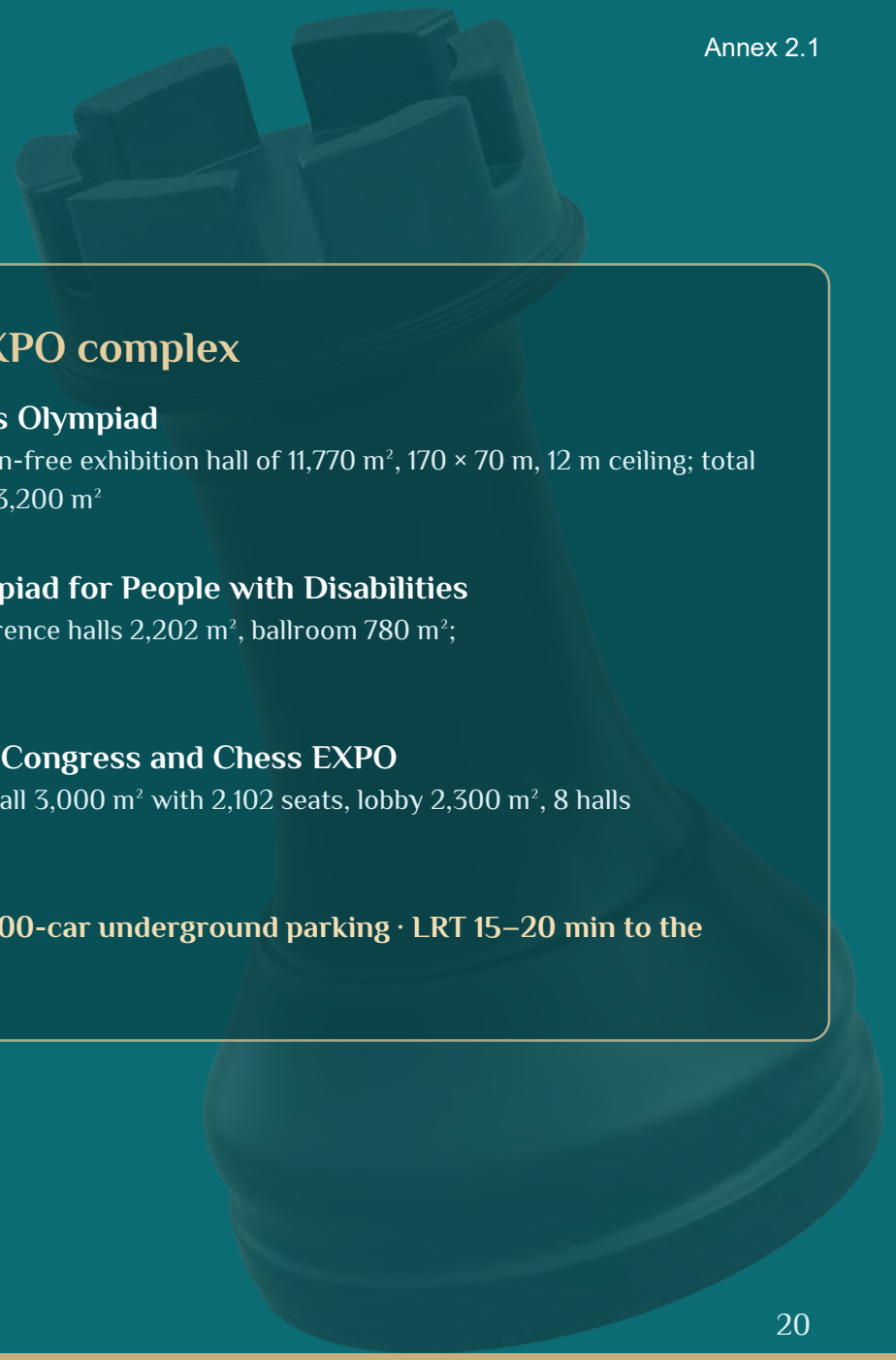
Astana has hosted the 2011 Asian Winter Games, EXPO 2017, the 2023 World Championship Match and the 2026 Games of the Future. The city will deploy all its security and medical services to deliver a safe and secure Olympiad for every participant.



02

A WORLD-CLASS VENUE

EXPO National Exhibition and Congress Complex — three events in one place



QazExpoCongress · EXPO complex

EXPO Exhibition Centre

Chess Olympiad
Column-free exhibition hall of 11,770 m², 170 × 70 m, 12 m ceiling; total area 23,200 m²

Hilton Astana

Olympiad for People with Disabilities
Conference halls 2,202 m², ballroom 780 m²;

Congress Centre

FIDE Congress and Chess EXPO
main hall 3,000 m² with 2,102 seats, lobby 2,300 m², 8 halls

All within walking distance · 3,000-car underground parking · LRT 15–20 min to the airport

02 · VENUE

EXPO complex: key facts



The complex in numbers

Parameter	Value
Total area	68,000+ m² of exhibition and congress space
EXPO Exhibition Centre	Column-free hall of 11,770 m², 170 × 70 m, 12 m ceiling
Congress Centre	Main hall 3,000 m², 2,102 seats
Hilton Astana	Tournament venue 2,202 m², ballroom 780 m² for FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities
Transport	3,000-car parking; LRT to the airport in 15–20 min

02 · VENUE

EXPO Exhibition Centre





11,770 m²
column-free exhibition hall

170 × 70 m
hall dimensions

12 m
ceiling height

23,200 m²
building area

02 · VENUE

Congress Centre









43,200 m²
building area

3,000 m²
main hall

2,102
seats in the main hall

8 halls
from 170 to 688 m²

02 · VENUE

Hilton Astana









2,202 m²
conference halls

780 m²
ballroom

278
hotel rooms

0.4 km
to the Congress Centre

02 · VENUE

Allocation of events across the complex

Event	Venue	Capacity	Requirement
Chess Olympiad	**EXPO Exhibition Centre, exhibition hall**	11,770 m², 170 × 70 m, 12 m ceiling	9,600–12,000 m²
FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities	**Hilton Astana**	2,202 m² of halls, ballroom 780 m²	Step-free, fully accessible playing area
FIDE Congress	**Congress Centre**	Main hall 3,000 m², 2,102 seats; 8 halls of 170–688 m²	General Assembly, Council, commissions
Chess EXPO and waiting areas	**Congress Centre**	**Lobby 2,300 m² + halls 5,800 m²**	5,000–8,000 m²
Parking and transport	**EXPO complex**	Underground parking for 3,000 cars, University LRT station	Shuttles, VIP, special transport

02 · VENUE

Facilities and technology: all in one complex

All services in one complex, next to the playing area

FACILITIES

Arbiters
Chief Arbiter's office

Anti-cheating
Scanning, Fair Play office

Appeals
Appeals Committee room

Accreditation
Badge issuing centre

VIP area
Lounge with catering

Press centre
Next to the playing area

Broadcasting
Studio and control room

Catering
Free water, coffee and tea

Storage
Storage for boards and equipment

TECHNOLOGY

Internet and communications
Channels for play, press and FIDE

Live online coverage
Real-time games, video in 4+ languages

Backup power
UPS and generators for play and broadcasting

Equipment
Electronic boards, clocks, screens

Access control
Accreditation, detectors, scanning

IT support
On-call service for the whole tournament

03

ASTANA 2030 CONCEPT

1 **Chess as a national priority**
Comprehensive Chess Development Plan 2023–2027

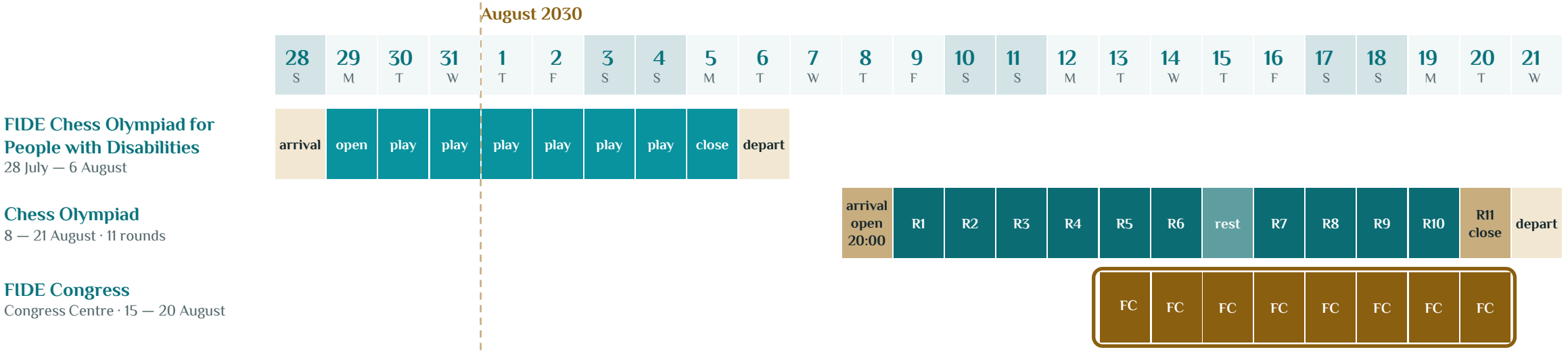
2 **Proffessional organiser**
12 international FIDE events in the Republic of Kazakhstan since 2012

3 **An Olympiad for all**
The Olympiad for People with Disabilities is an equal part of the programme

4 **Legacy for federations**
Training for arbiters, coaches and volunteers

03 · PROGRAMME

Provisional calendar: July — August 2030



FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities

28 July — arrival, 29 July — opening

29 July — 5 August — playing days

6 August — departure, halls and rooms released

Chess Olympiad

8 August — arrival · 8 August, 20:00 — opening at Barys Arena

9–14 and 16–20 August — 11 rounds, 15 August — rest day

20 August — closing · 21 August — departure

FIDE Congress · 15–20 August

General Assembly, FIDE Council, commissions and zonal meetings

EXPO Congress Centre, main hall with 2,102 seats

Dates to be agreed with FIDE

03 · PROGRAMME

Opening and closing ceremonies



Barys Arena, Astana

START
20:00

CAPACITY
up to 12,000 spectators

DATES
8 and 20 August 2030

DURATION
60–90 minutes

HEADLINER
Dimash Qudaibergen





OPENING · 8 AUGUST

1. **"Uly Dala"** — dombra, kobyz, ethno-orchestra and steppe projections
2. **Parade of federations** — flags of 190+ countries, volunteers in national costumes
3. **"Living chess"** — a game of batyrs and Saka warriors on a giant board
4. **Dimash Qudaibergen** — the voice of Kazakhstan opens the Olympiad with the ethno-orchestra
5. **Welcome speeches** by Kazakhstan and FIDE leaders, FIDE flag and anthem
6. **Asyk (knucklebone) draw** for first-round colours and the "Baiterek" light show

CLOSING · 20 AUGUST

1. **Awards**: Hamilton-Russell Cup, Vera Menchik Cup and Gaprindashvili Trophy
2. **"A toi (feast) for the whole world"** — yurts, dastarkhan and Kazakh hospitality
3. **Dimash Qudaibergen headline concert** with Astana Opera soloists
4. **Handover of the FIDE flag** to the 2032 Olympiad hosts
5. **Drone show** over Astana: a chessboard and Baiterek in the sky

NATIONAL SYMBOL

Dimash Qudaibergen

Kazakhstan's best-known voice worldwide · UN IOM Global Goodwill Ambassador · TURKSOY Ambassador of Turkic World Culture

04 · PROMOTION

Media: an Olympiad for the country and the world

Kaz Chess

AR/VR virtual studio

Live broadcasts, a presenter, expert analysis and 3D game visualisation in one space. Hybrid Real/VR for TV and online.

Real-time 3D board

Moves from PGN and ChessBase go straight to the virtual board: piece animation, combination breakdowns and variations live on air.

AI avatar and children's programmes

A virtual character explains complex positions and hosts educational shows for children.

Partner and experience

National Sport Production — TV coverage of KCF tournaments. NRK and TV 2 in Norway have shown that chess is a mass-audience TV product.

Stage 1
VR studio and branding

Stage 2
PGN data and 3D visualisation

Stage 3
Artificial intelligence



Chess Broadcast VR Studio



Chess Education & AI

05 · FINANCE

Preliminary event budget

The organiser provides the venues, media and hospitality areas, transport between the airport, hotels and venues, accommodation and meals for delegates and participants, as well as the FIDE Congress.

Obligations to FIDE — €7.3M, above the regulatory minimum (€6.4M, Art. 6.5).

Costs are covered by state funding, the Astana city budget, sponsorship.

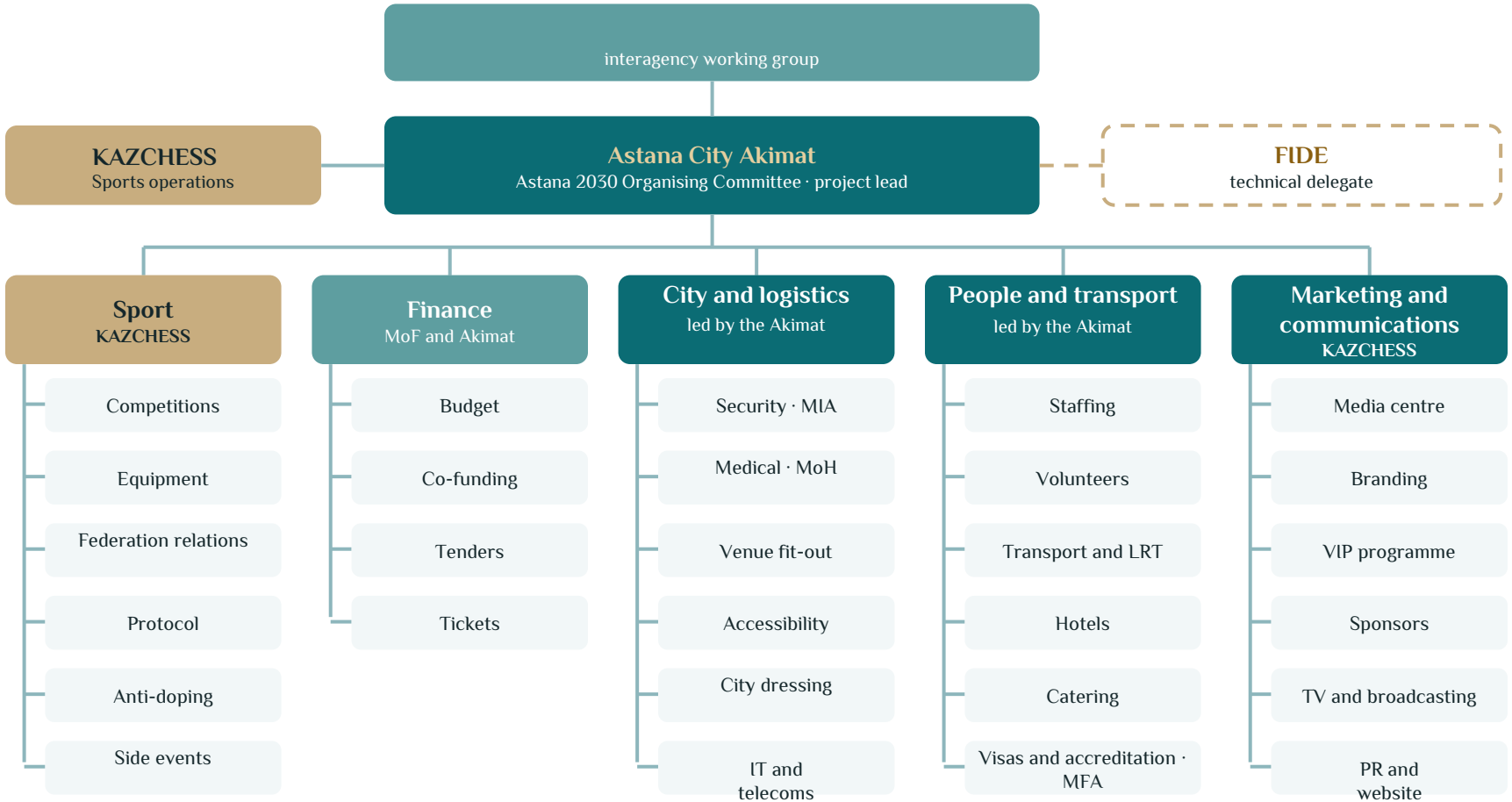
Obligations to FIDE	EUR
FIDE fee (bid guarantee)	300,000
Internet and commercial rights	1,750,000
Travel grants for delegations	3,750,000
Travel and fees for arbiters and officials	1,500,000
Total	**7,300,000**

Organiser's budget	EUR
Venues	4,500,000
Olympiad for People with Disabilities	2,400,000
Excursion programme	1,000,000
Transport	600,000
Accommodation	1,800,000
Marketing	2,400,000
Total	**12,700,000**

Total budget **€20,000,000**

06 · GOVERNANCE

Astana 2030 Organising Committee



Akimat-based Organising Committee

The Astana Akimat leads the Organising Committee and is responsible for the city. KazChess runs the sports side; state bodies are involved through the Government working group.

Akimat's area of responsibility

- Transport, LRT and shuttles
- Security and medical services with the MIA and MoH
- Accommodation and hotel quotas
- Volunteers and city staff
- City dressing and festival

- Astana Akimat
- KAZCHESS
- Government and state bodies

06 · GOVERNANCE

Roadmap 2027–2030

Kaz Chess

2027

Concept and guarantees

Bid, letters of support, financial guarantees

2028

Planning

Organising Committee and first FIDE inspection — 24 months out

2029

Preparation

Invitations to federations — 12 months out

2030

Delivery and reporting

Olympiad, Congress, final report

With a 8 August 2030 start, the Organising Committee and first inspection are needed by August 2028

Astana 2030 — an invitation to the world

- Capital
- Chess expertise
- Infrastructure
- Hospitality
- A trusted partner to FIDE

Astana welcomes the chess world in 2030

«ҚАЗАҚСТАНДЫҚ ШАХМАТ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯСЫ»
РЕСПУБЛИКАЛЫҚ ҚОҒАМДЫҚ БІРЛЕСТІГІ
РЕСПУБЛИКАНСКОЕ ОБЩЕСТВЕННОЕ ОБЪЕДИНЕНИЕ
«КАЗАХСТАНСКАЯ ФЕДЕРАЦИЯ ШАХМАТ»

To: The FIDE General Assembly and the FIDE Council

Subject: Official Bid of Kazakhstan Chess Federation to Host the 2030 FIDE Chess Olympiad

Dear Members of the FIDE Council, Distinguished Delegates of the FIDE General Assembly,

On behalf of Kazakhstan Chess Federation, I have the honor to formally submit Kazakhstan's bid to host the 48th FIDE Chess Olympiad, the FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities, and the FIDE Congress in Astana in 2030.

Over the past three years, chess in Kazakhstan has undergone significant development. **This progress has been made possible thanks to the personal support of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, and the sponsorship provided by Freedom Holding Corp. as a private investor**.

In 2023, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan approved the Comprehensive Chess Development Plan for 2023–2027. Since then, the Federation has established regional branches in all 20 regions of the country, while the number of chess tournaments has increased from 1,538 in 2023 to 5,500 in 2025. Chess is now taught in more than 2,500 schools, reaching over 133,000 primary school students, with nearly 40% of participating schools located in rural areas.

These efforts have delivered tangible results. Between 2023 and 2025, Kazakhstani chess players won 448 medals at international competitions, including 162 medals in 2025 alone. Our women's national team won silver medals at two consecutive Chess Olympiads, in Budapest *(2024)* and Samarkand *(2026)*.

Kazakhstan has also established itself as a reliable host of major FIDE events. We have organized the World Chess Championship Match in Astana *(2023)*, the World Rapid and Blitz Team Championships in Astana *(2024)*, the World Cadet Chess Championships in Almaty, which brought together 842 participants from 88 countries *(2025)*, the 2nd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities in Astana *(2025)*, and the inaugural FIDE World University Team Chess Championship in Almaty *(2026)*.

Behind these achievements stands a strong organizational structure. Today, Kazakhstan Chess Federation has a professional team of 100 staff members and a nationwide network of regional branches. **The Federation's annual budget amounts to approximately USD 12 million, providing a solid financial foundation for the implementation of its programs and the organization of major international events**. Our events are also supported by an extensive community of volunteers with experience in organizing international tournaments.

Over the past several years, we have developed substantial in-house organizational expertise and established effective mechanisms for cooperation with government authorities and international sports organizations. This enables us to prepare and deliver major international events in full compliance with FIDE requirements.

We are confident that Astana has the necessary infrastructure and organizational capacity to successfully host the 2030 Chess Olympiad. The Federation's experience in organizing major international competitions, together with government support, provides a solid foundation for the successful implementation of this ambitious project.

By submitting this bid, Kazakhstan Chess Federation confirms its commitment to comply with all applicable FIDE regulations and rules.

We are ready to ensure all necessary organizational arrangements for hosting the 48th FIDE Chess Olympiad, the FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities, and the FIDE Congress in Astana in 2030 at the highest international standard.

We hereby formally submit Kazakhstan's candidacy for consideration by the FIDE Council and the FIDE General Assembly and look forward to the opportunity to welcome the global chess community to Astana in 2030.

In accordance with our formal bid, and taking into account the readiness of the Republic of Kazakhstan to provide the necessary support, as well as the financial commitments confirmed by the official partner of Kazakhstan Chess Federation, Freedom Holding Corp., we officially guarantee a minimum budget of EUR 20 million for the organization and staging of the 2030 FIDE Chess Olympiad.

Yours sincerely,



Gulmira Dauletova

Executive Director
Kazakhstan Chess Fed

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Subject: Letter of Support and Intent Regarding the 2030 Chess Olympiad in Kazakhstan

Dear Members of the FIDE Council and Representatives of Kazakhstan Chess Federation,

Freedom Holding Corp. is an international financial technology group operating in **24 countries** worldwide. The Holding provides a wide range of financial services, including banking and brokerage services, while also developing its insurance business and digital products. **Since 2019**, shares of Freedom Holding Corp. have been traded on the **NASDAQ** stock exchange under the ticker symbol FRHC. **The Holding's market capitalization exceeds USD 10 billion**.

Freedom Holding Corp. places great importance on sustainable development and corporate social responsibility *(ESG)*. We firmly believe that contributing to society is an essential part of a successful business. This is why supporting socially significant initiatives holds a special place in the Holding's long-term strategy.

Chess development is one of our key priorities in this area. **Since 2022, Freedom Holding Corp. has consistently invested in chess projects, and since 2023, it has served as a strategic partner and sponsor of Kazakhstan Chess Federation**. With the Holding's support, programs aimed at developing children's and youth chess are being implemented, international competitions are organized, and opportunities are created for talented players to advance their professional careers.

Freedom Holding Corp. also serves as a partner and sponsor of international chess competitions held under the auspices of the International Chess Federation *(FIDE)*. In recent years, the Holding has supported about 15 major international tournaments, including the 2023 World Chess Championship Match in Astana and the 2024 World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships in New York.

Our total investment in chess development has amounted to approximately USD 75 million.

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Our extensive experience of cooperation with FIDE and Kazakhstan Chess Federation allows us to fully appreciate the significance of Kazakhstan's initiative to host the 2030 Chess Olympiad in Astana.

Freedom Holding Corp. fully supports Kazakhstan's bid to host this prestigious international event.We recognize the scale of the upcoming Olympiad, which will bring together representatives of national chess federations from around the world. The initiative also includes plans to host the FIDE Congress and the FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities.

Freedom Holding Corp. hereby confirms its readiness to serve as an official partner of Kazakhstan Chess Federation and the aforementioned events. The Holding is also prepared to provide sponsorship support to help secure the necessary budget and ensure the successful organization of the 2030 Chess Olympiad, in close cooperation with the relevant government authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

We are confident that hosting the Chess Olympiad in Astana will be a significant event for the international chess community and will provide additional momentum for the development of chess in Kazakhstan.

Freedom Holding Corp. confirms its commitment to actively participating in the preparation and implementation of this project and looks forward to continued productive cooperation with FIDE and Kazakhstan Chess Federation.

Yours sincerely,



Baglana Mussina

Chief Sustainability and External Affairs Officer
Freedom Holding Corp.

APPENDIX 3

FIDE Chess Olympiad, Olympiad for Players with Disabilities and Congress 2030

Bidding Form

(shall be submitted within **eight** weeks from the beginning of the bidding procedure to the office@fide.com)

REQUIRED INFORMATION		
Organiser	**Company** Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KazChess), with the support of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Astana City Akimat	**Full Name** Republican Public Association "Kazakhstan Chess Federation", represented by Executive Director Dauletova Gulmira Bekzatovna acting on the basis of the Charter and Power of Attorney of the President of the Federation №47 from November 18, 2025
Federation	Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KazChess) — FIDE member federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan	
Contact	**Email** director@kazchess.kz	**Phone** +7 777 832 2288 Gulmira Dauletova

FIDE Chess Olympiad 2030 technical information	
Preliminary dates	**7 – 21 August 2030** 7 August — arrival · 8 August, 20:00 — opening ceremony at Barys Arena · 9–14 and 16–20 August — 11 rounds · 15 August — rest day · 20 August — closing ceremony · 21 August — departure
Planned overall budget, €	**20,000,000.00 Euro**
Name and address of the indicative playing venue, including the expo area	**EXPO International Exhibition Centre** EXPO complex (QazExpoCongress), 55/13 Mangilik El Ave., Astana 010000, Republic of Kazakhstan
Playing venue surface available for the event, m^2	**68,000+ m²** of exhibition and congress space in the EXPO complex EXPO Exhibition Centre — building area 23,200 m² · EXPO Congress Centre — building area 43,200 m² · Hilton Astana conference halls — 2,202 m² · underground parking for 3,000 cars
Playing area surface, m^2	**11,770 m²** — column-free exhibition hall, 170 × 70 m, ceiling height 12 m
Names, category and address of the indicative official hotels	

Official hotel	Category	Rooms
Hilton Astana (EXPO complex)	5★	278
Sheraton Astana Hotel	5★	287
SAAD Hotel Astana	5★	241
Rixos President Astana	5★	184
Radisson Hotel Astana	5★	181
The Ritz-Carlton Astana	5★	157
Beijing Palace Soluxe Hotel	5★	151
The St. Regis Astana	5★	120
The Veil	5★	47
Tor're Astana, Trademark Collection	4★	368
Hilton Garden Inn Astana	4★	248

	Park Inn by Radisson Astana — 4★ — 248 Wyndham Garden Astana — 4★ — 186 Comfort Hotel Astana — 4★ — 156 Martial Arts Palace hotel complex — 4★ — 150 Best Western Plus Astana — 4★ — 136 Hampton by Hilton Astana Triumphal — 4★ — 114 Ramada by Wyndham Astana — 4★ — 82 Holiday Inn Express Astana Turan (arbiters) — 3★ — 232 Ibis Astana (arbiters) — 3★ — 224 **Total · 20 official hotels** — **3–5★** — **3,790**
Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available	**3,790 rooms** in 20 official hotels: 5★ — 1,646 (9 hotels) · 4★ — 1,688 (9 hotels) · 3★ — 456 (2 hotels)
Distance from the main airport to the official hotels, km	**≈12 km** from Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ) to the EXPO complex and Hilton Astana — about 18 min by car; LRT from the Airport station (Terminal T2) to University station (EXPO) — 15–20 min, every 5–6 min. **≈15–22 km** to the city-centre (Left Bank) and Right Bank official hotels — 20–30 min by car. Fast Track for security screening and border control for all accredited participants.
Distance from the playing venue to the official hotels, km	**Hilton Astana — ≈200 m** (3 min walk) Hilton Garden Inn Astana — 2.9 km · Left Bank city-centre hotels — 3–7 km (10–15 min) · Right Bank hotels — 8–12 km (15–25 min) Dedicated shuttle buses between all official hotels and the venue;
Olympiad for Players with Disabilities 2030* technical information	
Dates	**24 July – 5 August 2030** 24 July — arrival · 25 July — opening · 26 July – 4 August — 9 rounds, 30 July — rest day · 4 August — closing · 5 August — departure. Ends before the arrival for the Chess Olympiad (7 August), so hotels and staff are reused.
Planned budget, €	**2,000,000.00 Euro**
Name and address of the indicative playing venue	**Hilton Astana (5★) conference centre, with the adjacent EXPO Congress Centre** 14 Heydar Aliyev St., EXPO complex, Astana. All playing, accommodation and adjacent venues are step-free and accessible.
Playing venue surface available for the event, m^2	Hilton Astana — conference halls 2,202 m², incl. ballroom 780 m² EXPO Congress Centre (free before the FIDE Congress) — main hall 3,000 m², 8 halls of 170–688 m², lobby 2,300 m²
Playing area surface, m^2	**3,200 m²**
Distance between the Competition for Players with Physical Disabilities playing venue and the Main Competition playing venue	**≈0.2–0.4 km** — 3–5 min walk
Names and address of the indicative official hotels	Hilton Astana (5★, 278 rooms) — 14 Heydar Aliyev St., at the venue Hilton Garden Inn Astana (4★, 248 rooms) — 15 Kabanbay Batyr Ave., 2.9 km Other official 5★/4★ hotels as required (see the Olympiad list)

Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available	**526 rooms** in the two Hilton hotels; the full official pool of 3,790 rooms is available, as the event ends before the Olympiad arrivals
Distance from the main airport to the official hotels	**≈12 km** from Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ) to the EXPO complex and Hilton Astana — about 18 min by car; LRT from the Airport station (Terminal T2) to University station (EXPO) — 15–20 min, every 5–6 min. **≈15–22 km** to the city-centre (Left Bank) and Right Bank official hotels — 20–30 min by car. Fast Track for security screening and border control for all accredited participants.

* The Regulations for the Event shall be adopted in due course, but the following parametres should be considered for the application:
- the minimum 8-10m2 for on player in the playing venue to be provided, all playing, accommodation and adherent venues shall be accessible for players with disabilities;
- appropriate transportation services for people with disabilities shall be provided;
- the tournament consists of at least 9 rounds and 1 day off;
- the Organizer's staff must be proficient in dealing with players with disabilities.

Congress 2030 technical information

Dates	**15 – 20 August 2030** General Assembly, FIDE Council, commissions and zonal meetings — dates to be agreed with FIDE
Overall planned budget, €	**500,000.00 Euro**
Name and address of the indicative Congress venue	**EXPO Congress Centre** EXPO complex (QazExpoCongress), 55/13 Mangilik El Ave., Astana 010000, Republic of Kazakhstan
Congress, meeting and office rooms available for the event, number and m^2	**Location** / **Area** / **Seats** Main hall (General Assembly) — 3,000 m² — 2,102 8 conference halls (Council, commissions) — 170–688 m² each — — Lobby (registration, Chess EXPO) — 2,300 m² — — Hilton Astana halls incl. ballroom — 2,202 m² — —
Distance between the Congress venue and the official hotels for Congress participants	**Hilton Astana — ≈200 m** (3 min walk) Hilton Garden Inn Astana — 2.9 km · city-centre hotels — 3–7 km
Names and address of the indicative official hotels	Hilton Astana (5★) — 14 Heydar Aliyev St., EXPO complex — headquarters hotel for the FIDE leadership and Congress participants The Ritz-Carlton, The St. Regis, Rixos President, Sheraton, SAAD (5★); Hilton Garden Inn — 15 Kabanbay Batyr Ave. — and other 4★ official hotels
Total number of hotel rooms (single, twin and superior) available	**3,790 rooms** in 20 official hotels (shared with the Chess Olympiad), incl. 1,646 rooms in 5★ hotels
Distance from the main airport to the official hotels	**≈12 km** from Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ) to the EXPO complex and Hilton Astana — about 18 min by car; LRT from the Airport station (Terminal T2) to University station (EXPO) — 15–20 min, every 5–6 min. **≈15–22 km** to the city-centre (Left Bank) and Right Bank official hotels — 20–30 min by car. Fast Track for security screening and border control for all accredited participants.

Congress Regulations are available at
https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/FIDECongressRegulations
Detailed technical requirements for Congress available at Applicant's request

Overall financial proposal	
Planned overall budget for all Events, €	**20,000,000.00 Euro**
Proposed budget for the financial obligations set in art.6.5. of Olympiad Regulations:	**7,300,000.00 Euro**
FIDE contribution, charge for internet rights and commercial rights for all events - minimum proposal - one million and five hundred thousand (1,500,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.	**1,750,000.00 Euro**
FIDE contribution to cover full/partial travelling grants of the participating delegations (players, captains, FIDE Congress participants), FIDE organisational team and staff of all events - minimum proposal - three million and two hundred fifty thousand (3,250,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.	**3,750,000.00 Euro**
FIDE contribution to cover full travel expenses and stipends to all Principals, arbiters, fair-play specialists of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, the Olympiad for Players with Disabilities - minimum proposal - one million five hundred thousand (1,500,000) net of any applicable local taxes.	**1,500,000.00 Euro**
Additional financial, organizational etc. proposals from the Applicant (e.g. application for organizing other FIDE events, etc.)	**300,000.00 Euro**

ORGANISER'S OBLIGATIONS

Submitting this bidding form to the FIDE General Assembly/Council the Organiser declares to be aware of the requirements listed below and confirms commitment to fulfil them.

The Organiser undertakes to fulfil all the financial and organisational requirements specified in the relative tournament regulations for the Events, as well as financial and other requirements specified in the FIDE Recommendations for organisation of FIDE Top-Level events and in the relevant regulations for the FIDE Congress as well in any other applicable FIDE Regulations.
The Organiser undertakes to provide with its country's visa support and other necessary travelling arrangements to all participants without any exception.
The Organiser hereby confirms its commitment to respect the rights of the FIDE partners and sponsors, including broadcasting partners

Signature/stamp	**Place/Date**
Gulmira Dauletova, Executive Director, Kazakhstan Chess Federation	Astana, 13.11.2026



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International Chess Federation FIDE

Distinguished Members of the FIDE Council,

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan has a long and successful record of hosting major international sporting events and possesses the infrastructure required to stage events of global significance.

In recent years, our country has hosted the 7th Asian Winter Games, the Winter Universiade, the 5th World Nomad Games in 2024, and numerous World and Asian Championships across a wide range of sports. In 2028, Kazakhstan's capital will host the UEFA Super Cup. Hosting these events has enabled the country to build considerable organizational expertise and demonstrate its ability to stage sporting competitions at the highest level.

Chess holds a special place in Kazakhstan's sporting life, and the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, attaches great importance to its development. With the support of the state and the Kazakhstan Chess Federation, the country continues to broaden access to chess, strengthen player development and support competitions at all levels.

Kazakhstan has hosted a series of prestigious chess events in recent years. These include the 2022 World Rapid and Blitz Championships, the 2023 World Chess Championship Match, the 2024 World Rapid and Blitz Team Championships, the 2025 World Cadet Chess Championships, and the 2nd Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities, held in Astana in 2025.

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Today, the Kazakhstan Chess Federation is among the country's most dynamic national sports federations, and our players consistently achieve excellent results on the international stage. In 2025 alone, they won more than 160 medals in international competitions, including 63 gold medals. In 2026, Kazakhstan's women's national team won silver at the Chess Olympiad for the second time.

Hosting the **2030 Chess Olympiad in Astana** would mark a natural continuation of Kazakhstan's national policy to develop sport and strengthen the country's international sporting reputation. We are confident that an event of this stature would give fresh impetus to the promotion of chess, particularly among children and young people, while further advancing international cooperation in sport.

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan fully supports the bid to host the 2030 Chess Olympiad in Astana and stands ready to provide the necessary assistance in preparing for and staging the event to the highest standard.

We firmly believe that Kazakhstan's extensive experience, the capital's modern infrastructure and comprehensive state support will enable the country to host the 2030 Chess Olympiad in full accordance with FIDE's high standards.

Yours sincerely,

Yerbol Myrzabossynov
Minister of Tourism and Sports
of the Republic of Kazakhstan