



Regulations for the FIDE World Cup 2027

1. Scope

1. 1. The FIDE World Cup 2027 (hereinafter referred to as World Cup) shall be organised in the fourth quarter of 2027.

1. 2. The governing body is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing Regulations, communicating with the participants and the Organiser, conducting inspections.

1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council (upon GSC's recommendations).

1. 5. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. Qualification

2. 1. 224 players shall take part in World Cup. Players shall qualify for World Cup by the following paths:

I. Winner, runner-up and 2 other semi-finalists of the FIDE World Cup 2025 – 4 players.

II. Winner of the FIDE World Championship Match 2026 – 1 player.

III. Winner of the FIDE World Junior U20 Championship 2026 – 1 player.

IV. Winner of the FIDE World Senior O50 Championship 2026 – 1 player.

V. Winner of the Total Chess Pilot 2026 – 1 player.

VI. Winner of the FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2027 – 1 player.

VII. Top finishers of the FIDE Grand Swiss 2027 – 4 players.

VIII. Qualifiers from the Continental events (see [Appendix 2](#)) – 91 players.

VIII.1. For the purpose of distribution of ninety-one Continental spots the following system shall apply:

a. 28 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each of 4 Continents is granted 7 spots;

b. 8 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 8 juniors in the January 2026 FIDE standard rating list.

Africa: 0
Americas: 0
Asia: 6
Europe: 2

c. 55 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 55 players in the January 2026 FIDE standard rating list.

Africa: 0
Americas: 7
Asia: 26
Europe: 22

SPOTS	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe
Granted	7	7	7	7

Number in Top 8 Juniors	0	0	6	2
Number in Top 55 Players	0	7	26	22
TOTAL	7	14	39	31

VIII.2. The Continental events may be the following:

- a. Continental Championships and Zonals 2026
- b. Continental Championships and Zonals 2027

In Zonal Tournaments a player shall score at least 50% of the maximum possible score in order to be eligible; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.

All the Continental events shall be completed by 1 June 2027.

IX. Leaders of the FIDE Circuit 2026-27 as at 1 June 2027 – 6 players, who have not qualified by any path from I to VIII.

X. Highest rated players in the July 2027 FIDE standard rating list - 8 players, who have not qualified by any path from I to IX.

If the ratings are equal then the total number of rated games in the 7 FIDE standard rating lists from January to July 2027 shall be decisive: the player who has played more games qualifies. If the numbers of games are equal, a drawing of lots shall decide.

A player who appears inactive (according to Article 7.2.2 of [the FIDE Rating Regulations](#)) at least once in the 7 FIDE standard rating lists from January to July 2027 shall not be eligible.

XI. 100 players shall be determined according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2026 Open section.

The top 100 national federations are given one qualification spot (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad spot). If any federation is represented by 2 or more teams, it cannot get more than one Olympiad spot. Not more than 40 federations per Continent may get Olympiad spots. If there are more than forty federations from the same Continent in top 100 of the Final Ranking, Olympiad spot(s) shall go to the next federation(s) in the Final Ranking.

Each Continent has the right to transfer up to 50 % of the eventual respective Continent's Olympiad spots to Continental events (see [Article 2.1.VII](#)). Such a decision is to be announced by 1 September 2026. If this decision is taken, the remaining Continent's Olympiad spots shall be given to the best federations representing the respective Continent according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2026 Open section.

It is the responsibility of each National Federation to produce criteria for how its representative is to be determined, however the representative must be one of their team members from the Chess Olympiad 2026 unless they have all already qualified to the World Cup via other paths or decline participation.

All the Olympiad spots are to be decided and announced by the federations between 1 and 15 July 2027. If a federation is unable to nominate a player, the FIDE President shall decide how the respective spot is allocated.

XII. Nominees of the FIDE President – 4 players.

XIII. Nominees of the Organiser – 2 players.

2. 2. Players who have already qualified shall be discounted when determining the qualification places at subsequent qualifiers.

2. 3. Replacement players, e.g. in the case [Articles 3.3 and 3.4](#), shall be determined as follows:

- a. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. I, II and X](#) shall be replaced using the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path X](#).
- b. The reigning Women's World Champion (see [Article 2.1.VI](#)) shall be replaced by the highest rated women in the July 2027 FIDE Women standard rating list.
If the latest declines to participate, the replacement shall be made according to the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path X](#).
- c. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. III, IV, V, VII and VIII](#) shall be replaced from their respective events.
In Zonal Tournaments, a replacement player shall have scored at least 50% of the maximum possible score. Otherwise, the vacant spot(s) shall be allocated to the next respective Continental Championship. If there is no further Continental Championship in the current cycle, the spot(s) shall be allocated to the last respective Continental Championship.

3. Confirmation of Participation

- 3. 1.** The list of qualified players and a standard player's contract shall be published on the FIDE website same time.
- 3. 2.** Each player shall receive his/her contract by email. He/she may also download his/her contract from the FIDE website. Each player shall sign and send his/her contract to the FIDE Office by the registered email by the announced deadline. A player may be expected to sign additional contracts between them and the Organiser.
- 3. 3.** A player who does not submit his/her contract within the deadline shall be replaced according to [Article 2.3](#). FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons FIDE President considers to be admissible. Players qualified as replacements shall have one week from the date their invitation was sent to return their signed contracts.
- 3. 4.** A player who signs his/her contract but withdraws afterwards shall be replaced as described in [Article 2.3](#).
- 3. 5.** A player who fails to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after he/she has signed the player's contract, may be sanctioned by FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission.

4. Technical Regulations

4. 1. Stage I. Pools

4. 1. 1. Format

All players shall be divided by GSC into 4 pools, 56 players each, of approximately the same strength.

Pools shall be allocated using the serpentine method based on the starting players' ranking list, as determined by their standard ratings on the day of the Opening Ceremony (see [Article 4.4](#)):

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
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224	223	222	221

4. 1. 2. System

4. 1. 2. 1. Each pool shall play a 9-round Swiss tournament.

4. 1. 2. 2. Pairings shall be done according to [the Dutch pairing system for Swiss events](#) (FIDE Handbook C.04.3).

4. 1. 3. Time Control and Default Time

4. 1. 3. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 1. 3. 2. The time control for each game shall be: 45 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 1. 3. 3. A player who arrives in the playing area after the actual start time of his/her game shall have five hundred (500) USD deducted from his/her prize money. A player who arrives in the playing area more than 15 minutes after the actual start time of his/her game shall lose his/her game by default, but without financial penalty.

4. 1. 4. Draw by Mutual Agreement

The players cannot draw a game by mutual agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only through the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy in case of threefold repetition (Article 9.2 of the [FIDE Laws of Chess](#), FIDE Handbook E.01) or a stalemate.

4. 1. 5. Qualification for Stage II.

4. 1. 5. 1. Four top finishers of each pool shall qualify for Stage II.

4. 1. 5. 2. If two or more players score the same points, the tie shall be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1;
- b) Buchholz;
- c) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (ARO-C1)*;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

* All byes are cut from the calculation of ARO-C1. If a player has one or more byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of ARO-C1.

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in [the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations](#) (FIDE Handbook C.07).

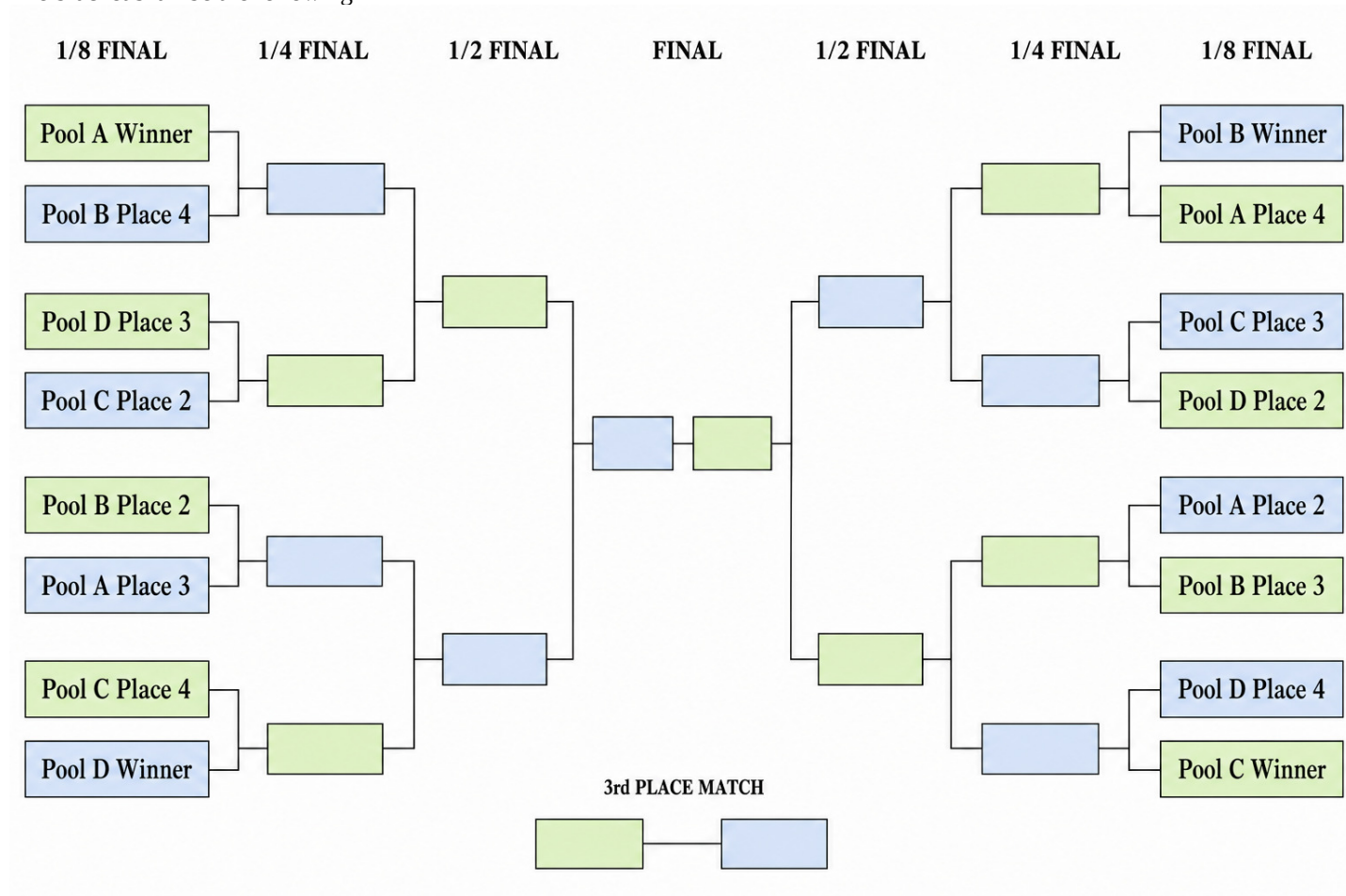
4. 2. Stage II. Knock-Out

4. 2. 1. Format

Knock-out tournament, 4 rounds. 16 players qualified from Stage I. All rounds shall be played with 2-game matches.

4. 2. 2. Bracket

The bracket shall be the following



4. 2. 3. Drawing of Colours

4. 2. 3. 1. The draw of colours for Round 1 shall be made immediately after all participants are known. It shall determine whether players highlighted in green or blue in the bracket in [Article 4.2.2](#) shall have white in the first game of each match throughout Stage II. The colour for the second game of each match shall be alternated.

4. 2. 3. 2. The draw of colours for tie-breaks is described in [Article 4.2.7](#).

4. 2. 4. Time Control and Default Time

4. 2. 4. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 2. 4. 2. The time control for each game shall be: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 2. 4. 3. A player who arrives in the playing area after the actual start time of his/her game shall have five hundred (500) USD deducted from his/her prize money. A player who arrives in the playing area more than 15 minutes after the actual start time of his/her game shall lose his/her game by default, but without financial penalty.

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4. 2. 6. Conditions of Victory and Qualification to the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2028

4. 2. 6. 1. In any match, the first player to score more points than his/her opponent in the two standard games shall be the winner of the match. If the scores are level a tie shall be broken according to [Article 4.2.7](#).

4. 2. 6. 2. Two players who finish 1st and 2nd shall qualify to the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2028.

If any of these three players has already qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2028 at the moment of the beginning of World Cup via another qualification path, the unallocated spot(s) shall be awarded, to another path determined by the Regulations for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2028 and "[FIDE Candidates Tournament 2028: Qualification Paths](#)" (FIDE Handbook D.01.06.1).

4. 2. 7. Tie-Breaks

4. 2. 7. 1. If the score is level after the two regular games, after a new drawing of colours done immediately after Game 2, two games shall be played with time control of 15 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

4. 2. 7. 2. If the score is level after the games in [Article 4.2.7.1](#), then after a new drawing of colours, 2 games shall be played with time control of 5 minutes for each player + 3 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

4. 2. 7. 3. If the score is level after the games in [Article 4.2.7.2](#), then after a new drawing of colours, 2 games shall be played with time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

4. 2. 7. 4. If the score is level after the games in [Article 4.2.7.3](#), then one sudden death game shall be played. The sudden death game shall be the following:

- White shall have 4 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
- Both players shall submit a time bid – specifying how much starting time they are willing to play with as Black, also with a 2-second increment per move, starting from move 1. A bid cannot be more than 4 minutes. The player who submits the lowest time wins the bid and plays with Black. If the players make exactly the same bid, Black starts with that amount of time; a drawing of lots shall determine the colours.
- If the sudden death game is drawn, Black will win the match.

4. 3. Prizes

4. 3. 1. Distribution of prizes in USD:

Stage	Place	Prize	Sum of Prizes per Round
Stage I. Pools	41 st – 56 th places	4,000	256,000
	31 st – 40 th places	5,000	200,000
	26 th – 30 th places	6,000	120,000
	21 st – 25 th places	8,000	160,000
	16 th – 20 th places	10,000	200,000
	11 th – 15 th places	12,000	240,000

	10 th place	14,000	56,000
	9 th place	15,000	60,000
	8 th place	16,000	64,000
	7 th place	18,000	72,000
	6 th place	20,000	80,000
	5 th place	23,000	92,000
Stage II. KO	1/8 Final	28,000	224,000
	Quarter Finals	36,000	144,000
	4 th place	52,000	52,000
	3 rd place	70,000	70,000
	Runner-up	90,000	90,000
	Winner	120,000	120,000
TOTAL			2,300,000

4. 3. 2. The prize money is free of local or any other taxes.

4. 3. 3. In Stage I, all prize money is divided equally among all players with the same score who did not qualify for Stage II.

4. 3. 4. The prize money shall be paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. Within 30 working days after completion of the event and receiving player's bank details, FIDE shall transfer players' prize money to his/her bank account.

4. 3. 5. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council shall decide upon paying out his/her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

4. 4. Schedule

Date	Event	Rounds	Time
DAY 1	Arrivals		Whole Day
DAY 2	Opening Ceremony		TBD
DAY 3	Stage I. Pools	Round 1	2:00 pm
		Round 2	6:00 pm
DAY 4		Round 3	2:00 pm
		Round 4	6:00 pm
DAY 5		Round 5	2:00 pm
DAY 6		Round 6	2:00 pm
		Round 7	6:00 pm
DAY 7		Round 8	2:00 pm
		Round 9	6:00 pm
DAY 8	Free Day		
DAY 9	1/8 Finals	Game 1	2:00 pm
DAY 10		Game 2	2:00 pm
DAY 11		Tie-Breaks	2:00 pm
DAY 12	Quarter Finals	Game 1	2:00 pm
DAY 13		Game 2	2:00 pm
DAY 14		Tie-Breaks	2:00 pm
DAY 15	Free Day		
DAY 16	Semi Finals	Game 1	2:00 pm
DAY 17		Game 2	2:00 pm
DAY 18		Tie-Breaks	2:00 pm
DAY 19	Final & Match for 3 rd place	Game 1	2:00 pm
DAY 20		Game 2	2:00 pm
DAY 21		Tie-break & Closing Ceremony	TBD

DAY 22	Departures	Whole Day
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The schedule may be modified only upon approval of the FIDE President.

4. 5. Travel and Accommodation

4. 5. 1. All players shall pay their own cost of travel, accommodation and meals for the duration of their stay.

4. 5. 2. The Organiser shall offer accommodation options. For security and administrative reasons, all participants are recommended to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).

4. 6. Playing Venue

4. 6. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing venue and its environs meet the requirements of [the Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments](#) (FIDE Handbook C.01), amended by GSC if needed.

4. 6. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating federations.

4. 6. 3. The Organiser shall provide water, coffee, tea and soft drinks free of charge for the players and the FIDE principals.

4. 6. 4. The Organiser shall provide the Press Centre and VIP room with catering services according to the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 7. Playing Conditions

4. 7. 1. [The FIDE Fair Play Regulations](#) (FIDE Handbook A.09.1) and [The Fair Play Protection Measures for the Events Requiring Maximum Protection](#) (FIDE Handbook A.09.2.1.a) shall be applied.

4. 7. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. During a game a player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 7. 3. The players are not permitted to bring in the playing area a phone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 7. 4. While his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the Chief Arbiter may declare the current game lost by the player.

4. 7. 5. The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical Commission and host country requirements.

4. 7. 6. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE approved anti-doping protocol according to WADA requirements.

4. 7. 7. The tournament physician(s) shall be available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

4. 8. Scoresheets

4. 8. 1. The Organiser shall provide scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

4. 8. 2. At the end of each game the players' original scoresheets shall be submitted to the Chief Arbiter, who shall hand them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets shall be penalised according to [Article 12.9 of the FIDE Laws of Chess](#) (FIDE Handbook E.01). After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter shall countersign those to confirm the results.

4. 9. Players Conduct

4. 9. 1. The dress code is strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

4. 9. 1. 1. Clothing allowed for men:

- Suit

- Dark business casual trousers, including classic, non-distressed jeans (blue, black, and grey)
- Unicoloured shirt (with minor deviations allowed, e.g. chequered or striped)
- Dress shoes and loafers with closed toes
- Unicoloured sneakers (soles can be a different colour)

4.9.1.2. Clothing allowed for women:

- Skirt suit, pantsuit, dress suit
- Dress
- Dark business casual trousers, including classic, non-distressed jeans (dark blue, black and grey)
- Shirt/blouse
- Dress shoes and loafers
- Unicoloured sneakers (soles can be a different colour)

4.9.1.3. The clothes and shoes shall be neat and free of offensive slogans, tears, or rips.

4.9.1.4. No players with t-shirts, shorts, baseball caps or inappropriate dress are allowed in the playing venue.

4.9.1.5. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress shall be approved by GSC.

4.9.2. The players are recommended to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

4.9.3. The players are expected to be present at all official functions approved by GSC during the event including the Opening Ceremony and official receptions.

4.9.4. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game.

4.9.5. The players shall be available for the daily press conference.

4.9.6. The finalists and the participants of the Match for 3rd place are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

4.9.7. The winner is obliged to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website, if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.

4.9.8. The players shall strictly abide by all medical regulations approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser. The players shall be aware that the regulations are subject to change and at short notice. FIDE shall inform players about any changes as quickly as possible.

4.9.9. If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 4.9.1, 4.9.4 – 4.9.8](#), he/she can be penalised by FIDE Council as follows: 5% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event.

4.9.10. If a player undermines the reputation of FIDE, the World Cup Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, he/she shall be penalised in accordance with [the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code](#) (FIDE Handbook A.08).

4.10. Principals

- FIDE President;
- FIDE Deputy President/FIDE CEO;
- Chief Arbiter;
- Deputy Chief Arbiter;
- Chief Fair-Play Officer;
- Two Pairing Officers;
- Technical Delegate – Chairman of the Appeals Committee and 2 other Members;
- Press Officer;
- Representative of the FIDE Medical Commission (if needed);
- GSC Member (if needed).

4.11. Arbiters and Fair-Play Officers

4.11.1. Upon the proposal of the FIDE Arbiters Commission (ARB), the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter, Pairings Officers and match arbiters shall be appointed in accordance with [the Regulations for the appointments of Arbiters in World Events](#) (FIDE

Handbook B.06.04). There shall be at least 1 Match Arbiter per 3 participating teams. At least 25% of the Match Arbiters shall be female. These appointments shall be approved by FIDE President.

4. 11. 2. Eight Match Arbiters are required for Stage I; two Match Arbiters are required for 1/8 and ¼ finals.

4. 11. 3. At Stage II, as far as possible, in each match no Match Arbiter shall belong to the same federation as either of the players. Exception: if both players are members of the same federation, a Match Arbiter may also belong to this federation.

4. 11. 4. The Organiser shall appoint a necessary number of Assistant Arbiters to ensure the adequate supervision of all tie-break matches - 1 Arbiter per match.

4. 11. 5. During playing sessions either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy shall be present in the playing area.

4. 11. 6. Upon the proposal of the FIDE Fair Play Commission (FPL), four Fair-Play Officers shall be appointed in accordance with [FIDE FPL Appointment Regulations](#) (FIDE Handbook A.09.10). These appointments shall be approved by FIDE President.

4. 11. 7. Within 1 week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final result of each match and also a general description of the course of the event. If there are any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

4. 12. FIDE Technical Delegate

4. 12. 1. GSC shall nominate the FIDE Technical Delegate for approval by the FIDE President.

4. 12. 2. The FIDE Technical Delegate shall ensure that:

- a. the organisation meets the required FIDE standards;
- b. all the contractual obligations are fulfilled by the Organiser.

4. 12. 3. The Organiser shall implement the decisions of the FIDE Technical Delegate regarding issues mentioned in [Article 4.12.2](#).

4. 12. 4. Any decision of the FIDE Technical Delegate can be appealed only to the FIDE President.

4. 13. Appeals Committee

4. 13. 1. The Appeals Committee shall be appointed and act in accordance with the [Appeals Committee Procedural Rules](#) (FIDE Handbook, C11).

4. 13. 2. Two reserve members shall work remotely.

4. 13. 3. The Chairman of the Appeal Committee shall also fulfil duties of FIDE Technical Delegate (see [Article 4.12](#)).

4. 13. 4. All appeals shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 500 (five hundred) or the equivalent in local currency.

4. 14. Ceremonies

4. 14. 1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place on the day prior to Round 1.

4. 14. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate; such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

4. 14. 3. The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the day of the last round. FIDE trophy for the winner and FIDE medals – gold, silver, bronze, for the top 3 winners shall be provided by the Organiser. Design of the trophy and the medals shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

5. Media

5. 1. Website

The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: <http://worldcup2027.fide.com>. The Organiser shall warrant that <http://worldcup2027.fide.com> is managed in a professional way and

furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance shall be provided to GSC.

5. 2. Communications

5. 2. 1. All official written communications, in print or online form, as well as activities shall identify FIDE as the governing body of World Cup.

5. 2. 2. All official communications shall use the official name for the event, in full: FIDE World Cup 2027.

5. 2. 3. All pre-tournament public communications regarding World Cup (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE and the Organiser) shall be co-written and scheduled in coordination with the FIDE Head of PR.

5. 3. Press Officer Designated by FIDE

5. 3. 1. GSC shall appoint the Press Officer for World Cup. The Organiser shall co-operate with the Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide, and assists him/her to establish contacts with the local media.

5. 3. 2. All content shown at <http://worldcup2027.fide.com> shall be reviewed and approved by the Press Officer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on official domains, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to World Cup. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

5. 3. 3. The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Head of PR.

5. 3. 4. The Press Officer shall be a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during World Cup.

5. 4. Photography and Video

5. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Organiser (in cooperation with the Press Officer and the FIDE Head of PR) may work in the playing venue.

5. 4. 2. The Organiser shall provide FIDE with a copy of all the video footage filmed during the event. This includes a recording of the broadcast, interviews, press conferences, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This footage shall be provided in a physical support: DVD, flash drive, hard drive, etc. FIDE can make use of these materials as specified in [Chapter 7](#).

5. 4. 3. Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with [the FIDE Media Regulations](#) (FIDE Handbook, C09).

6. Financial Issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of World Cup. This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), work of the FIDE operational team (see [Article 6.2](#)), stipends (see [Article 6.3](#)), traveling expenses for the Principals (see [Article 6.4](#)) and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

6. 2. Expenses of the FIDE Operational Team

The Organiser shall cover all the expenses of the FIDE operational team involved in organisation of World Cup (traveling, accommodation, remuneration) up to one hundred thousand (100,000) USD. The detailed description of the team's functions shall be included in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE.

6. 3. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals, Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Officers of the event by the Organiser:

Principal	Stipend, euros	Number	Sum, euros
Chief Arbiter	5,100	1	5,100
Deputy Chief Arbiter	3,700	1	3,700
Pairing Officer (Stage I)	1,300	2	2,600
Match Arbiter (Stage I)	800	8	6,400
Match Arbiter (Stage I + 1/8 + 1/4)	1,500	2	3,000

Fair-Play Officer (Stage I)	1,200	3	3,600
Fair-play Officer	3,300	1	3,300
Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee	4,200	1	4,200
Member of the Appeals Committee	2,800	2	5,600
Press Officer	4,200	1	4,200
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission (3 days)	1,000	1	1,000
TOTAL		23	42,700

If, for any reason, a principal does not serve for the entire event, he/she shall be paid a pro rata portion of the stipend indicated above.

6. 4. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser's expense. If other travel conditions are not specified in the contract signed by the Organiser and FIDE, all other Principals shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses up to a maximum of one thousand one hundred (1,100) USD if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand seven hundred (1,700) USD if travelling from another continent.

6. 5. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel shall be offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard room in the same hotel shall be offered by the Organiser for each Principal. Alternatively, the Organiser may substitute full board with a daily allowance. The amount of the allowance shall be indicated in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE. Extra expenses shall be covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President.

6. 6. Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Officers

6. 6. 1. Foreign Match Arbiters and Fair-Play Officers shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses in economy class

- up to seven hundred (800) USD if travelling from the same Continent and the distance of the journey is 2,000 km or less;
- up to one thousand two hundred (1,400) USD if travelling from another continent.

6. 6. 2. Each match Arbiter and Fair Play Officer shall be provided by the Organiser full board accommodation in a minimum 3-star hotel. The hotel room provided shall be a twin room and shared with another match arbiter or Fair Play Officer.

6. 7. Local Transportation

Transfer from and to the airport shall be provided by the Organiser, if necessary. A sufficient number of cars shall be made available for Principals; their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided. The amount of the allowance shall be indicated in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE. Local transport shall also be provided for the players to official functions, if necessary.

6. 8. Personnel

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

6. 9. Broadcast

The Organiser shall produce a high-quality live video and games broadcast of World Cup with commentaries in English by at least two commentators. Commentaries in other languages may be arranged by the Organiser upon recommendations of GSC. All expenses related to the broadcast shall be covered by the Organiser. The Organiser is required to deliver broadcast feed(s) to FIDE and its broadcasting partners as per FIDE's obligations with FIDE's broadcasting partners.

6. 10. Medical Care

6. 10. 1. The Organiser shall cover the costs of treating acute illnesses including the cost of medicines, but not chronic ailments of the players and FIDE Principals.

6. 10. 2. The Organiser shall cover the costs related to the medical protocol (see [Article 4.7.5](#)).

6. 11. Anti-Doping Control

The Organiser shall cover the costs related to anti-doping testing (see [Article 4.7.6](#)) in accordance with the requirements of the anti-doping protocol.

6. 12. Fair-Play Measures

The Organiser shall cover the costs associated with implementing the fair-play regulations according to requirements of the FIDE Fair-Play Commission up to ten thousand (10,000) USD.

7. Commercial Issues

7. 1. FIDE retains all commercial and media rights of the event, including internet. These rights can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

7. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, belong to FIDE. These rights can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

7. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE shall provide to the Organiser the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be licensed by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 4. FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors.

7. 5. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (*e.g.* bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE Technical Delegate.

7. 6. The income from admission charges goes to the Organiser.

7. 7. The Organiser shall produce a detailed budget for the event, which shall be approved by GSC.

7. 8. No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

7. 9. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo shall be displayed in a dark blue colour on a white background. The text describing any event shall not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

The present Regulations are governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Switzerland. All disputes arising from or in relation to with the Regulations shall be submitted to CAS (art. 35.1 FIDE Charter). All disputes and claims arising from or in relation to the bidding procedure and obligations of the Organiser may also be submitted to the competent court of the City of Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, unless otherwise agreed in the contract with the Organiser.

APPENDIX 1

Useful Links

FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2023 – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>

APPENDIX 2

CONTINENTAL QUALIFYING EVENTS FOR WORLD CUP

1. Continental Championships and Zonal tournaments are qualifiers for World Cup.
2. The whole qualification process shall be conducted under Regulations developed by each Continent and approved by FIDE Council.
3. Each Continent is entitled to decide either Zonal tournaments shall be held or the entire Continental qualification quota shall go to the Continental Championships. If it is decided to have Zonal tournaments, then the number of qualification spots allocated for each Zone shall be approved by FIDE Council upon recommendations of each Continent.
4. The Continental Presidents shall be responsible for organisation of Continental Championships and the Zonal Presidents shall be responsible for organisation of Zonal tournaments in accordance with relative Regulations (see [Appendix 2 Article 3](#) above) and [the Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments](#) (FIDE Handbook C.01). In exceptional cases, an alternative Regulations proposal may be submitted to FIDE Council.