



Regulations for FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-2025

1. Scope
 1. 1. The governing Body of FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-2025 (hereinafter referred to as WGP Series) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
 1. 2. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing these Regulations, communicating with Organisers and participants.
 1. 3. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is FIDE Council (upon GSC's recommendations).
 1. 4. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered by these Regulations shall be referred to FIDE President for the final decision.
2. WGP Series Format
 2. 1. WGP Series shall consist of six Women's Grand Prix tournaments (hereinafter referred to as WGP tournaments) held over two years (2024-25).
 2. 2. Twenty players shall compete in WGP Series.
 2. 3. Each of the twenty players shall participate in three out of six WGP tournaments. After the final list of host cities is announced and the dates are determined for each of WGP tournaments, the players shall be proposed to rank their preferences for tournaments to play in. FIDE reserves the right to assign players to WGP tournaments based on the other criteria related to operational requirements. The players for each WGP tournament shall be announced at least two months before the start of the first WGP tournament.
 2. 4. Each WGP tournament shall be a ten-player round robin event (see [Article 5.1.](#)).
 2. 5. In each WGP tournament, every player scores WGP cumulative points according to her position in the final standings (see [Article 5.6.1.](#)).
 2. 6. The final standings of WGP Series shall be determined by number of cumulative points earned by each player in all three WGP tournaments she participated. In the case of two or more players having equal number of cumulative points, the following criteria (in descending order) shall be used to break the tie:
 - No. of actual game result points scored in the three WGP tournaments;
 - No. of 1st places (clear 1st place is higher than first-second tie; first-second tie is higher than first-third tie etc.);
 - No. of 2nd places (clear 2nd place is higher than second-third tie; second-third tie is higher than second-fourth tie etc.);
 - No. of wins;
 - Drawing of lots.

and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at any Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide, and assists him/her to establish contacts with the local media.

- 6.3.2 All content shown at <http://womensgrandprix.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 FIDE Head of PR prior to the WGP tournament. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.
 - 6.3.3 The Organiser shall warrant that <http://womensgrandprix.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.
 - 6.3.4 The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Head of PR.
 - 6.3.5 The Press Officer shall be a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during a WGP tournament.
- 6.4 Photography and video
- .4.1 Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Press Officer or the FIDE Head of PR may work in the playing venue.
 - .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 9](#).
 - .4.3 Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with [the FIDE Media Regulations](#) (FIDE Handbook, C09).
7. Selection of the Organisers for WGP Tournaments
- 7.1 The selection process for the Organisers starts in October 2023.
 - 7.2 Any federation member of FIDE or any organiser approved by the national federation may apply for organisation of a WGP Tournament.
 - 7.3 Each application shall contain the following
 - a. Proposed exact place and dates of the event.
 - b. Proposed tournament venue.
 - c. Proposed prize fund - minimum one hundred thousand (100,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes, which includes eighty thousand (80,000) euros for a WGP Tournament and twenty thousand (20,000) euros for the accumulated prize fund of WGP Series.
 - d. Proposed contribution to FIDE – minimum twenty thousand (20,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.

- e. Commitment to cover all financial obligations to FIDE, including the stipends, in accordance with these Regulations.
 - f. Commitment to cover all organisational costs, in accordance with these Regulations.
 - g. Invitation for at least one member (or representative) of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant from the non-refundable fee. (see Article 7. 4).
 - h. Applicant's name, signature and authentication.
 - i. Letters of support from the national federation and relevant local authorities.
7. 4. Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of two thousand (2,000) euros.
7. 5. Upon FIDE's selection of the Organiser of an event, a contract shall be signed between FIDE and the Organiser regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the event. The Organiser is required to present all necessary bank guaranties for the whole amount of the prize fund and all expenses related to the event.
8. Financial issues related to WGP Tournaments
8. 1. Before the end of each WGP Tournament, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of a WGP tournament. This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), stipends, traveling expenses for the Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

8. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals of WGP Tournament by the Organiser are (in euros):

PRINCIPAL	STIPEND, €	NUMBER	SUM, €
Chief Arbiter	3,075	1	3,075
Deputy Chief Arbiter	2,265	1	2,265
Fair-play Officer	1,995	1	1,995
Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee	2,535	1	2,535
Member of the Appeals Committee (remotely)	700	2	1,400
Press Officer	2,535	1	2,535
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	1,350	1	1,350
TOTAL			15,155

8. 3. 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 (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand five hundred (1,500) euros if travelling from another continent. The tickets shall be booked by each Principal within two weeks after his/her appointment, upon GCS approval.

8. 4. 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. Extra expenses shall be covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President. The Organiser may alternatively choose to provide the Principals with the daily allowance of seventy (70) euros/day instead of full board.

8. 5. 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 shall be agreed between the Organiser and GSC. Local transport shall also be provided for the players to official functions, if necessary.

8. 6. Personnel

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel/volunteers to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at Ceremonies according to the contract between the Organiser and FIDE.

8. 7. Fair-play measures

The Organiser shall cover the costs associated with implementing the fair play regulations up to five thousand (5,000) euros.

9. Commercial issues related to WGP tournaments

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

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

9. 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 granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

9. 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.

9. 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.

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

9. 7. The Organiser shall produce a detailed budget for the event, which shall be approved by GSC.
9. 8. No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.
9. 9. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo shall be displayed in a black 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.

APPENDIX I

Useful Links

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