



Chess in
Education
Commission

FIDE EDU Report April - June 2024

All of the following programs and activities are aligned with the Strategy Action Plan (SAP) developed by FIDE and FIDE EDU in 2021-2022 as a result of the global Chess in Schools Survey conducted in 2021 as a partnership with FIDE and the ECU.

FIDE EDU Mission

To make chess an essential tool for educating students around the world.

FIDE EDU Courses

During this period, 4 Preparation of Teachers (PoT) courses were conducted: two online and two in person. The following courses were also conducted during this period: two Preparation of Lecturers (PoL) courses for the Lead School Instructor (LSI) title and one Senior Lead Instructor (SLI) title course. Courses were conducted by Rita Atkins, Anzel Laubscher, and Boris Bruhn.

- **Total Courses Conducted:** 7 (4 PoT, 2 PoL, 1 SLI)
- **Total Participants:** 104
- **Total Titles Qualified:**
 - SI: 60
 - LSI: 18
 - SLI: 10

The newly minted Senior Lead Instructors are ready to start lecturing PoT courses around the world. Notably, several Spanish courses are already planned in Latin America for the autumn. Courses in Greek, Kazakh, Malaysian, and Chinese are going to follow shortly thereafter.

FIDE School Awards Announced

Twenty-two schools from fourteen different countries received the first FIDE School Awards. The countries included Brazil, China, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Greece, India, North Macedonia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Uganda, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Of the twenty-two schools, thirteen received Gold Awards, six received Silver Awards, and three received Bronze Awards.

In addition to the award certificates, schools also receive the following benefits.

- ChessKid memberships – up to 500 Gold memberships (for 4 months)

- A 20% Discount for teachers to attend an online Preparation of Teachers (PoT) Course.
- Other benefits will be added in the months ahead.

Physical awards will be presented to representatives of the National Chess Federations during the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary in September. A Welcome Webinar for award schools is scheduled for August 10th.

EDU Commission Report: Considerations for the Implementation of Educational Chess

Members of FIDE's Chess in Education Commission collaborated to create a rationale for the inclusion of chess as an educational tool. Adriana Salazar Varón (Colombia) led a workgroup that included Uvencio Blanco Hernández (Venezuela), Esteban Jaureguizar (Uruguay), and Charles Moura Netto (Brazil).

Their work, "Considerations for the Implementation of Educational Chess," highlights the historical and cultural importance of chess throughout its history as well as its basis as a pedagogical tool. In this context, chess offers important connections to mathematics, communication and language development, as well as "a highly positive atmosphere of enjoyment and collaboration among students."

EDU Commission Meeting Online

The EDU Commission held an online meeting on June 1st. Ten members were in attendance to hear reports from commission member activities, reports on the EDU Courses, and an update on recent and upcoming chess in education conferences. The next EDU Commission meeting is scheduled for September 19th in Budapest.

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