

B. Permanent Commissions / 08. Regulations for Accreditation in Chess in Education

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08.2 FIDE Chess School Award

The FIDE Chess School Award has a multi-dimensional purpose to enhance the quality and position of chess in the wider education system. The first objective is to provide recognition and motivation of existing chess in education activities and programs in schools by a certification process. The second objective is to serve as a quality assurance tool for the improved and established standard of educational chess delivery and development to increase the number of students in the schools' system.

The 2021 Global Survey identified thousands of schools which promote chess activities. For many of these schools, chess is a sign of prestige and used for school promotion. FIDE EDU recognizes the need for recognition of existing schools as well as the opportunity to encourage other schools to begin or increase their level of involvement. The FIDE Chess School Award provides an effective means of achieving both goals.

FIDE EDU will use existing connections with federations and individuals interested in chess in education to promote the program. In addition, the EDU website, social media, and other platforms will be used for promotion.

1.1. FIDE Chess School Award

The FIDE Chess School Award is a certificate awarded to schools which apply and meet the criteria.

1.2. Categories

Primary and secondary schools (ages 6 to 18) may apply. Award levels include Bronze, Silver, and Gold. A detailed rubric will be available on the FIDE EDU website. The selection rubric will cover relevant aspects of school chess to determine the suitable award level. Examples for the selection criteria may include but are not limited to: chess used as an educational tool, accessibility to all students, variety of chess activities, qualifications of chess educators, social inclusion, sustainability.

In general, schools that involve many students and reach out to many people in activities related to chess as a tool for education have a good chance of receiving an award. As a counter example, a school that hires a single trainer to coach a handful of children who may win some trophies is unlikely to qualify.

1.3. Benefits

1.3.1. The FIDE Chess School certificate and logo can be displayed in school, used in school publications, and promoted on the school website.

1.3.2. A database of FIDE Chess Schools will be available on the FIDE EDU website. National Chess Federations will be notified about all FIDE Chess Schools in their country.

1.3.3. As they become available, additional incentives for schools participating in the FIDE Chess School Award will be provided.

1.4. Diversity

Applications will be accepted in English, Spanish, and Russian. Other languages will be added as reviewers in that language become available.

1.5. Call for Applications

There are two application cycles every year:

- 1) January 1-March 31, award month: June.
- 2) July1 - September 30, award month: December.

1.6. Award Renewal and Level Advancement

The FIDE School Award is valid for three (3) calendar years upon approval. The renewal process will require an online submission of renewal documentation of activities and a payment of €50 for the three-year renewal.

1.7. Level Advancement Application

Schools may reapply for an advanced level of certification. Twelve months or more following the date of receipt of the original award it is possible to re-apply for a higher award using the same application form with updates and paying the application fee of €150.

1.8. Costs

- 1.8.1. Application fee for the award is €150.
- 1.8.2. Renewal fee is €50.
- 1.8.3. Level Advancement fee is €150.
- 1.8.4. A percentage of the fees will be paid to the reviewer and to FIDE.

1.9. Administration

The Award Program will be administered by FIDE EDU or individuals appointed by the EDU Commission.