

'FIDE WOMEN'S EVENTS 2025-26' REGULATIONS

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1. Scope

- 1.1 The 'FIDE Women's Events 2025-26' is the series of top FIDE women's tournaments unified according to the criteria described below.
- 1.2 The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council.
- 1.3 At any time, any unforeseen circumstance or tournament format not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the President for the final decision.

2. Events

- 2.1 All the Events and the ranking points (RP) system are described in the table below.

PLACE	EVENT							
	Women's World Rapid Champ 24	Women's World Blitz Champ 24	Women's World Championship Match 25	Women's GP Series 24-25 Final Standings	Women's World Cup 25	Women's Grand Swiss 25	Women's World Rapid Champ 25	Women's World Blitz Champ 25
1	84	48		120	120	120	84	48
2	70	32	25	100	80	100	70	32
3	56	16		80	50	80	56	16
4	42	16		60	30	60	42	16
5	28	8		40	20	40	28	8
6	21	8		30	20	30	21	8
7	14	8		20	20	20	14	8
8	7	8		10	20	10	7	8

- 2.2 In case of a tie in any Event, RP are shared equally between all tied players, before the application of any of the Event's tie-breaks; unless the tie-break is a play-off, in which case RP are awarded in accordance with the table in Article 2.1.

3. Ranking

- 3.1 The final score of a player is calculated as the sum of the player's RP in up to five her best Events.
- 3.2 In case of a tie in the final ranking of players, the tie shall be broken by removing the lowest RP score that was included in the player's final score calculation. If this fails to resolve the tie, then this process shall be repeated until the tie is broken. If this fails to resolve the tie, there shall be a drawing of lots.
- 3.3 FIDE shall update and publish the Ranking List after each Event has finished.
- 3.4 The highest-placed player of 'FIDE Women's Events' qualifies for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026, if she has not qualified by any other track.

QUALIFICATION for the FIDE WOMEN'S CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT 2026

Eight players shall qualify for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2026 by the following criteria:

A. 2 spots – FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25

The players who finish 1st and 2nd in the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion is among these two qualifiers, the unallocated spot shall be awarded to the next non-qualifying player in the final ranking of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

B. 3 spots – FIDE Women's World Cup 2025

The players who finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion and/or one of the players qualified via track A is (are) among these three qualifiers, the unallocated spot(s) shall, in order of priority:

- be awarded to the player who finishes 4th in the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025 (if she has not qualified via track A);
- be awarded to the next non-qualifying player(s) of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2024-25.

C. 2 spots – FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025

The players who finish 1st and 2nd in the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025.

If the reigning FIDE Women's World Champion and/or one of the players qualified via tracks A or B is (are) among these two qualifiers, the unallocated spot shall be awarded to the next non-qualifying player of the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2025.

D. 1 spot – 'FIDE Women's Events 2025-26' series

The highest-placed player of 'FIDE Women's Events' who hasn't qualified via tracks A, B and C.