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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Chess Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for Chess competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and the FIDE rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Chess events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to ISF Chess event in 2025.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition of the ISF Chess event will be run according to the International Chess Federation (FIDE) technical rules under the direction of FIDE. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the FIDE Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Chess events are open to individuals.
- The competition is categorized into boy categories and girl categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U15* Year of birth
2025	2010 - 2011 - 2012 - 2013 - 2014 - 2015 - 2016



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2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

There is no limit to the number of Athletes each delegation can register for a Chess Competitions.

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.



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ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.



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3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Individual Rapid Tournament for Boys (born 2010 – 2016)**
 - **Individual Rapid Tournament for Girls (born 2010 – 2016)**
 - **Individual Blitz Tournament for Boys (born 2010 – 2016)**
 - **Individual Blitz Tournament for Girls (born 2010 – 2016)**

4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

- The Chess Competitions will be conducted in accordance with FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and Laws of Chess (Appendix A: Rapid Chess) and will be FIDE Rapid ELO rated.

GENERAL RULES

- Four separate Chess Tournaments will be organized for boys and girls born between 2010 and 2016.
- There is no limit to the number of Athletes each delegation can register for a Chess Competition. However, the delegation should at least comprise one Head of Delegation, one Coach, and one Athlete.
- It's forbidden to carry any electronic device in the playing hall, in case of non-compliance, the Athlete will lose the match.
- The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final and cannot be appealed.
- To ensure a thorough understanding of the Tournament Rules, a Technical Meeting will be held before the start of the Tournaments. All technical representatives are required to attend the meeting.
- The missing cases will be resolved by ISF Technical Commission Chess.

RAPID TOURNAMENT: RULES

- The Rapid Chess Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and the Laws of Chess (Appendix A: Rapid Chess) and will be FIDE Rapid rated.
- The Rapid Chess Tournaments for Boys and Girls will be played using the Individual Swiss System and will consist of 11 rounds. The number of rounds may be adjusted based on the total number of registered athletes.
- The time control is set to be 15 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1 for both players. The default time for all rounds is 10 minutes from the effective start of the round.
- The winner will be determined by the number of points scored. The standard point scoring system to be used: one point (1) for a win, half a point ($\frac{1}{2}$) for a draw, and no points (0) for a loss.
- In case of equal number of points scored the following tie break criteria will be applied (in order of application):
 1. The games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other)
 2. Buchholz Cut 1
 3. Buchholz
 4. The greater number of wins
 5. Average Rating of Opponents



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RAPID TOURNAMENT: PRIZES

Awards for both boys and girls in each tournament will include:

- Top 3 places according to final standings
- Top 3 players in the U12 category (born in 2013, 2014, or 2015)
- Top 3 players in the U9 category (born in 2016), provided there are at least 5 players in this category

BLITZ TOURNAMENT: RULES

- The Rapid Chess Tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions and the Laws of Chess (Appendix B: Blitz) and will be FIDE Blitz rated.
- The Rapid Chess Tournaments for Boys and Girls will be played using the Individual Swiss System and will consist of 11 rounds. The number of rounds may be adjusted based on the total number of registered athletes.
- The time control is set to be 5 minutes with an increment of 3 seconds per move starting from move 1 for both players.
- The winner will be determined by the number of points scored. The standard point scoring system to be used: one point (1) for a win, half a point ($\frac{1}{2}$) for a draw, and no points (0) for a loss.
- In case of equal number of points scored the following tie break criteria will be applied (in order of application):
 1. The games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other)
 2. Buchholz Cut 1
 3. Buchholz
 4. The greater number of wins
 5. Average Rating of Opponents

BLITZ TOURNAMENT: PRIZES

Awards for both boys and girls in each tournament will include:

- Top 3 places according to final standings
- Top 3 players in the U12 category (born in 2013, 2014, or 2015)
- Top 3 players in the U9 category (born in 2016), provided there are at least 5 players in this category



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5. DRAW

- The pairings will be done using a FIDE-approved software pairing program.

6. PROTEST AND APPEALS

- The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final and cannot be appealed.

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