



4th FIDE World Chess Championship **for People with Disabilities**



4 – 14 November 2021, Dresden / Germany

Due to continuous Covid-19 restrictions across the world the tournament will be **online**.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. SCOPE

- 1) Governing Body of the 4th FIDE World Chess Championship for People with Disabilities (hereinafter referred to as championship) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- 2) FIDE Commission for the Disabled (hereinafter referred to as DIS) is in charge for preparing Regulations and communicating these with the participants.
- 3) The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by DIS.
- 4) At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President and the FIDE DIS Commission for the final decision.
- 5) By registering for the tournament, all participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations and terms and conditions of this championship.
- 6) The Playing Server is Tornelo.com.
- 7) The organizer is Dresdner Schachfestival e.V.

2. FORMAT & TIME CONTROL

- 1) The championship for People with Disabilities is an individual competition with an additional team ranking.
- 2) Participation: The competition is an event only for chess players with disabilities. Proof of eligibility will have to be provided at the time of registration. It will be held as an individual open tournament with a separate team ranking.

The teams may represent a national federation or any regional structure of a national federation. All the players must be members of the same federation; however, this rule is valid if all the members of the team are rated under 2100 or unrated. A registered player must be approved by his/her national chess federation or by the FIDE DIS Commission. Each team consists of four players. A provisional naming of the players has to be given together with the registration of the team. Changes in the team can be made until the technical meeting.

- 3) Only players from FIDE member federations can participate.
- 4) The championship will be played by the Swiss System with 9 rounds.

The following tie-breaks shall apply:

- a) Direct encounter (if all the tied players have played each other)
- b) Buchholz Cut-1
- c) Buchholz
- d) Greater number of games with Black
- e) Greater number of wins

For team ranking, the points of the 4 highest ranked players of each team shall be considered. In case of a tie-between two or more teams, the team with the highest ranked player shall prevail.

Players from the same team may be paired against each other.

- 5) Time control: 45 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
- 6) Every participant has to provide an official document to certify his/her disability – a scan or photo of the document should be provided upon registration. Providing forged documents can result in exclusion from the tournament. Upon recommendation by the classification committee, the organizer or FIDE DIS decides based on the validity of the players disability.

3. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- 1) The registration can be done via the FIDE member federation representative, individual applications will be reviewed before being accepted.
- 2) All players participating must registered at the FIDE Disabled list.
- 3) FIDE member federations or the individual participant must fully complete the official registration form (see on the official website <http://www.worldchess-disabled.com/en/> and DIS Facebook Page) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline. Incomplete registrations will be rejected.

- 4) The deadline for the registration is 1st November 2021.
- 5) Any registration after 1st November 2021 will be considered as late registration.
- 6) The organizer has the right to reject the late registration.

4. SCHEDULE (All times are in UTC).

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| Thursday, 04 November | 12:00 Opening Ceremony |
| | Technical Meeting, Drawing and test round |
| Friday, 05 November | 12:00 Round 1 |
| Saturday, 06 November | 12:00 Round 2 |
| Sunday, 07 November | 12:00 Round 3 |
| Monday, 08 November | 12:00 Round 4 |
| Tuesday, 09 November | 12:00 Round 5 |
| Wednesday, 10 November | 12:00 Round 6 |
| Thursday, 11 November | 12:00 Round 7 |
| Friday, 12 November | 12:00 Round 8 |
| Saturday, 13 November | 12:00 Round 9 |
| Wednesday, 17 November | 12:00 Closing Ceremony |

5. TITLES

The winner obtains the title:

“World Chess Champion for Disabled 2021”

In the team competition:

“World Chess Team Champion of Disabled 2021”

6. PRIZES:

For the first 3 individual winners: gold, silver and bronze medals.

For the first 3 team winners: gold, silver and bronze medals for all 4 boards and reserves.

For all participants: Diplomas of participation.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS & PLAYERS CONDUCT

- 1) In case of any special requirements, the player is to inform the Organizing Committee of the championship by the registration deadline. FIDE DIS will consider each case. Online assistance can be provided upon request from the blind chess players.
- 2) The players are expected to co-operate with the media.
- 3) The top three winners are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.

8. DISCONNECTIONS AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

- 1) It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. If a player is disconnected from the server, the player may reconnect and continue the game while he still has time on the clock.
- 2) An individual delayed or lost connection may lead to a forfeit upon the decision of Chief Arbiter.
- 3) In case of a force majeure event affecting several participants in different locations (e.g., a global or regional Internet outage, a power outage caused by a natural disaster, a widespread server-side failure), the Chief Arbiter will decide in the best interest of the competition upon consultations with the Online Play Administrator. This decision can include adding time to affected players; suspending, resuming, or replaying affected games; and other measures in the Chief Arbiter's sole discretion.
- 4) The Chief Arbiter's decisions under Art. 8.2) or 8.3) of these Regulations cannot be appealed.

9. FAIR PLAY MEASURES

- 1) The fair-play measures are based on resources of the host internet platform (hereinafter referred to as HIP) and external tools which are to be approved by DIS and follow FIDE's fair-play guidelines.
- 2) DIS will nominate a fair-play panel (hereinafter referred to as FPP). The FPP consists of the Chief Arbiter, one Fair-Play expert and one member of DIS.
- 3) The FPP works to ensure fair results for each game and suggests any additional measure that is considered necessary and sufficient in order to ensure fair-play conditions during the tournament.
- 4) In case third parties' tools are used, FPP maintains regularly monitored the reports coming from such tools and promotes any necessary investigation.
- 5) FPP keeps the right to disqualify any player for a suspected fair-play violation during the course or after conclusion of the tournament, basing upon the results of the anti-cheating algorithm of the HIP and/or external tools and/or other evidence deemed sufficient by the panel itself to establish a cheating incident.
- 6) The Chief Arbiter, in consultation with FPP, in case he finds it necessary, has the right to disqualify a player or a team.
- 7) The disqualified player may be declared lost in one or several games he/she played in the current or/and previous rounds.
- 8) The disqualified player's team may be disqualified.
- 9) A decision of the Chief Arbiter on fair play matters is final and is not subject to any appeal, review or other challenge.
- 10) Neither DIS, nor HIP claims that the determination of a suspected fair-play violation is proof of actual cheating or an admission of guilt of by the disqualified player. Such a determination shall not affect the ordinary status of the player for over-the-board competitions within the jurisdiction of FIDE or its members.
- 11) By entering into the tournament each player accepts the above-mentioned Fair-Play measures as a condition of entry in a voluntary sports event and agrees that his/her participation takes place subject to these Fair-Play measures.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 1) FIDE DIS will appoint the Chairman, the two other members and the two substitutes of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations.
- 2) Any member of the Appeals Committee cannot sit in judgment in a dispute involving one player from their Federation. In such case the Chairman will appoint the necessary substitutes. In case the Chairman has to be replaced, the eldest member will act as the Chairman.
- 3) Any decision of the Chief Arbiter can be appealed, except fair-play decisions.
- 4) In case the appeal is rejected the complainant, Federation will be charged an amount of 50€.
- 5) All appeals and protests must be submitted in written form to the Appeals Committee no later than 30 minutes after the end of the relevant round by email to dis@fide.com
- 6) The Appeals Committee endeavors to make a decision as soon as possible. In case it finds it necessary, the Appeals Committee may summon the complainant and/or any other people. Refusal to participate to the session of the Appeals Committee is considered for the final decision.
- 7) The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these Regulations is final.

The championship will be organized from Dresden.

Every participant can play online via the platform tornelo.com

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