



# Regulations for the FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championships 2024

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## 1. Scope

1. 1. The governing body of the World Rapid & Blitz Championships 2024 (hereinafter referred to as R&B) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 2. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing Regulations, communicating with the participants and the Organiser, conducting inspections.
1. 3. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council (upon GSC's recommendations).
1. 4. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

## 2. Participation in R&B

2. 1. The following players are eligible to participate in R&B:
  - the players rated at least 2550 in any of the twelve most recent FIDE rating lists (Standard, Rapid or Blitz) at the moment of the beginning of R&B;
  - the reigning National Champions (in Standard, Rapid, Blitz) representing their National Federation regardless of their title or rating.
2. 2. A reasonable number of players can be nominated by FIDE President and the Organiser.

## 3. Registration to R&B

3. 1. It is the responsibility of players, rather than Federations, to register their entries for R&B.
3. 2. Player's entry fee is to be paid to the Organiser:
  - one hundred (100) USD, if paid not later than ten days before the beginning of R&B;
  - two hundred (200) USD, if paid nine days before the beginning of R&B or later.

## 4. R&B Technical Regulations

4. 1. The Rapid tournament is played according to [Article A5](#) of the FIDE Laws of Chess. Both stages of the Blitz tournament are played according to [Article B3](#) of the FIDE Laws of Chess.
4. 2. **WORLD RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP.**
  4. 2. 1. **Format:** Swiss system, thirteen rounds.
  4. 2. 2. **Time**
    4. 2. 2. 1. Time control: 15 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
    4. 2. 2. 2. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.
    4. 2. 2. 3. There is no default time. No penalty shall be imposed on a player if he/she is late for any of his/her games.
  4. 2. 3. **Conditions of Victory**
    4. 2. 3. 1. The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) shall be declared the

World Rapid Champion.

**4. 2. 3. 2.** If the top two or more players score the same number of points, a tie-break to determine the World Rapid Champion is decided according to [Article 4.2.4.2](#). Notwithstanding, all prize money is divided equally among all the players in tie (see [Article 4.4.2](#)).

#### **4. 2. 4. Tie-breaks**

**4. 2. 4. 1.** If two or more players score the same points, the tie is broken by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1;
- b) Buchholz;
- c) Average rapid rating\* of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)\*\*;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

\* If a player has no rapid rating, the player's standard rating shall be used for the starting list, pairings (see [Article 4.2.5](#)) and tie-break calculation.

\*\* All forfeits and byes are cut from the calculation of AROC 1. If a player has one or more forfeits or byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of AROC 1.

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in [Article C.07](#) of the FIDE Handbook.

**4. 2. 4. 2.** If there is a tie for the 1<sup>st</sup> place, a play-off shall determine the World Rapid Champion.

A1) If there are 2 players tied, a match of two games shall be played between them with a time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. A drawing for colours shall determine who has white pieces in game 1; the colours shall be reversed in game 2.

A2) If the match in clause A1) above is drawn, a single game shall be played with a time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. The player placed higher in the final standings see the tie-break criteria in [Art. 4.2.4.1H](#)) shall get white pieces.

A3) If the game in clause A2) above is drawn, another game shall be played with a time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 with the colours reversed.

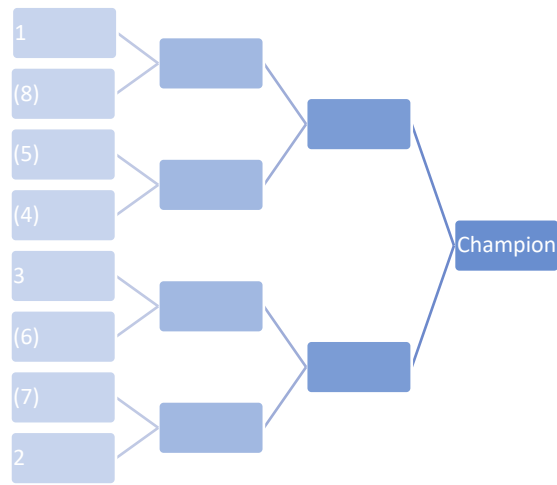
A4) If the game in clause A3) above is drawn, the procedure described in clause A3) above shall be applied until a game is played with a decisive result.

B1) If there are more than 2 players tied, a knockout tournament shall be played. The players numbers in the standard knockout bracket (e. g. see 8-player bracket below) shall be determined by the final standings according to the tie-break criteria (see [Art. 4.2.4.1](#)). Each player shall get his/her number in the bracket corresponding to his/her position in the final standings. Each match shall be a single game played with a time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. In each match, the player placed higher in the final standings according to the tie-break criteria (see [Art. 4.2.4.1](#)) shall get white pieces.

B2) If in any match in clause B1) above, the game is drawn, another game shall be played with a time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 with the colours reversed.

B3) If the game in clause B2) above is drawn, the procedure described in clause B2) above shall be applied until a game is played with a decisive result.

**E.g. Up to 8-player bracket**



If the number of players is less than 8, the opponent of a missing player shall advance to the next round.

**4. 2. 5. Pairings** shall be done according to the FIDE pairing system for Swiss events.

### **4. 3. WORLD BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The Blitz tournament consists of two stages.

#### **4. 3. 1. STAGE 1**

**4. 3. 1. 1. Format** - Swiss system, thirteen rounds.

#### **4. 3. 1. 2. Time**

**4. 3. 1. 2. 1.** Time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

**4. 3. 1. 2. 2.** The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

**4. 3. 1. 2. 3.** There is no default time. No penalty shall be imposed on a player if he/she is late for any of his/her games.

#### **4. 3. 1. 3. Conditions of Qualification for Stage 2.**

**4. 3. 1. 3. 1.** Eight players with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) shall qualify for Stage 2.

**4. 3. 1. 3. 2.** If two or more players score the same number of points, any tie-break including the one to determine the qualified players for Stage 2 is decided according to [Article 4.3.1.4.](#)

#### **4. 3. 1. 4. Tie-breaks**

If two or more players score the same points, the tie is broken by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1;
- b) Buchholz;
- c) Average blitz rating\* of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)\*\*;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

\* If a player has no blitz rating, the player's standard rating shall be used for the starting list, pairings (see [Article 4.3.1.5](#)) and tie-break calculation.

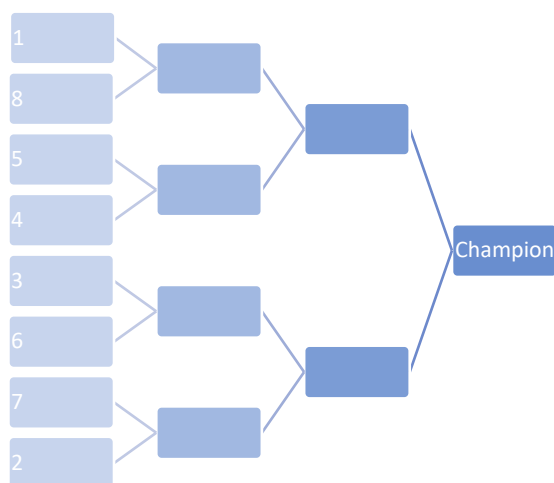
\*\* All forfeits and byes are cut from the calculation of AROC 1. If a player has one or more forfeits or byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of AROC 1.

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in [Article C.07](#) of the FIDE Handbook.

**4.3.1.5. Pairings** shall be done according to the FIDE pairing system for Swiss events.

#### 4.3.2. STAGE 2

**4.3.2.1. Format** – 8-player knock out, 4-game matches.



The players' numbers in the standard knockout bracket shall be determined by the final standings of Stage 1.

The colour in the first and third game of each match shall be chosen by the player with the smaller ranking number. This player shall inform the Chief Arbiter about his/her choice not later than 15 minutes before the beginning of the respective round. If he/she fails to do it, he/she will have white pieces in the first and third game. The second and fourth game of each match shall be played with colours reversed.

#### 4.3.2.2. Time

**4.3.2.2.1.** Time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

**4.3.2.2.2.** The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

**4.3.2.2.3.** There is no default time. No penalty shall be imposed on a player if he/she is late for any of his/her games.

#### 4.3.2.3. Conditions of Victory in Each Match

A player who scores more points than the other player wins the match. In case of the level score, the tie-break system described in [Article 4.3.2.4](#) shall apply.

#### 4.3.2.4. Tie-breaks

**4.3.2.4.1.** After a drawing of colours, one game with a time control of 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 shall be played to determine the winner.

**4.3.2.4.2.** If the game described in [Article 4.3.2.4.1](#) is drawn, another game shall be played with a time control of 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1 with the colours reversed from the previous game.

**4.3.2.4.3.** If the game described in [Article 4.3.2.4.2](#) is drawn, the procedure described in [Article 4.3.2.4.2](#) shall be repeated until the first game won by one of the players.

#### 4.4. Prizes

**4.4.1.** Distribution of prizes in USD

World Rapid	Prize	World Blitz	Prize
1 <sup>st</sup> place	90,000	1 <sup>st</sup> place	90,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	70,000	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	70,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	56,000	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> places	42,000

4 <sup>th</sup> place	45,000	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> places	42,000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	36,000	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> places	20,000
6 <sup>th</sup> place	29,000	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> places	20,000
7 <sup>th</sup> place	24,000	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> places	20,000
8 <sup>th</sup> place	20,000	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> places	20,000
9 <sup>th</sup> place	17,000	9 <sup>th</sup> place	11,000
10 <sup>th</sup> place	15,000	10 <sup>th</sup> place	9,000
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> places	10,000 each	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> places	7,000 each
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> places	7,000 each	16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> places	5,000 each
21 <sup>st</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> places	4,300 each	21 <sup>st</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> places	3,000 each
31 <sup>st</sup> - 40 <sup>th</sup> places	2,000 each	31 <sup>st</sup> - 40 <sup>th</sup> places	1,600 each
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450,000</b>

**4. 4. 2.** In the Rapid tournament, all prize money is divided equally among all players with the same score.

**4. 4. 3.** In the Blitz tournament, all prize money is divided equally among all players with the same score who did not qualify for Stage 2.

**4. 4. 4.** All prizes are taxable in accordance with the US tax law.

**4. 4. 5.** The prize money shall be paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. Within fourteen working days after completion of the event and receiving of player's bank details, FIDE shall transfer players' prize money to his/her bank account. In case if the transfer fails because of wrong bank details, the amount of fifty (50) USD shall be deducted from the second transfer in order to cover additional bank charges.

**4. 4. 6.** If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council shall decide whether or not to pay out his/her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

#### 4. 5. Schedule

Date	Event	Rounds	Time
25 December	Arrivals		Whole Day
26 December	World Rapid Championship	Opening Ceremony	1:00 pm
		Round 1	2:00 pm
		Round 2	3:20 pm
		Round 3	4:40 pm
		Round 4	6:00 pm
Round 5		7:20 pm	
27 December		Round 6	2:00 pm
		Round 7	3:20 pm
		Round 8	4:40 pm
		Round 9	6:00 pm
28 December		Round 10	2:00 pm
		Round 11	3:20 pm
		Round 12	4:40 pm
	Round 13	6:00 pm	
29 December	Media Day		
30 December	World Blitz Championship, Stage 1 – Swiss	Round 1	2:00 pm
		Round 2	2:30 pm
		Round 3	3:00 pm
		Round 4	3:30 pm
		Round 5	4:00 pm

		Round 6	4:30 pm
		Round 7	5:00 pm
		Round 8	5:30 pm
		Round 9	6:00 pm
		Round 10	6:30 pm
		Round 11	7:00 pm
		Round 12	7:30 pm
		Round 13	8:00 pm
31 December	World Blitz Championship, Stage 2 – Knockout	Quarter Finals	2:00 pm
		Semi Finals	3:30 pm
		Final	5:00 pm
	Closing Ceremony		7:00 pm
1 January	Departures		Whole Day

#### 4. 6. Draw for Colours

The draw for colours shall be made for Rapid and Blitz (Stage 1) during the Opening Ceremony.

#### 4. 7. Travel & Accommodation

4. 7. 1. All players rated at least 2750 in any of FIDE rating lists (Standard, Rapid or Blitz) 2024 shall receive a compensation for their travel expenses as follows:

- up to five hundred (500) USD if travelling from USA;
- up to one thousand (1,000) USD if travelling from American continent;
- up to two thousand (2,000) USD if travelling from another continent.

4. 7. 2. Accommodation in a standard room (4-star hotel minimum) for seven nights and a daily allowance shall be offered by the Organiser:

- to players rated at least 2750 in any of FIDE rating lists (Standard, Rapid or Blitz) 2024;
- to gold, silver and bronze medallists of the Rapid and Blitz tournaments of R&B 2023.

4. 7. 3. The Organiser shall offer accommodation options for all other players.

#### 4. 8. Playing Venue

4. 8. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing venue and its surrounding areas meet the requirements of the FIDE Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments ([FIDE Handbook C.01](#), see [Appendix 1.b](#)), amended by GSC if needed.

4. 8. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating federations.

4. 8. 3. The Organiser shall provide water, coffee, tea and soft drinks free of charge for the players, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

#### 4. 9. Playing Conditions

4. 9. 1. The Anti-Cheating Protection Measures for Level 1 events shall be applied ([FIDE Handbook, A09](#), see [Appendix 1.c](#)).

4. 9. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the principals and stewards shall be allowed in the playing area. During a game a player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 9. 3. The players are not permitted to bring in the playing area a telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 9. 4. While his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the current game shall be declared lost by the player.

4. 9. 5. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE Medical Commission according to WADA requirements.

**4. 9. 6.** The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol, as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission and host country requirements.

**4. 9. 7.** The tournament physician(s) shall be available for the participants for the duration of the tournament.

#### **4. 10. Players Conduct**

**4. 10. 1.** Dress code.

**4. 10. 1. 1.** The dress code shall be determined by GSC based on the recommendations of the FIDE Athletes' Commission.

**4. 10. 1. 2.** The dress code shall be strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

**4. 10. 1. 3.** Any requests to wear national or traditional dress shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate.

**4. 10. 1. 4.** In case of dispute the issue of acceptability of clothing shall be decided by FIDE Technical Delegate.

**4. 10. 2.** The players are expected to attend online Technical Meetings called by the Chief Arbiter, either in person or by Video Conferencing System (unless the Chief Arbiter permits otherwise).

**4. 10. 3.** The players are expected to be present at all official receptions including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

**4. 10. 4.** The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each daily playing session.

**4. 10. 5.** The players shall be available for the daily press conference.

**4. 10. 6.** The Players who get special conditions described in [Articles 4.7.1 and 4.7.2](#) shall attend on the rest day the autograph session or signing chess boards or media activities totaling up to 90 minutes.

**4. 10. 7.** The winner is required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and FIDE website, if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.

**4. 10. 8.** The top three winners of each event are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

**4. 10. 9.** The players shall strictly abide by all medical regulations approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser. The players shall be aware that the regulations are subject to change and at short notice. FIDE shall inform players about any changes as quickly as possible.

**4. 10. 10.** If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 4.10.1, 4.10.4 – 4.10.9](#), he/she can be penalised by FIDE Council as follows: 5% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event.

**4. 10. 11.** If a player undermines the reputation of FIDE, the R&B Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship, he/she shall be penalised in accordance with the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code ([FIDE Handbook A.08](#), see [Appendix 1.d](#)).

#### **4. 11. Principals**

The principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- b) FIDE Deputy President;
- c) Chief Arbiter;
- d) Two Deputy Chief Arbiters;
- e) Two Pairings Officers;
- f) Fair-Play Officer;
- g) FIDE Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee;
- h) Two Appeals Committee members;
- i) FIDE Press Officer;
- j) Member of the FIDE Medical Commission (if needed);
- k) GSC member (if needed).

GSC can increase the number of principals if needed.

## **4. 12. Arbiters and Fair-Play Officers**

**4. 12. 1.** GSC is responsible for appointing the Chief Arbiter, two Deputy Chief Arbiters, the Pairings Officers in accordance with the Regulations for the appointments of Arbiters in World Events ([FIDE Handbook B.06.04](#)) and the Fair-Play Officer in consultation with FPL (FIDE Fair Play Commission). These appointments shall be approved by FIDE President.

**4. 12. 2.** During play either the Chief Arbiter or a Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be present in the playing area.

**4. 12. 3.** GSC, in consultation with the Organiser, shall appoint at least one regular arbiter per ten games to ensure that all games are reasonably supervised in accordance with the Regulations for the appointments of Arbiters in World Events ([FIDE Handbook B.06.04](#)).

**4. 12. 4.** Within one week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report shall contain the final standings as well as the prizelist and a general description of the course of the event. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

## **4. 13. Appeals Committee**

**4. 13. 1.** The Appeals Committee shall be appointed and act in accordance with [FIDE Handbook, C11](#) (see [Appendix 1.e](#)).

**4. 13. 2.** Each protest shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of three hundred (300) USD or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

**4. 13. 3.** The Chairman of the Appeal Committee shall also fulfil duties of FIDE Technical Delegate.

## **4. 14. Ceremonies**

**4. 14. 1.** The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to the first round of the Rapid tournament.

**4. 14. 2.** The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate, such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

**4. 14. 3.** The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the day of the last round of the Blitz tournament. FIDE trophies for the winners and FIDE medals (gold, silver, bronze) for the top three winners of each tournament are provided by the Organiser. The trophies and the medals shall be approved by FIDE Technical Delegate. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation are played.

# **5. Media**

## **5. 1. Website**

The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: <http://worldrapidandblitz.fide.com>. The Organiser shall warrant that <http://worldrapidandblitz.fide.com> is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance shall be provided to GSC.

## **5. 2. Communications**

**5. 2. 1.** All official written communications, in print or online form, as well as activities shall identify FIDE as the governing body of R&B.

**5. 2. 2.** All official communications shall use the official name for the event, in full: FIDE Open World Rapid & World Blitz Championships.

**5. 2. 3.** All pre-tournament public communications regarding R&B (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE and the Organiser) shall be co-written and scheduled in coordination with the FIDE Head of PR.

## **5. 3. Press Officer Designated by FIDE**

**5. 3. 1.** GSC shall appoint the Press Officer for R&B. The Organiser shall co-operate with the Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to



provide, and assists him/her to establish contacts with the local media.

**5. 3. 2.** All content shown at <http://worldrapidandblitz.fide.com> shall be reviewed and approved by the Press Officer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on official domains, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to R&B. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

**5. 3. 3.** The Press Officer shall report to the FIDE Head of PR.

**5. 3. 4.** The Press Officer shall be a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during R&B.

#### **5. 4. Photography and Video**

**5. 4. 1.** Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Press Officer or the FIDE Head of PR may work in the playing venue.

**5. 4. 2.** The Organiser shall provide FIDE with a copy of all the video footage filmed during the event. This includes a recording of the broadcast, interviews, press conferences, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. This footage shall be provided in a physical support: DVD, flash drive, hard drive, etc. FIDE can make use of these materials as specified in [Chapter 7](#).

**5. 4. 3.** Video and photo footage shall be done in accordance with the FIDE Media Regulations ([FIDE Handbook, C09](#), see [Appendix 1.f](#)).

### **6. Financial Issues**

**6. 1.** Before the end of the event, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of R&B. This shall be a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), work of the FIDE operational team (see [Article 6.2](#)), stipends (see [Article 6.3](#)), traveling expenses for the principals (see [Article 6.4](#)) and regular arbiters (see [Article 6.6](#)) and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

#### **6. 2. Expenses of the FIDE Operational Team**

The Organiser shall cover all the expenses of the FIDE operational team involved in organisation of R&B (traveling, accommodation, remuneration) up to fifty thousand (50,000) USD. The detailed description of the team's functions shall be included in the contract signed between the Organiser and FIDE.

#### **6. 3. Stipends**

**6. 3. 1.** The stipends to be paid to the principals and arbiters of R&B by the Organiser are (in USD):

Principal	Stipend, USD	Number	Sum, USD
Chief Arbiter	4,600	1	4,600
Deputy Chief Arbiter	3,350	2	6,700
Pairings Officer	3,350	2	6,700
Fair-play Officer	3,350	1	3,350
Technical Delegate - Chairman of the Appeals Committee	3,750	1	3,750
Member of the Appeals Committee	2,500	2	5,000
Press Officer	3,750	1	3,750
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	2,500	1	2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>36,350</b>

**6. 3. 2.** Any Principal who is active at the Event for only part of the time shall receive only a pro rata portion of his/her stipend.

**6. 3. 3.** If FIDE decides to add any additional Principal in accordance with [Article 4.11](#), they shall be paid in accordance with the scale indicated in [Article 6.3.1](#).

#### **6. 4. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals**

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser's expense. If other travel conditions are not specified in the contract signed by FIDE and the Organiser, all other principals are compensated by the Organiser for their travel

expenses in economy class up to one thousand one hundred (1,100) USD if travelling from the same continent up to one thousand six hundred (1,600) USD if travelling from another continent.

## **6. 5. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals**

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel is offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard room in the same hotel is offered by the Organiser for each principal. Extra expenses are covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President.

## **6. 6. Regular Arbiters**

**6. 6. 1.** Foreign regular arbiters shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses in economy class

- up to eight hundred (800) USD if travelling from the same continent up and the distance of the journey is 2,000 km or less;

- up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) USD if travelling from another continent.

**6. 6. 2.** Each regular arbiter shall be provided full board accommodation in a 3-star hotel. The hotel room provided shall be a twin room and shared with another regular arbiter.

**6. 6. 3.** The following stipend shall be paid:

- 1,000 USD to each local regular arbiter who serves 4 days (excluding Blitz Event Stage 2);

- 1,250 USD to each local regular arbiter who serves 5 days (including Blitz Event Stage 2);

- 1,500 USD to each foreign regular arbiter who serves 4 days (excluding Blitz Event Stage 2);

- 1,800 USD to each foreign regular arbiter who serves 5 days (including Blitz Event Stage 2).

## **6. 7. Local Transportation**

**6. 7. 1.** Transfer from and to the airport shall be provided by the Organiser for FIDE Principals, arbiters and players, if necessary.

**6. 7. 2.** A sufficient number of cars shall be made available for principals; their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount shall be agreed between the Organiser and GSC. Local transport shall also be provided for the players to official functions, if necessary.

## **6. 8. Personnel**

The Organiser shall provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing venue, press room, VIP room, and at Ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

## **6. 9. Broadcast**

The Organiser shall produce a high-quality live video and games broadcast of R&B with commentaries in English by at least two commentators. Commentaries in other languages may be arranged by the Organiser upon recommendations of GSC. All expenses related to the broadcast shall be covered by the Organiser. The Organiser is required to deliver broadcast feed(s) to FIDE and its broadcasting partners as per FIDE's obligations with FIDE's broadcasting partners.

## **6. 10. Medical Care**

**6. 10. 1.** The organiser shall provide emergency medical care to the players and Principals on the terms, agreed in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

**6. 10. 2.** All the players and Principals are strongly advised to have their own travel health insurances. Neither FIDE nor the Organiser bear liability to cover any health-related costs.

**6. 10. 3.** The Organiser shall cover the costs related to the medical protocol (see [Article 4.9.6](#)).

## **6. 11. Anti-doping Control**

The Organiser shall cover the costs related to anti-doping testing (see [Article 4.9.5](#)) in accordance with the requirements of the anti-doping protocol.

## **6. 12. Fair-play Measures**

The Organiser shall cover the costs associated with implementing the fair play regulations up to ten thousand (10,000) USD,

excluding all the expenses for the Fair-Play Officer.

## 7. Commercial Issues

**7. 1.** FIDE retains all commercial and media rights of R&B, including internet. These rights can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

**7. 2.** The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, belong to FIDE. These rights can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser on conditions specified in the contract signed between FIDE and the Organiser.

The players, principals and arbiters as well as any technical staff admitted to the venue understand that they may be captured either by recorded or broadcasted video, or by their images, including photographs, video frames or works of art (hereinafter referred to as Images) at the venue of the Event as well as at the site around it, and provide their irrevocable consent for such capture, record and broadcast. FIDE may use all acquired images for commercial, marketing, organisational and other purposes free of charge. Any image may be used in printed, electronic or any other media, including the internet, and FIDE has the sub-licensable and worldwide right to use images as set forth above in any manner whatsoever (including any commercial purpose) free of charge.

**7. 3.** FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE shall provide to the Organiser the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

**7. 4.** FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors.

**7. 5.** Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (*e.g.* bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE Technical Delegate.

**7. 6.** The income from admission charges goes to the Organiser.

**7. 7.** The Organiser shall produce a detailed budget for the event, which shall be approved by GSC.

**7. 8.** No proposed sponsor shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

**7. 9.** The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo shall be displayed in a black colour on a white background. The text describing any event shall not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

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The present Regulations are governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Switzerland. All disputes arising from or in relation to with the Regulations shall be submitted to CAS (art. 35.1 FIDE Charter). All disputes and claims arising from or in relation to the bidding procedure and obligations of the Organiser may also be submitted to the competent court of the City of Lausanne, Canton Vaud, Switzerland, unless otherwise agreed in the contract with the Organiser.

# APPENDIX 1

## Useful Links

- a) FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2023 – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>
- b) Basic Guidelines for playing venues of FIDE Top-Level Tournaments – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C01>
- c) FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations – <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCPProtectionMeasures.pdf>
- d) Ethics & Disciplinary Code – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/EthicsAndDisciplinaryCode2022>
- e) FIDE Appeals Committee Procedural Rules – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>
- f) FIDE Media Regulations – <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C09>