



CHESS OLYMPIAD 2023

For people with disabilities

Belgrade (SERBIA)

29 January 2023 – 5 February 2023

I N V I T A T I O N

1. SCOPE

- A.** Governing Body of the Chess Olympiad 2023 for people with disabilities (hereinafter referred to as Chess Olympiad for PwD) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- B.** Players with Disabilities Commission (DIS) (hereinafter referred to as DIS) is in charge of preparing Regulations, communicating with the Organizer and the participants.
- C.** FIDE Council is the body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations, upon recommendation by DIS.
- D.** At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President or to FIDE technical delegate of the event upon authorization by the FIDE President for any kind of amendments.

2. TEAM SELECTION

- A.** Chess Olympiad for PwD is a team competition.
- B.** The maximum number of teams is 30.
- C.** FIDE federation members can present only one team, excluding the hosting federation.
- D.** A maximum of 2 teams from the hosting federation are eligible to participate. (If the number of invited federations are “odd”, 1 team from the hosting federation will have the right to participate. If the number of invited federations are “even”, 2 teams from the hosting federation will have the right to participate).
- E.** The FIDE President can nominate up to 4 federation teams after the official registration deadline. The nominated teams will be given a maximum of 10 days to complete the registration.
- F.** The remaining 27 teams are selected based on the rating system. After the registration deadline

(28 December,2022) all disabled players' names will be displayed on the FIDE Disabled Commission website www.dis.fide.com

- G.** Based on the top 5 disabled rated players' average ratings, 4 federation teams with higher average rating from each continent will be selected to Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD – in total 16 teams. If any disabled player from any federation is not rated, he/she will be given a rating of 1000. In case of a tie, the decision will be based on the top 6 rated players' average ratings and so on.
- H.** Additionally, the continental 11 quota places will be distributed based on the continental rating:
- I rated continent will get the right to present 5 additional teams.
 - II rated continent will get the right to present 3 additional teams.
 - III rated continent will get the right to present 2 additional teams.
 - IV rated continent will get the right to present 1 additional team.

Continental ratings will be calculated based on the sum of the top 5 disabled rated players' average ratings from all of the federations. In case of a tie, the decision will be based on the top 6 rated players' average rating and so on.

- I.** Only FIDE ELO of 01.01.2020 will be considered while making any decision.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A.** The teams are made up of 4 players
- B.** Every team should preferably consist of at least 2 rated players
- C.** One female player is recommended in the team
- D.** The mixed teams are made up of players with communication (hearing) impairment, physical disability and visual impairment.
- E.** The mixed teams may consist of any number of the three disabled categories mentioned in 3.D.
- F.** Each team must have a captain.
- G.** Every participating federation has to provide an official document for every team player to certify their disability – a scan of the document should be provided upon registration. Providing forged documents can result in strict punishment. The original document should be provided at the Technical Meeting to the Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD to Classification Committee.
- H.** Each team can have any number of accompanying persons.
- I.** A total of 6 people is considered as “invited participants” – 4 players, one captain and one accompanying person.
- J.** Each federation may be represented by a Chief of Delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust this role to the team captain, or one of the players, or the reserve, or one of the accompanying persons. Chief of Delegation is responsible for all administrative matters and for the relations with the Organizer.

4. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- A. Registration should be made via the FIDE member federation representative.
- B. The deadline for the registration is 28th December 2022. For the registration, a simple registration form must be filled in.
- C. Any registration after December 28th 2022, will be considered as late registration.
- D. The organizer has the right to reject any late registration.

5. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR INVITED PARTICIPANTS

- A. The Organizer is financially responsible for free single or double (matter of need) hotel accommodation with free FB – breakfast, lunch and dinner for invited participants a total of 6 people from arrival day to departure day. Soft drinks, tea/coffee are included in the FB offer.
- B. For any extra participants and accompanying people prices in the Hotel Crowne Plaza (*****)
per person per day:
Single room: **160 euros** Double room: **100 euros** Triple room: **87 euros**
- C. Travel subsidy will be provided to the invited teams based on FIDE development level list. European federations are not eligible for travel subsidies.
- D. If any team violates the registration deadline, the Organizer has the right not to provide the invited team with free accommodation or free air-tickets.
- E. The Organizer is responsible for the transportation of the invited participants from the Belgrade airport to the hotel on arrival day and back to the Belgrade airport on departure day.

6. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FOR OTHER ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

- A. Extra members of delegations will bear their travel and accommodation expenses.
- B. Invoices for the accommodation of additional accompanying persons will be issued within a week after the registration deadline.
- C. The payment deadline for accommodation of additional accompanying persons is two weeks after the deadline.

7. VISA INFORMATION

- A. Should a participant need a visa to enter Serbia (hosting country of the 1st World Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD), the Organizers will require to provide the passport copy along with the passport details during the registration process.
- B. A visa cost shall be covered by FIDE member federation.
- C. A visa obtaining should be the responsibility of FIDE member federation. Visa should be applied in any Consulate of Serbia worldwide.
- D. FIDE member federation is responsible for informing the Organizer of any unforeseen circumstances and/or obstacles when applying for visa in order to get assistance in this matter.

8. SCHEDULE

Sunday	January 29		Arrival Day
Sunday	January 29	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Monday	January 30	15:00	Round 1
Tuesday	January 31	15:00	Round 2
Wednesday	February 1	15:00	Round 3
Thursday	February 2	15:00	Round 4
Friday	February 3	15:00	Round 5
Saturday	February 4	11:00	Round 6
Saturday	February 4	19:30	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	February 5		Departure Day

9. PLAYING VENUE

- A. The Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD venue is Hotel Crowne Plaza(*****) Belgrade, Serbia .
- B. FIDE Technical Delegate and FIDE Operational Officer for Chess Olympiad 2023, PwD shall ensure that the playing venue and its surrounding areas meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organization of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).
- C. The playing venue is decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host and the participating nations.
- D. The Organizer provides, free of charge, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks and snacks for the players, principals and arbiters, VIPs and accredited media.

10. THE SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL

- A. The Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD will be played by the Swiss System with 6 rounds.
- B. The games are played with the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.
- C. Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Default time is 15 minutes.

11. RANKING

- A. The team which scores more board points in a match than its opponents, receives 2 match points. In the case a match ends with equal sum of the board points, each team receives 1 match point, a loss – 0 points.
- B. The ranking will be determined according to match points, the team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition.
- C. The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:
 - (a) By the number of board points won, the highest number wins;

- (b) By the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins;
 - (c) By the sum of the board points of all team's opponents, the highest number wins;
 - (d) By the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.
- D.** Individual prizes in team competitions: the highest score and if tie highest performance rating wins. In case of a tie it shall be broken by:
- (a) mutual results (if all played each other);
 - (b) number of games, the highest number wins;
 - (c) percentage score, the highest number wins,
 - (d) final ranking of a team, the player in the highest ranked team wins.

12. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- A.** The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.
- B.** Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the principals and stewards, arbiters and their assistants, VIP guests and FIDE PB and/or MB members are allowed in the playing area. A player may communicate with an arbiter, arbiters' assistants or stewards.
- C.** During a playing session, the players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player loses the current game.
- D.** The players are permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents, only in case it is approved by the Chief Arbiter or a device is vital for a disabled player or a device is an inalienable assisting means to play a chess game. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.
- E.** During the playing session, 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/arbiters' assistants. In case if this rule is violated, the Chief Arbiter may declare the current game lost by the player.
- F.** The Organizer has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission and Chess Olympiad 2023, Competition for Disabled Classification Commission.
- G.** The anti-doping test procedure is specified by the contract signed between FIDE and the Organizer.

13. PLAYERS CONDUCT

- A.** The dress code is strictly observed.
- B.** Dress code for men: formal.
- C.** Dress code for women: formal.
- D.** No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress are allowed

- in the playing area. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by DIS.
- E. In case of dispute the issue of acceptability of clothing is decided by the Chief Arbiter / Deputy Chief Arbiter / DIS member.
 - F. The players are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.
 - G. The players are expected to be present at all official events approved by DIS including official receptions, the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.
 - H. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game.
 - I. The players shall be available for the daily press conference.
 - J. The top three winners of each event are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.
 - K. The winner is obliged 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.

14. PRIZES

A. Team Prizes:

TEAM PRIZES	
I	One Cup; 6 Medals & Diploma, 6 special prizes to 6 people
II	One Cup; 6 Medals & Diploma, 6 special prizes to 6 people
III	One Cup; 6 Medals & Diploma, 6 special prizes to 6 people

B. Individual Prizes to the Best Performing Players

PERSONAL PRIZES	
I Board	3 Medals & 3 Diploma, 3 special prizes to 1-3 winners (3 people)
II Board	3 Medals & 3 Diploma, 3 special prizes to 1-3 winners (3 people)
III Board	3 Medals & 3 Diploma, 3 special prizes to 1-3 winners (3 people)
IV Board	3 Medals & 3 Diploma, 3 special prizes to 1-3 winners (3 people)
Reserve	3 Medals & 3 Diploma, 3 special prizes to 1-3 winners (3 people)

C. Special Individual Prizes

DESCRIPTION	PERSONAL PRIZES
The Youngest Player with Communication disability	Special Prize
The Oldest Player with Communication disability	Special Prize
The Youngest Player with Physical disability	Special Prize
The Oldest Player with Physical disability	Special Prize
The Youngest Player with Visual Impairment	Special Prize
The Oldest Player with Visual Impairment	Special Prize
The Youngest Woman Player	Special Prize
The Oldest Woman Player	Special Prize
Best performance	Special Prize

The most beautiful game	Special Prize
10 Special Prizes from the Organizer	Special Prize

D. Certificates of Participation

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation in the World Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD.

15. CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE AND COVID PROTOCOL

- A.** Classification Committee is mainly responsible, but not limited to, for medical report on players' disability verification and other medical related matters. The Committee fulfils the responsibility of FIDE Medical Committee at FIDE official events.
- B.** Chairman of Classification Committee is appointed by FIDE President. Preferably the FIDE Medical Commission Chairman/Member is nominated as Chairman of Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD Classification Committee.
- C.** FIDE World Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD COVID Protocol must be followed by any participant of the event.

16. FAIR – PLAY MEASURES

Chess Olympiad 2023 for PwD will be played in full compliance of FIDE Fair Play regulations.