

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

D. 1 spot – 'FIDE Women's Events 2024-25' series

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