

## 2. Qualification for World Cup 2025

2. 1. 206 players shall take part in World Cup. Players shall qualify for World Cup by the following paths:

- I. Reigning World Champion as at 1 June 2025.
- II. Winner, runner-up and 2 other semi-finalists of the FIDE World Cup 2023 – 4 players.
- III. Reigning Women's World Champion as at 1 June 2025.
- IV. World Junior Champion U-20 2024 – 1 player.
- V. Qualifiers from the Continental events – 80 players.

V.1. For the purpose of distribution of eighty Continental spots the following system shall apply:

- a. 12 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each of 4 Continents is granted 3 spots;
- b. 8 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 8 juniors in the January 2024 FIDE standard rating list.

Africa: 0  
Americas: 0  
Asia: 6  
Europe: 2

- c. 60 Continental spots shall be distributed as follows: each Continent gets the number of spots equal to the number of respective Continent's players in the World Top 60 players in the January 2024 FIDE standard rating list.

Africa: 0  
Americas: 9  
Asia: 26  
Europe: 25

SPOTS	Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe
Granted	3	3	3	3
Top 8 juniors	0	0	6	2
Top 60 players	0	9	26	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>

V.2. The Continental events may be the following:

- a. Continental Championships and Zonals 2024
- b. Continental Championships and Zonals 2025

In Zonal Tournaments a player shall score at least 50% of the maximum possible score in order to be eligible; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.

All the Continental events are to be completed by 1 June 2025.

- VI. Highest rated players in the June 2025 FIDE standard rating list - 13 players, who have not qualified by any path from I to V.

If the ratings are equal then the total number of rated games in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to June 2025 shall be decisive: the player who has played more games qualifies. If the numbers

of games are equal, a drawing of lots shall decide.

A player who appears inactive at least once in 6 FIDE standard rating lists from January to June 2025 shall not be eligible.

VII. 100 players shall be determined according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2024 open section.

The top 100 national federations are given one qualification spot (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad spot). If any federation is represented by 2 or more teams, it cannot get more than one Olympiad spot. Not more than 40 federations per Continent may get Olympiad spots. If there are more than forty federations from the same Continent in top 100 of the Final Ranking, Olympiad spot(s) shall go to the next federation(s) in the Final Ranking.

Each Continent has the right to transfer up to 50 % \* of the eventual respective Continent's Olympiad spots to Continental events (see [Article 2.1.V](#)). Such a decision is to be announced by 1 March 2024. If this decision is taken, the remaining Continent's Olympiad spots shall be given to the best federations representing the respective Continent according to the Final Ranking of the Chess Olympiad 2024 open section.

Each national federation having won the Olympiad spot needs to work out qualification criteria for its representative. The Olympiad spot shall be given to one of the Olympiad 2024 national team members. If all Olympiad 2024 national team members qualify to World Cup by other paths or decline participation, the spot can be given to any other player.

All the Olympiad spots are to be decided and announced by the federations between 1 and 10 June 2025.

\* unless a higher number is approved by FIDE Council

VIII. Nominees of the FIDE President – 4 players.

IX. Nominees of the Organiser – 2 players.

**2. 2.** All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to IV](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events [2.1. path V.2.a](#).

**2. 3.** All players qualified by one or more paths from [Article 2.1. I to V.2.a](#) are not counted for qualification purpose in the events [2.1. path V.2.b](#).

**2. 4.** If any replacement is needed, it shall be done as follows:

- a. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. I, II and IV and VI](#) shall be replaced using the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path VI](#).
- b. The reigning Women's World Champion (see [Article 2.1.III](#)) shall be replaced by the highest rated women in the June 2025 FIDE Women standard rating list. If the latest declines to participate, the replacement shall be made according to the procedure described in [Article 2.1, path VI](#).
- c. Qualifiers by paths [Article 2.1. V and VII](#) shall be replaced from their respective events. In Zonal Tournaments a replacement shall have scored at least 50% of the maximum possible score; otherwise, the spot(s) shall go, in order of priority: to the forthcoming or to the last respective Continental Championship.

