



1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for PEOPLE with DISABILITIES
20 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2020
GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. SCOPE

- A.** The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is the Governing Body of the 1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for people with disabilities (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad)
- B.** FIDE Commission for the Disabled (hereinafter referred to as DIS) is in charge of preparing Regulations and communicating with the participants.
- C.** The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, 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 for the final decision.

2. FORMAT & TIME CONTROL

- A.** 1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for people with disabilities is a team competition.
- B.** Only FIDE Member Federations can participate.
- C.** FIDE Member Federations can be represented by a number of teams between one and four (see articles 2D, 2E, 2F).
- D.** If a Member Federation has between 50 and 75 players with disabilities registered on the FIDE DIS website (<https://dis.fide.com/>) by 20 of October 2020, this Federation is entitled to have 2 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.
- E.** If a Member Federation has between 76 and 100 players with disabilities registered on the FIDE DIS website (<https://dis.fide.com/>) by 20 of October 2020, this Federation is entitled to have 3 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.

- F.** If a Member Federation has more than 101 players with disabilities on the FIDE DIS website (<https://dis.fide.com/>) by 20 of October 2020, this federation is entitled to have 4 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.
- G.** The first stage of the Olympiad will be played by Swiss System in 7 rounds.
- H.** The top four teams of the first stage will qualify for the second stage of the Olympiad.
- I.** The second stage will consist of a playoff, with double-round semi-finals, and a double-round final, according to the schedule (article 4).
- J.** In the first semi-final, the winner of stage one will play with the team placed 4 in the Swiss stage. (1-4).
- K.** In the second semi-final, the team placed 2 will play with the team placed 3 in the Swiss stage (2-3).
- L.** The winners of semi-finals will play for the first place in a double-round final match, while the teams that lose in the semi-finals will play for the 3rd place.
- M.** The time control for all stages is 25 minutes + 10 seconds.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION & PAIRINGS

- A.** The teams consist of 4 players (3 men and at least 1 woman). Each team may have up to 4 reserve players.
- B.** The teams have to play according to the ranking communicated at the registration. Whenever it happens that one or more reserves play, the reserves play in the last boards, according to the initial ranking, and the regular boards escalate to the upper boards. In case a team composition is communicated in the wrong order, the Chief Arbiter (CA) will change it to the right one and communicate it to the captain of the team. The team is not allowed to change its composition after the CA has reordered it according to the initial ranking.
- C.** The Federations are encouraged to register players under 20.
- D.** At least one woman from each team must play in each round.
- E.** The teams may mix players with different types of disabilities: communication (hearing) impairment, physical disability and visually impairment.
- F.** The mixed teams may consist of any number of the mentioned in 3.E. three disabled categories.
- G.** Each team must designate a captain, and the members of the team must be registered on the FIDE DIS Commission website (www.dis.fide.com)
- H.** The pairings for the first round will be announced at least 48 hours before the start. Teams must submit the composition at least 24 hours before the start.
- I.** The pairings for the next rounds are announced at least 20 hours before the start

(7:00 PM CEST).

- J.** Every team has to submit the composition for a specific round, except the first, not later than 3 hours before the start of the round (12:00 AM CEST).
- K.** The composition of the teams is submitted via online system.
- L.** If a team fails to submit its composition on time, it will play with the standard composition of the four regular players.

- M.** Every participating Federation has to provide an official document for each player in the team, to certify the player's disability. A scan of the document should be provided upon registration. Providing forged documents can result in strict punishment. Original document should be provided before the registration deadline to the Olympiad Classification Committee (CO). Upon recommendation by the Classification Committee, the FIDE DIS Commission makes a decision based on the validity of the player's disability.

4. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- A.** The registration should be done by a representative of a FIDE Member Federation. FIDE will not accept individual applications.
- B.** FIDE Member Federations must fill in full the official registration form (available at www.dis.fide.com), and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- C.** The deadline for registration is October 20, 2020.
- D.** Any registration received after October 20, 2020, will be considered as late registration.
- E.** The organizer has the right to reject any late registration.

5. SCHEDULE

	October 10-15		Zoom meeting with Captains by Chief Arbiter and OC
	November 10-15		Zoom meeting with Captains by Chief Arbiter and OC
Friday	November 20	CET 15:00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	November 21	CET 15:00	Round 1
Sunday	November 22	CET 15:00	Round 2
Monday	November 23	CET 15:00	Round 3

Tuesday	November 24	CET 15:00	Round 4
Wednesday	November 25	CET 15:00	Round 5
Thursday	November 26	CET 15:00	Round 6
Friday	November 27	CET 15:00	Round 7
Saturday	November 28		REST DAY
Sunday	November 29	CET 15:00	Round 1 Semi-final
Monday	November 30	CET 15:00	Round 2 Semi-final
Monday	November 30		Tie-Break (if necessary)
Tuesday	December 1	CET 15:00	Round 1 Final and for 3 places
Wednesday	December 2	CET 15:00	Round 2 Final and for 3 places
Wednesday	December 2		Tie-Break (if necessary)
Thursday	December 3	CET 15:00	Closing Ceremony

6. RANKING of FIRST STAGE

- A.** The team which scores more board points in a match than its opponents, receives 2 match points. In the case 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.

7. RANKING OF PLAY – OFF STAGE

If 2 rounds of Semi-final or 2 rounds of Final doesn't reveal the winner, one Armageddon match will be played. The chief arbiter will run a drawing of lots to determine which team plays white. White team means that all 4 boards will be white. White team must win the match. If black team wins or draws the match, black team will be declared the winner.

8. SPECIAL CONDITIONS & PLAYERS CONDUCT

- A.** In case of special needs (related to some players), the captains of teams are to inform Organizing Committee of Olympiad by the registration deadline. FIDE DIS Commission will consider each case.
- B.** The players are expected to co-operate with the media.
- C.** The players shall be available for the daily press conference.
- D.** The top three winner team representatives are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.

9. CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

- A.** The Olympiad Classification Committee is a Committee which 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 Commission at FIDE official events.
- B.** Chairman of Classification Committee is appointed by FIDE President.
- C.** At least one more member of Classification Committee can be invited by the chairman of Classification Committee.

10. FAIR PLAY MEASURES

- A.** The fair-play measures are based on resources of HIP and external tools which are to be approved by DIS and follow FIDE's fair-play guidelines.
- B.** 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 Commission.
- C.** 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.
- D.** In case third parties' tools are used, FPP maintains regularly monitored the reports coming from such tools and promotes any necessary investigation.
- E.** 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.
- F. The Chief Arbiter, in consultation with FPP, in case he finds it necessary, has the right to:
- The disqualified player may be declared lost in one or several games he/she played in the current or/and previous rounds;
 - The disqualified player's team may be disqualified.
- G. In any case, the disqualified player's team lose the right to qualify for the second stage.
- H. Any decision of FPP or the Chief Arbiter on fair play matters is final and is not subject to any appeal, review or other challenge.
- I. Neither FIDE, 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.
- J. 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.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- A. FIDE President will appoint the Chairman, the two other members and the two substitutes of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations.
- B. Any member of the Appeals Committee cannot sit in judgement in a dispute involving one player from his/her 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
- C. Any decision of the Chief Arbiter can be appealed, except fair-play decisions.
- D. Only team captains are entitled to submit appeals. In case the appeal is rejected the complainant, Federation will be charged an amount of 200,00 USD.
- E. All appeals and protests must be submitted in written form to the Appeals Committee not more than 30 minutes after the end of the relevant round by email to the recipient dis@fide.com.
- F. The Appeals Committee endeavours to make a decision as quick 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.
- G. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these Regulations is final.