



REGULATIONS BULLETIN

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INTRODUCTION

The FIDE and ISF organizes the **FIDE - ISF WORLD SCHOOL TEAMS ONLINE CHESS CUP 2023** with the aim of motivating young students to be active and participating in the online event.

The first similar event took place in 2020. ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 was an online tournament organised for school-going youth aged 13-17, which also was the first-ever virtual World Schools Championship. 340 young chess players from 39 countries and 5 continents took part in that event. This time we expect even more participants and we are ready to welcome them!

The nature of events can vary from competition to competition. However, their goal remains to harness the power of sport to promote Olympic values, topics such as youth empowerment, fair play, healthy lifestyle, peace, tolerance, inclusion and respect.

The organizers of the **FIDE - ISF WORLD SCHOOL TEAMS ONLINE CHESS CUP 2023** invite students from FIDE and ISF members as well as all students from all over the World to participate in the tournament.

The tournament will be played on the FIDE Online Arena platform <https://chessarena.com/> and will be organised into two different age groups and teams categories.



ORGANISATION

1. Management

Organisation

FIDE – International Chess Federation
ISF – International School
Sports Federation

Tournament Coordinator

FIDE Organization Team &
ISF Technical Commission

2. Program

Dates

Event/age category

April 29, 2023

Qualification tournament

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,
2013, 2014 and 2015 year of birth

April 30, 2023

Qualification tournament

2005, 2006 and 2007 year of birth

May 6, 2023

Final tournament

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,
2013, 2014 and 2015 year of birth

May 7, 2023

Final tournament

2005, 2006 and 2007 year of birth



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3. Participation

The FIDE - ISF World School Teams Online Chess Cup 2023 is open for schools' teams and individuals representing their schools. All players must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent. All players must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education. Participants of the team must be actual full-time students of the school which they represent.

The FIDE - ISF World School Teams Online Chess Cup 2023 is open to schools all over the world, **except schools from Russia and Belarus**. The International School Sport Federation has condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and suspended the membership rights of the Russian Federation and the Belarus Republic until further notice.

The Tournament will be held in 2 different categories:

- **U18 Teams**
- **U15 Teams**

There is no limitation on the number of Teams per school per category.

Sports	Gender	Year of birth
Online Chess	Open (U15)	Players born on or after 1 January 2008
	Open (U18)	Players born on or after 1 January 2005

*Participants born in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 are allowed to play in the upper (U-18) age category. A player can only take part in one of the age categories.



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4. General and Technical Rules

GENERAL RULES

The FIDE - ISF World School Teams Online Chess Cup 2023 is organised according to current FIDE Online Chess rules, Laws of Chess and ISF rules. The event will be run by the FIDE – ISF Organization Committee (OC). All technical-related decisions will be made by the OC. The OC will deal with all technical matters arising during the event as well as during the period of the event where matters are not covered by regulations.

It should be noted that where there is a sufficiently serious lack of respect for Event rules, the OC can disqualify participants from the event. If a participant is disqualified from the event, the participation fee will not be refunded.

The official language of the event: **English**



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TECHNICAL RULES | GENERAL RULES

1. The official playing platform of the FIDE - ISF WORLD SCHOOL TEAMS ONLINE CHESS CUP 2023 will be FIDE Online Arena (FOA) <https://chessarena.com/>.
2. The competitions for both U-15 and U-18 age groups will be played in two stages:
 - Qualifications
 - Finals
3. Each tournament is played individually. Participants from the same teams will not be paired against each other.
4. Teams as well as individual players are representing their schools. Teams are named similarly as the school is named.
5. Teams are composed of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 7 players. Participants of the same team must be actual students of the same school.
6. Each school can have any number of teams registered. If the same school has several teams in one age group, the order number of the team will be added to its name (for example Oxford School of English 1, Oxford School of English 2 etc.).
7. Individual final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If two or more players scored the same number of points, tie-breaks between tied players will be made by the playing platform according to the Bucholz system for Swiss tournaments.
8. Team final ranking order is determined by the total sum of points scored by the best 4 players of the team. If the team has four or smaller number of participants, the sum of points of all the team members is counted.
9. Pairings for each round of all tournaments will be done automatically by the FIDE Online Arena playing platform according to the FIDE Swiss Rules. FIDE Online Arena rating will not be calculated for these tournaments.
10. Officially confirmed results will be announced published on the official website of the competitions <https://isf.fide.com/>.



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TECHNICAL RULES | QUALIFICATIONS

1. Separate Qualification tournaments will be organized for each age category. Qualification tournaments will be played in a Swiss System format of 11 rounds, with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
2. 25% of the teams according to the approved results of the Qualification tournaments of each age category, but not less than 20 teams and not more than 40 teams, qualify for the Finals.
3. Teams who qualify for the Finals, will be checked by the OC and Fair Play Panel (FPP) regarding their following of the Fair Play rules. The overall check of all played games based on FIDE Online Arena algorithms will be made within the next few hours after the finish of the respective tournament. Official results of the tournament will be confirmed by FPP within 1-2 days after the finish of the respective tournament.

TECHNICAL RULES | FINALS

1. Separate Final tournaments will be organized for each age category. Final tournaments will be played in a Swiss System format of 9 rounds, with the time control 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
2. During the Final tournaments each player have to join the ZOOM meeting, where the FPP will supervise the tournament. Players must play with their webcam turned on and share their screens during all the games of the Final tournaments.
3. If a player is not logged into ZOOM at the published start time of the round or turns off the webcam, it could result in a loss of the game. Players have to download and install ZOOM Client for Meetings from the link below: <https://zoom.us/download>.



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SCHEDULE

Technical meetings will be made for each tournament. Participants will be informed about the schedule of technical meetings by their indicated e-mail addresses.

Dates	Event/age category
April 29, 2023	Qualification tournament 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 year of birth
April 30, 2023	Qualification tournament 2005, 2006 and 2007 year of birth
May 6, 2023	Final tournament 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 year of birth
May 7, 2023	Final tournament 2005, 2006 and 2007 year of birth



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Time (UTC)	Estimated Program	Remarks
13:00	Starting of tournament process	Players must join to platform and Zoom meeting
14:00	Round 1	
14:20	Round 2	
14:40	Round 3	
15:00	Round 4	
15:20	Round 5	
15:40	Round 6	
16:00	Round 7	
16:20	Round 8	
16:40	Round 9	* Last round for Finals
17:00	Round 10	
17:20	Round 11	* Last round for Qualifications

IMPORTANT REMARKS:

- Registered players will be informed about instructions regarding Hosting platform.
- The program in the above table is an estimated tournament schedule. Starting times of the rounds may differ due to the investigation of fair play rules.
- During the Qualifications, Arbiters will be in contact with players via chat at the playing platform.
- During the Finals Arbiters will be in contact with players both via chat at the playing platform and via Zoom meeting.



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FAIR PLAY AND ORGANIZATION RULES

By registering for the tournament all participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations:

- During the event participants should play only by themselves and they are not allowed to be assisted by other people.
- It is not allowed any software/application to be open during the games except the browser with the playing platform opened and ZOOM Client.
- Any player could be excluded from the tournament by the decision of the Fair Play Panel due to Fair Play rules. Fair play Panel could exclude players during the tournament or after the tournament.
- A special Anti-cheating detection software will be used during the tournament.
- Additionally, games will be checked manually.
- Players must register and compete with their real names and surnames.
- Players must use ZOOM during all games of the Final tournaments. OC will also check players through ZOOM.
- Players, who will not open Zoom connection and/or not share their screen during games or turn OFF their webcam, shall be withdrawn from the tournament.
- Streaming through any broadcast platforms including Twitch, YouTube or other online streaming platforms is not permitted for participants during their tournament games.
- The OC would have no responsibility for any technical problems arising for players during the games but retains the option to pair any player for the next round.
- The fair-play measures are based on resources of the host internet platform (hereinafter referred to as HIP) and external tools which are to be approved by OC and follow FIDE's Fair-Play Regulations.



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- OC 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 OC.
- 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.
- In case third parties' tools are used, FPP maintains regularly monitored reports coming from such tools and promotes any necessary investigation.
- FPP keeps the right to disqualify any player for a suspected fair-play violation during the course or after the conclusion of the tournament, based 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.
- The Chief Arbiter, in consultation with FPP, in case he finds it necessary, has the right to disqualify a player.
- The disqualified player may be declared lost in one or several games he/she played in the current or/and previous rounds.
- Neither OC, nor HIP claims that the determination of a suspected fair-play violation is proof of actual cheating or an admission of guilt 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.
- By entering 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.
- Arbiters' decisions and FFP decisions cannot be appealed.
- The OC has the right to change the schedule, update the regulations or decide upon any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.



ADMINISTRATION

1. Registration

February 1, 2023 Opening of registration phase

April 22, 2023 Closing of registration phase

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration is open for both teams and individual players representing their schools. Registration should be done by filling in the application form on the official website of the competitions <https://isf.fide.com/>.

Following information is mandatory for registration:

Section 1 – Information about the school

- Name of the school
- E-mail address of the school
- Address (Street Address, City, State/Region/Province, Postal / Zip Code and Country)

Section 2 – Team Leader`s contact information

- Name, last name
- Position
- E-mail address
- Phone number



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Section 3 – Information about participants

- Name, last name
- Date of birth
- FIDE ID number (if applicable)
- E-mail address*
- Upload of identification document *(It can be any kind of document with photo, name of the student and his/her date of birth indicated in Latin letter)*
- Upload of duly filled and signed Consent Form

* If the participant already has an account on the FIDE Online Arena, should be indicated the same e-mail address that is used for FIDE Online Arena account.

Section 4 – Document upload

- Upload of duly filled and signed School's Certificate
- After submitting the registration form, a manual verification process will be done by the organizers. In case of successfully passed registration, TL will receive a registration confirmation e-mail with information about payment of the entry fee.
- In case of unsuccessful registration, the organizers will contact the TL with the request to provide the necessary data.
- Once payment has been made, participants will receive an e-mail letter to their indicated e-mail addresses with an invitation to register on the FIDE Online Arena playing platform <https://chessarena.com/>.
- After creating an account on the playing platform, participants are ready to join the tournament.
- Before the tournament participants will receive an invitation letter with the link for joining the tournament.



2. Fees

The participation fee is **25€** per participant. The participation fee is to be paid by credit/debit card once the registration confirmation has been received. The Team Leader will receive a link for the payment after a successful registration.

PRIZES

All participants of the event will be awarded with:

- Certificate of Participation for each player
- Certificate indicating school's ranking for each school

The participants of teams ranked 2nd and 3rd in each category will be awarded with:

- Diploma for each participant
- Certificate indicating school's ranking for each school
- FIDE Online Arena premium membership for 1 year (worth 25 EUR each) for each team's participant
- 3-month subscription for the World Chess Masterclasses program (worth 45 EUR each) for each team's participant
- World Chess Championship Set (Academy edition) (worth 44 EUR each) for each team's participant

The participants of the winning teams in each category will be awarded with:

- Diploma for each participant
- Certificate indicating school's ranking for each school
- FIDE Online Arena premium membership for 1 year (worth 25 EUR each) for each team's participant
- 3-month subscription for the World Chess Masterclasses program (worth 45 EUR each) for each team's participant
- World Chess Set (Home edition in Black and White) signed by the GM (worth 370 EUR) for school
- Exclusive team's training session with the world-famous grandmaster



MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION:

Contact information:

isf@fide.com

The official results and information can be found at:

<https://www.isfsports.org/>

www.fide.com

Final games will be Live broadcasted (details will be communicated through ISF and FIDE social media)

Social Media Guidelines

Spread the word on FIDE-ISF WSC Online Chess 2023!

We would love for you to help us support the young players participating in this first ISF online event.

Follow the official Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/isfsports>

<https://www.facebook.com/ChessFIDE>

Use the official event hashtags: **#SchoolChess #chess**

Follow news on websites:

www.isfsports.org

<https://www.fide.com/>



MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION:

Submit content related to your event to the:

ISF Communication & PR manager: marija@isfsports.org

FIDE community manager: socialmedia@fide.com

Share content on your social media profiles

ISF global channels:

Twitter: [@isfsports](#) | [#SchoolSport](#) [# FIDEISFWSC2023](#) [#chess](#)

Facebook: [@isfsports](#) | [facebook.com/isfsports](https://www.facebook.com/isfsports)

Instagram: [@isfsports](#) | [#SchoolSport](#) [# FIDEISFWSC2023](#) [#chess](#)

TikTok: https://www.tiktok.com/@isf_sports

FIDE global channels:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChessFIDE>

Instagram: [@fide_chess](#)

Youtube: www.youtube.com/fidechannel

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