FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships 2026

Open U23000 U2000 U17000 & Women W23000 W2000 W17000

5th to 12th November 2026 ★ Klang, Selangor, Malaysia

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1. Schedule confirmation

Day	Date	Time	Programme
Wednesday	November 4th	After 1 pm	Arrival day
Thursday	November 5th	13:00	Technical meeting
		15:00	Opening ceremony
		16:00	Round 1
Friday	November 6th	09:00	Round 2
		16:00	Round 3
Saturday	November 7th	10:00	Round 4
Sunday	November 8th	All day	FREE DAY – DIWALI FESTIVAL
Monday	November 9th	10:00	Round 5
		16:00	Round 6
Tuesday	November 10th	16:00	Round 7
Wednesday	November 11th	16:00	Round 8
Thursday	November 12th	10:00	Round 9
		21:00	Closing ceremony
Friday	November 13th	All day	Departure day

2. Time controls

Event	Rounds	Time control
Standard Chess	9 rounds	90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move

3. Laws of Chess from 1st January 2026

The amendments to the Laws of Chess took effect on 1st January 2026. We shall observe them in this event.

4. Conditions for direct titles

Direct titles offered in this competition shall not be awarded to the winners unless they meet the minimum rating requirements. Those who do not meet these rating floors shall have to wait for this award until their ratings reach the required levels. The table for direct titles will be displayed in the hall and is also annexed at the end of this document.

5. Appeal procedure

Any appeal against the decision of the arbiter must be submitted in writing, no later than 30 minutes after that game, accompanied by a deposit of EUR 200 or equivalent in local currency. The official form is on the last page of this document.

The Appeals Committee shall meet as soon as possible, whereupon a decision shall be made. The pairings for the next round shall be delayed till this decision is received.

On a successful appeal the results shall be amended and the deposit shall be returned. If the appeal is rejected the deposit may be forfeited, to be decided by the Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding, and takes effect immediately.

Appeals Committee:	Chairman Maung Maung Lwin MYA	
Members:	Ozgur Solakoglu TUR	Zaidan Zulkipli MAS

6. Default time

The default time shall be 15 minutes after the start of each round based on the Official Clock. Those arriving after this period shall lose unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

Players that do not show up for their game will be excluded from the remaining rounds unless they inform the Chief Arbiter (in writing) before the pairings for the following round have been released.

7. Dress code

The FIDE dress code shall be enforced. Sandals, slippers, sleeveless t-shirts, short pants and other inappropriate clothing shall not be allowed into the playing area. Hoodies, caps, hats or anything that covers the head shall not be allowed unless provided for by FIDE in the Laws of Chess.

8. Access to playing hall

Parents and accompanying persons are allowed 10 minutes of photography time before round 1 begins, after which they have to leave the playing area. Thereafter only officials and players will be allowed in the playing area.

The organizers will provide professional photographers to take photos of every player in the hall. Links to these photos will be provided.

NOTE: Due to the tightness of space inside the playing hall, parents and accompanying persons may not enter the playing hall from round 2 onwards.

There will be washrooms beside the playing area but these are only for officials and players to use.

> ***Please note that food is not allowed on the playing table. Drinks and water bottles are to be placed on the floor below the table.***

9. Airport transfers

Organizers shall provide airport transfers for the registered participants from Kuala Lumpur International Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to this airport.

All departure flight information shall be sent to the WACC official email at worldamateur@fide.com not later than 10th November 2026. The organizer will publish the transfer schedule and other important details 3 days prior to arrival.

10. Use of DGT electronic boards & official scoresheets

This tournament will be using 29 DGT electronic boards to record the chess games. This allows the organizers to show the top games online LIVE. Links for LICHESS will be published.

11. FIDE Fair Play policies

The organizers reserve the right to conduct random checks on players in accordance with Fair Play policies. Mobile devices and wristwatches are not allowed in the playing area. Players will be able to deposit their items at a designated collection counter in the hall and reclaim them after their game ends.

They will be given a tag with the box number their items are stored in. Bags and knapsacks are not allowed beside the players during the round.

12. Illegal moves and infringements

In accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, any player that has made TWO illegal moves during the game shall have their game declared as a LOSS. TWO minutes will be added to the opponent's time for the first illegal move and **30 seconds deducted** from the offending party. For infringements, the first will be given a verbal warning, the second a written warning, and the game will be declared as a loss on the third warning.

13. Recording of moves

All players must record their games using the official scoresheets except for those using the FIDE approved Clono tablets.

14. Tie-breaks

1. Buchholz Cut 1 (2026 amendment)
2. Direct Encounter (provided all tied players played each other)
3. Buchholz
4. Greater number of wins, byes and forfeits counted
5. Sonneborn-Berger system

15. Drawing of colours

This shall be performed by the highest ranked player if present, else the Head of Delegation of the largest non-Malaysian delegation, during the technical meeting.

16. Any other matters

(and matters brought up by those present, if any)

Annex – Direct Title Table

Available on request; also posted in the playing hall. (N.A. = Not applicable.)

Category	FM / WFM	CM / WCM
U2300 / W2300	Gold – Title	Silver & Bronze – Title
U2000 / W2000	Gold – Title	Silver & Bronze – Title
U1700 / W1700	N.A.	Gold – Title

Appeal Form: see following page.

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Category	Standard	Open / Women	2300 / 2000 / 1700
Date			
Round Number		**Table Number**	

State reason for appeal:
*** NOTE: May be continued on a separate sheet

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IA KK Chan
Chief Arbiter