



FIDE WORLD CUP

UNDER 8, 10, 12

Batumi, Georgia

22 June – 3 July, 2025

1. Invitation

FIDE and the Georgian chess federation invite FIDE member federations and eligible players to participate in the **WORLD CUP (WC)** Under 8, 10, 12. The WC will be held in Batumi (Black Sea-Side). 22 of June is an arrival day and 3 of July is a departure day.

At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Invitation shall be referred to EVE commission upon authorization by the FIDE President for any kind of amendments.

W E L C O M E



Batumi Europe Square



Batumi Botanical Garden



Batumi dolphinarium



Dendrological Park

2. Schedule

Sunday	June 22		Arrival Day
Monday	June 23	10:00	Technical meeting
Monday	June 23	14:30	Opening
Monday	June 23	15:00	Round 1
Tuesday	June 24	15:00	Round 2
Wednesday	June 25	15:00	Round 3
Thursday	June 26	15:00	Round 4
Friday	June 27	15:00	Round 5
Saturday	June 28	15:00	Round 6
Sunday	June 29	15:00	Round 7
Monday	June 30	Delegation Coaches Blitz Tournament Prize fund 4 000 Euros	The rest day
		Chess Composition CUP Under 8, 10, 12	
		Cultural Program	
		Football Match: FIDE – GCF	
Tuesday	July 1	15:00	Round 1
Wednesday	July 2	12:00	Round 2
Wednesday	July 2		Tie - Breaks
Wednesday	July 2	20:00	Closing Ceremony
Thursday	July 3		Departure Day

3. Participation

3.1 There shall be 6 categories: Under – 8, Under 10, Under 12 with separate events for Open and Girls.

3.2 A player must not have reached his 8th, 10th, 12th birthday before January 1st 2025.

- Under 8 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2017 and after

- Under 10 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2015 and after
- Under 12 (open & girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2013 and after

3.3 Total number of players in each age group/any gender category is 48.

3.4 The following 12 participants in each age category have personal rights:

A. Top 3 players by FIDE standard rating (1st April 2025).

If there is a tie in FIDE standard ratings, the player with the higher rating in the previous published standard rating list will qualify for the event. If the players are still tied, the invitation will be given to the player with the higher published rating in the last rating list where they were not tied, going back month by month.

B. 4 places – one nomination from each continent. The nominations shall be sent by the Continental President's offices.

C. 3 places – the top 3 places from the previous World Cup.

D. 1 place – nomination of the FIDE President.

E. 1 place – nomination from the organising federation.

If any player or any continent does not accept the invitation by the deadline specified by the organisers, the places will become additional organiser wildcards.

3.5 The following 28 extra participants from each category are invited to participate:

A. 18 places – based on the medals table of the previous year's World Cadets Championship (**ANNEX 1**). Federations will score 1 point per medal won. 1 point or 1 medal means 1 player for each of the 6 categories. So, in case of 1-point, federations will be able to nominate 1 player for each of the 6 categories. In case of 2 points or 2 medals, federations will be able to nominate 2 players for each of the 6 categories and so on.

B. 10 places – based on the participant numbers per Federation of the previous year's World Cadets Championship (**ANNEX 2**). The 10 Federations that had the highest number of participants will be entitled to enter 1 player for each of the 6 categories. In the event of a tie, EVE will allocate the relevant number of wildcards from its allocation in Article 3.6.

C. If any federation does not confirm the number of players it intends to send by **1st February**, or nominates fewer players than they were entitled to nominate, then the places will become additional organiser wildcards. The process for allocating these wildcards shall be agreed with EVE.

3.6 8 places in each category will be nominated by EVE.

3.7 Players who qualify for more than one category are entitled to choose which category they prefer to play in.

3.8 FIDE- endorsed Chess Academies also have the right to register players through their respective National Chess Federation with copy to TRG for endorsement.



4. Schedule, System & Time Control

- 4.1 WC will be played with two stages.
- 4.2 The time control is 90 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The default time is 30 minutes.
- 4.3 Stage 1 will be a 7-round Swiss system tournament.
 - 4.3.1 The organiser will create two groups of 24 players: Group A and Group B. The average Elo rating of the both groups must be as equal as possible. Unrated players will be allocated to the groups in alphabetical order.
 - 4.3.2 The ranking is determined by the number of points. The tie-breaks are:
 - Direct Encounter (only if all tied have played each other)
 - Buchholz Cut 1
 - Buchholz
 - The greater number of wins
 - Drawing of lots
- 4.4 In Stage 2, players who finish in the same position in each group will play against each other.

- 4.4.1 The match will be best-of-2 games. In the matches between players who finish in the odd-numbered positions in their group, the player from Group A will be white in Game 1, and the player from Group B will be white in Game 2. In the matches between players who finish in the even-numbered positions in their group, the player from Group B will be white in Game 1, and the player from Group A will be white in Game 2.
- 4.4.2 If the match is drawn, a best-of-2 rapid match will be played. The time control will be 15 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. The default time will be when the absent player's time expires. The colours in each game will continue to alternate from the match in Article 4.4.1. Appendix A4 of the Laws of Chess will apply.
- 4.4.3 In case of another drawn match, sudden death blitz will be played. The time control will be 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. The default time will be when the absent player's time expires. The first player to win a game will win the match. There will be a drawing of lots to determine which player has white in the first game, and colours will alternate if subsequent games are needed. Appendix B2 of the Laws of Chess will apply.
- 4.4.4 The winner of the match between the two group winners will be ranked first. The loser of the match between the group winners will be ranked second. The winner of the match between the group runners-up will be ranked third.

5. Financial Regulations

- 5.1 **The personal right players** (mentioned in Article 3.4) will be provided with free full board accommodation (in twin share rooms) from 22 of June (lunch) to 3 of July (breakfast).
- 5.2 **Head of Delegations** with more than 4 players will be provided with free full board accommodation (in single rooms) from 22 of June (lunch) to 3 of July (breakfast).
- 5.3 **Personal right players** from Article 3.4.A will get compensation for **air-tickets** – 600 Euros for players from the same continent, and 1200 Euros for players from another continent.

6. Registration

- The deadline for the registration is **April 22th 2025**.
- The **Registration fee** is 120 Euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes transportation from and to Batumi International airport, accreditation, identification, badges and organization costs.
- The Payment deadline is **May 1st 2025**.

- In order to ensure proper tournament standards, **FIDE member federations** must fully complete the excel registration form (see on the website) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline **April 22th 2025**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.
- In some cases **individual registrations** are allowed after approval of EVE (According to 3.2 of the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions)

<https://events.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/General-regulations-for-FIDE-Competitions-EVE-201123-1.pdf>
- After the registration deadline, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or if there is availability a penalty of 100 Euros for each late registration will be charged to participants.

7. Visa Information

- **About 100 countries citizens do not need Georgian visas**, Including the USA, EU, former Soviet Union countries, Israel, Turkey, Republic of South Africa, UAE and many others. They will get free of charge stamp in Batumi or Tbilisi airport.
<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=25&lang=Eng>
- Citizens and stateless persons permanently residing in the countries listed below may enter and/or stay in Georgia, or transit the territory of Georgia without a visa.
<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/HtmlPage/html/View?id=25>
- **Do I Need a Visa?**
<https://geoconsul.gov.ge/en/entering-georgia-visa>
- The electronic visa (including the payment for visa) could be obtained via website
<https://www.evisa.gov.ge/>
- Instructions for E-Visa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYJz8Xj4PnE>
- The cost of visa is about 20 USD.
- Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 5 of April 2025.

8. Travel from Airports to the Hotel

- The organizer will provide transport services of all participants on **June 22th** as well as the departure transfer on **July 3rd**. If any delegation arrives one or two days before the competition or leaves later the same service will be provided.

- Travel from Batumi airport (2 ways) to hotels is free of charge.
- Travel price from Kutaisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (120 km) is for each person 60 Euros
- Travel price from Trabzon (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (160 km) is for each person 90 Euros
- Travel price from Rize-Artvin (Turkey) airport (2 ways) to hotels (80 km) is for each person 70 Euros
- Travel from Tbilisi airport (2 ways) to hotels (360 km) – by agreement.
- Players who make private transport arrangements and clearly indicate this in the registration form will be fully responsible for their trip.
- For air ticket instructions visit <https://wcc2025.fide.com/>

9. Hotel, Meals & Venue

- For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. **Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the WC.**
- The reservation will be done on the “**First Come, First Served**” basis.
- Hotel reservation deadline is **April 22th 2025.**
- The personal right players (mentioned in Article 3.4) will be provided with free full board accommodation (in twin share rooms) from 22 of June (lunch) to 3 of July (breakfast).
- Head of Delegations with more than 4 players will be provided with free full board accommodation (in single rooms) from 22 of June (lunch) to 3 of July (breakfast).
- Extra invited players and accompanying people shall pay for their accommodation. All players and guests are invited to stay in 5 ***** Hotel Complex Euphoria Batumi & Grand Bellagio Convention with next prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Triple	87 Euros
Double	93 Euros
Single	105 Euros

- Payment deadline for hotels is **May 1st, 2025.**
- To ensure guests comfort as well as conserving the time and energy, **the players will have their playing venue within their hotel complex.**

9. Payments

- After the Registration, accommodation & travel form has been filled in, sent to the

organizer and **approved by the organizer**, the national federations will receive **invoices for bank payments**. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

- The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is **May 1st, 2025**
- A sender must pay all bank commissions. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

10. Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairmen of the appeals Committee within one hour after the competition of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 Euros, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the AC are final.

11. Prizes

	6 Playing categories X 3 Players each category = 18 players (Open 8, 10, 12 + Girls 8, 10, 12)
I	Cup, Medal, Diploma, MacBook Air 2023/24
II	Cup, Medal, Diploma, iPhone 16
III	Cup, Medal, Diploma, IPAD



The first three winners of each age category/any gender will get free FB (in twin share rooms with bath and/or shower) for the World Cadets championship of the same year.

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate.

12. Temperature in June - July

June-July is one of the most comfortable times of the year in Batumi (Black Sea-Side). The average temperature is between **27°C** (80°F) and **33°C** (90°F).






13. Contact Information

Email – wcc@fide.com

Website – <https://wcc2025.fide.com>

ANNEX 1:

MEDAL STATISTICS 2024

N		FED	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1		KAZ	2	1	0	3
2		CHN	2	0	1	3
3		IND	1	1	0	2
4		FID	1	0	0	1
5		USA	0	2	1	3
6		FRA	0	1	1	2
7		POL	0	1	0	1
8		VIE	0	0	2	2
9		MGL	0	0	1	1

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N	FEDERATION	NUMBER OF PLAYERS
1	United States of America	46

2	FIDE	43
3	KENYA	33
4	Kazakhstan	32
5	Germany	29
6	China	27
7	Poland	22
8	France	20
9	INDIA	20
10	Mongolia	20
11	Canada	19
12	Italy	19
13	South Korea	17
14	Uzbekistan	17
15	Armenia	13
16	Vietnam	13
17	Romania	13
18	Israel	12
19	Chinese Taipei	11
20	Lithuania	11
21	Azerbaijan	10
22	Turkey	10
23	Ukraine	10
24	Bulgaria	8
25	Greece	8
26	Georgia	8
27	Moldova	8
28	Colombia	8
29	Czech Republic	8
30	Slovakia	8
31	Australia	7
32	Brazil	7
33	England	7
34	Spain	7
35	Finland	7
36	Serbia	7
37	Montenegro	7
38	Belgium	6
39	Denmark	6
40	Egypt	6
41	Estonia	6

42	Hungary	6
43	Kyrgyzstan	6
44	South Africa	6
45	Slovenia	6
46	Turkmenistan	6
47	New Zealand	6
48	Austria	5
49	Croatia	5
50	Latvia	5
51	Malaysia	5
52	Cyprus	4
53	Ireland	4
54	Luxemburg	4
55	North Macedonia	4
56	Singapore	4
57	Switzerland	4
58	Zimbabwe	4
59	Mexico	3
60	Namibia	3
61	Chile	2
62	Faroe Airlands	2
63	Iceland	2
64	Japan	2
65	Netherlands	2
66	Paraguay	2
67	Kosovo	2
68	Algeria	1
69	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1
70	Jamaica	1
71	Madagascar	1
72	Monaco	1
73	Portugal	1
74	Scotland	1
75	Sri Lanka	1
76	Sweden	1
77	United Arab Emirates	1

Annex 3 – FIDE Regulations

Relevant FIDE Regulations can be found here:

FIDE Laws of Chess: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023>

General Regulations for FIDE Competitions: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

Captains and Heads of Delegation:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

Appeals Committee Procedural Rules:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>

Anti-Cheating Protection Measures:

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/ACCProtectionMeasures.pdf>