



GENS UNA SUMUS

**WORLD CADET & YOUTH RAPID AND BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
12 - 18 April 2025**

Age categories under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, Open and Girls

Rhodes, GREECE



INVITATION & REGULATIONS

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of FIDE and eligible players to participate in the **FIDE World Cadet U8, U10, U12** & the **FIDE World Youth U14, U16, U18 Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2025**. In total, twenty-four (24) championship titles will be awarded in all categories:

| <u>World Cadet U8</u> | <u>World Cadet U10</u> | <u>World Cadet U12</u> | <u>World Youth U14</u> | <u>World Youth U16</u> | <u>World Youth U18</u> |
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| Rapid Open/Boys | Rapid Open/Boys | Rapid Open/Boys | Rapid Open/Boys | Rapid Open/Boys | Rapid Open/Boys |
| Rapid Girls | Rapid Girls | Rapid Girls | Rapid Girls | Rapid Girls | Rapid Girls |
| Blitz Open/Boys | Blitz Open/Boys | Blitz Open/Boys | Blitz Open/Boys | Blitz Open/Boys | Blitz Open/Boys |
| Blitz Girls | Blitz Girls | Blitz Girls | Blitz Girls | Blitz Girls | Blitz Girls |

The dates are from 12 April (arrivals) to 18 April 2025 (departures) and the host venue is the **5-star Rodos Palace** in Rhodes, Greece.

2. Participation

2.1 Entitled to participate are chess players from National Chess Federations, according to their age category:

- Tournaments Under 08 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2017 and after
- Tournaments Under 10 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2015 and after
- Tournaments Under 12 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2013 and after
- Tournaments Under 14 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2011 and after
- Tournaments Under 16 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2009 and after
- Tournaments Under 18 (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: 1 January 2007 and after

2.2 Each National Federation can register any number of players that meet the age requirements of each section. FIDE-affiliated organizations, as approved by the FIDE Council, also have the right to register players. FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies also have the right to register players through their respective National Chess Federation (NCF) with copy to TRG for endorsement.

The Champions (gold medal) of the 2024 World Cadet & Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships have a personal right to participate in the World Cadet & Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships 2025 of the corresponding, or higher, age category if the age requirements in article 2.1 are met. Free accommodation and full board will be provided to all personal right players from 12 April (lunch) to 18 April (breakfast) sharing a double room. Such players must also be registered through national federations or FIDE affiliated organizations or FIDE- endorsed Chess Academies.

2.3 According to FIDE regulations, the participants are accommodated by the Organizer in the official hotel. Access to playing areas and venues will be allowed only to persons accredited by the Organizer.

3. Technical regulations, time control, tie-breaking system, appeals procedure

- The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.
- The FIDE Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.
- Upon arrival or any time during the event, Head of delegations or players may be required to present passports for verification of players' age eligibility.
- The tournaments will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. If a player doesn't have an existing FIDE rapid and blitz rating, then his/her standard rating will be used, where applicable.
- Time control for the rapid championships will be 15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move starting from move one.
- Time control for the blitz championships will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move starting from move one.
- The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:
 - a) Direct Encounter;
 - b) Buchholz cut 1;
 - c) Buchholz;
 - d) Number of Games Played with Black (unplayed games count as played with white);
 - e) Number of Games Won
- Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall. During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing.
- Only the players, head of delegations and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the expressed permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- It is assumed that all the players have read the Regulations and accept to conform to them. The English text of these Regulations is the authentic version.

Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the competition of the respective game.

The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EUR, 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.

4. Registration deadline

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register through their national federations before the deadline of **21 February 2025**, together with a 30% deposit payment of the registration-accommodation package described below in article (6). After the deadline, a late registration fee of 60 euros per participant may be required.

The complete registration form of each delegation should be sent by the national federation, or have its approval, and must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, dates of arrival/departure and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player, each accompanying person and each delegation member where applicable. It must also include clearly the name, telephone and e-mail of the Chief of Delegation who must be an adult.

Registrations and bookings for the Championships are possible only through the appointed local Organizer and only by email: wcyrb@fide.com

5. Travel Details

Participants should book their flights to Rhodes International Airport (RHO). The bus transportation from and to Rhodes International Airport airport is included in the organization fees for all participants on the arrival day (12 April 2025) and the departure day (18 April 2025). The distance from Rhodes International Airport (RHO) to the hotel venue (5-star Rodos Palace) is 11 km and approximately 30' in traffic time. Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.

6. Registration - Accommodation

OFFICIAL HOTEL: 5-star RODOS PALACE (***)**

Registration - Accommodation package includes (per person):

- Accommodation for 6 nights.
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner daily including potable water,
- Soft Drinks/Beer/Wine/Water during meals in restaurant (semi/all Inclusive),
- Transportation from and to Rhodes airport on 12 and 18 April.
- Registration/Accreditation fees and all taxes (including Tourism Tax).

Price in triple occupancy room

506 euros per person

Price in double occupancy room

584 euros per person

Price in single occupancy room

770 euros per person

The registration fee of 110 € per person is already included in the above registration/booking package.

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

Price per night in a triple room: 66 € per person.

Price per night in a double room: 79 € per person.

Price per night in a single room: 110 € per person.

* The FIDE entry fee of 70 € (blitz 35 € and rapid 35 €) is not included in the participation package and shall be paid directly to FIDE by the participants.

The deadline for registrations and bookings is **21 February 2025**, together with a 30% deposit payment for the selected registration & accommodation package. All remaining payments must be finalized before arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments have been settled.

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 can be made only through the organizer of the World Cadet Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2025.

7. Schedule

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| Saturday | 12 April | 14:00 | Arrival of participants |
| Sunday | 13 April | 10:00 | Technical meeting |
| Sunday | 13 April | 14:30 | Opening Ceremony |
| Sunday | 13 April | 15:00 | Rapid Championships Rounds 1-4 |
| Monday | 14 April | 15:00 | Rapid Championships Rounds 5-8 |
| Tuesday | 15 April | 15:00 | Rapid Championships Rounds 9-11 |
| Wednesday | 16 April | 15:00 | Blitz Championships Rounds 1-6 |
| Thursday | 17 April | 15:00 | Blitz Championships Rounds 7-11 |
| Thursday | 17 April | 21:30 | Closing Ceremony |
| Friday | 18 April | 10:00 | Departure of participants |

8. Titles and Prizes

8.1 Titles and Prizes for Players of each Playing Group (Open/Boys and Girls)

- a) Title of World Champion for respective event + Cup + Gold Medal + Award Certificate (1st place).
- b) Title of Vice World Champion for respective event + Cup + Silver Medal + Award Certificate (2nd place).
- c) Cup + Bronze medal + Award Certificate (3rd place).

8.2 Each participant will also receive a certificate of participation.

9. Tournament Rules

The FIDE Tournament Rules and Laws of Chess should be followed for any other matter not mentioned in this invitation. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for pairings. Default time is 5 minutes.

10. Visa information

Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Greece, are requested to contact the Organizer before 12 February 2025. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in chapters (4) and (6) above. Schengen visas are valid in Greece. The official site of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/>
<https://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/countries-requiring-or-not-requiring-visa.html>

13. Tournament office / Contact Information

Tournament Office: Giannis Kalesis, email: wcyrb@fide.com