



FIDE WORLD YOUTH U16 CHESS OLYMPIAD

**BARRANQUILLA
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WELCOME TO BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA.

1. INVITATION

Dear chess friends,

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Colombian Chess Federation FECODAZ, are pleased to invite all national chess federations to participate in the FIDE World Youth U16 Chess Olympiad 2025 to be held in Barranquilla, Colombia from August 16 to 23, 2025.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. All players who have not turned 16 by January 1, 2025 (born in 2009 or later) are eligible to participate. Upon arrival, or at any time during the event, players may be asked to present their passports to verify their age.

2.2. Each team shall consist of 4 players, with representation of boys and girls (that is, each team will have at least 1 boy and at least 1 girl). The team will have 1 captain.

2.3. Each FIDE member federation has the right to send one team as an invited team.

2.4. Each FIDE member federation has the right to send additional teams and shall be responsible for all the costs of its additional teams and accompanying persons including the registration fee.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations must duly complete the official registration, accommodation and travel form [downloadable here](#) and send it to the contact person before the registration deadline of June 15, 2025. Incomplete or individual applications will not be accepted.

3.2. After the registration deadline, the organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, in case of availability, a late registration fee of 200 EURO per team will be charged for each late registration.

3.3. All travel expenses will be borne by the participants or their Federation.

3.4. The registration fee is 100 euro per player, captain and accompanying person. The registration fee is mandatory and represents confirmation of participation. The registration fee includes transportation to and from the indicated international airports, accreditation, identification and organizational costs.

3.5. Once the registration, accommodation and travel forms have been completed, sent



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

3.6. The payment deadline is July 1, 2025.

4. FIDE FEE

4.1. The FIDE registration fee is 100 EUR per team.

4.2. The National Federations must pay this amount directly to FIDE.

5. TRAVEL SERVICE

5.1 Transportation services from/to the Ernesto Cortissoz airport in the city of Barranquilla (23 KM distance to the official hotels) are provided for all participants, this will be free of charge on the dates of arrival and departure (arrival August 16 departure August 23), if any team arrives before or after these dates must assume the cost of transportation, its value is 100 euros round trip per participant.

5.2 Barranquilla is an important city in Colombia that has an international airport with connection to the main cities of the country, including Bogotá (capital of Colombia) where most of the country's international flights arrive.

5.3 During the competition dates, there will be free transportation services between the official hotels and the competition venue for players and coaches.

6. VENUE AND OFFICAL HOTELS

6.1. The tournament will be held at the DANN CARLTON HOTEL 5* IN BARRANQUILLA

6.2. The organizing committee will provide free board and lodging to 5 members of the teams mentioned in 2.3 above from August 16 (arrival) to August 23 (departure).

6.3. Hotel rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be done exclusively through the organizers.

6.4. In the official hotels there will be a help desk and a room for players and coaches. Opening times will be communicated to team captains.

6.5. In the official hotels, diets are taken into account at least for the following requirements:

- Vegetarian options
- Gluten or lactose free options, or possible foods that cause allergies.



If you have any requirements, please let us know in your registration/application form.

6.8. The competition venue and the official hotels are fully accessible for people in wheelchairs and/or with disabilities. If you need help, please let us know in your registration/application form.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY
August 16	All day	Arrivals
August 16	19:00	Opening Ceremony
August 17	10:00	Technical Meeting
August 17	16:00	Round 1
August 18	10:00	Round 2
August 18	16:00	Round 3
August 19	10:00	Round 4
August 19	16:00	Round 5
August 20	10:00	Round 6
August 21	10:00	Round 7
August 21	16:00	Round 8
August 22	10:00	Round 9
August 22	16:00	Closing Ceremony
August 23	All day	Departures

8. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

8.1. The Championships will be held in accordance with the FIDE Tournament Rules and the Laws of Rapid Chess (Appendix A).

8.2. The tournament will be played using the Swiss system with 9 rounds. Note: If there are less than 40 teams represented, only 7 rounds will be played.

8.3. Each match between teams will be played on 4 boards. The pairing, scoring and tie-breaking rules are in accordance with the Chess Olympiad Pairing Rules.

8.4. The time control is 45 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting with move 1.

8.5. The default time for all rounds is 20 minutes.

8.6. FIDE anti-cheating Regulations are valid for the entire tournament.

8.7. Cell phones, electronic devices, wrist watches (of any type), and personal pens are



prohibited inside the tournament room.

9. PRIZES

9.1. The three best teams will receive Cups.

9.2. Members of the top three teams, including captains, will receive gold, silver and bronze medals and memorable gifts.

9.3. The best three players on each individual board will receive gold, silver and bronze medals and memorable gifts.

9.4. Certificates of participation will be given to all players.

10. TIE-BREAKER REGULATIONS

10.1 The teams will be ranked according to:

- a. Match Points (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
- b. Extended Sonneborn Berger for Teams Cut-1 (EMGSB)
- c. Game Points
- d. Buchholz Cut 1

10.2 Individual players will be ranking according to the Tournament Performance Rating (TPR). In case two players have the same TPR, the tie will be broken according to:

- a. Direct Encounter
- b. Buchholz Cut 1
- c. Buchholz
- d. Number of Games Played with Black
- e. Number of Games Won

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

11.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 15 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 EURO as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

11.2 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced in due time.



12. VISA INFORMATION

12.1 Electronic visas can be easily obtained on the Colombian Government website: https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos

12.1 If you are not sure if you need a visa to enter Colombia, please consult the following page: https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos

12.3. In case you require assistance or an invitation letter, our Team Services department will be happy to assist you and/or guide you through the necessary websites or authorities.

12.4 Obtaining the visa will be the responsibility of the applicant. The organizers are not responsible in any way for obtaining the visa (on time). Please note that obtaining the visa will take time. responsibility of the applicant to initiate the visa application on time.

12.5 The costs associated with obtaining a visa are the responsibility of the applicant.

12.6 If a visa (application) is refused, fees already paid to the organizers will not be refunded.

13. PAYMENTS

13.1 All payments to the organizers must be made by July 1, 2025. The organizers will inform you about the payment after registration. Incomplete payments will result in rejection of participation.

14. HOTELS AND MEALS

Players, coaches and accompanying persons will be accommodated at official hotels: the Dann Carlton, the Marriot, the Windsor and the GHL.

In case a greater number of official hotels are required, the organizing committee will manage and provide the data during the registration process of the teams.

14.1 Free accommodation and full board will be provided to invited players and team captains from August 16 (lunch) to August 23, 2025 (breakfast). Accommodation will be offered free of charge. The organizers will provide all teams with the appropriate number of rooms (with a maximum of 3 rooms per team; designated by the organizers).

For example: if a team consists of 2 boys, 2 girls and 1 coach, the team may have 2 doubles and 1 single. Second example: if a team consists of 3 boys, 1 girl and 1 coach, the team can have 1 triple room and 2 single rooms (unless, for example, the coach is the father/mother of one of the team members, in which case they can stay together in



a double room). The organizers will share the list of rooms once the registration period ends.

In no case will the organizing committee be responsible for damages caused to the rooms and common areas of the hotels. Each federation will be responsible for any damage caused by its delegation.

14.2 Full board rates (breakfast, lunch and dinner) prices per room:

Single use	146 EUROS Full board rate	146 EUR per person
Double use	245,24 EUROS Full board rate	122,62 EUR per person
Triple use	285 EUROS Full board rate	95 euros per person

- Reservations in official hotels will only be accepted through the organizing committee.

14.3 It is possible to make free use of the hotel services, such as the pool and gym, buffet-style food, access to wet areas and common areas. Other services, the organizing committee is not responsible for these additional costs.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

15.1 The local currency is the Colombian peso.

15.2 The standard voltage in Colombia is 120v.

15.3 Each individual is solely responsible for their own liability and travel insurance. The organizers cannot be held responsible for any type of damage or injury (caused by third parties).

16. HEALTH PROTOCOL

When entering Colombia, you must comply with all health protocols and regulations applicable in our country. In particular, to comply with the rules relating to COVID19 or other health protocols and regulations. Check with local authorities if you need to take any precautions before your visit.

17. CONTACT INFORMATION

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18. PHOTOS OF BARRANQUILLA CITY



