



FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships 2025

November 4th – 14th, Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia



1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all national chess federations, members of FIDE and eligible players to participate in the **FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships 2025** for men and women with a FIDE rating under 2300.

In total, 6 (six) championship titles will be awarded: **OPEN & Women U1700, OPEN & Women U2000 and OPEN & Women U2300.**

Vrnjacka Banja is the largest and most famous spa resort in Serbia, informally called “the queen of spa tourism”. It is located 200 km south from Belgrade. Vrnjacka Banja is rich in mineral water which are known for their healing properties. The health benefits of Vrnjacka Banja’s water were first announced in time of Romans. Apart from health tourism, Vrnjacka Banja is also famous for other interesting things. Vrnjačka Banja also has the status of a chess symbol, and in the last two years the following competitions have been successfully organized at the same place:

- 2023: European Individual Championship
- 2024: European Club Cup & European Club Cup for Women
- 2025: FIDE World School Chess Championships

2. Venue, Date & Schedule

The championships will be held in Hotel “Zepter” in Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia from November 4th (arrival date) until November 14th (departure date) 2025 under the auspices of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and Vrnjacka Banja Municipality.

The playing venue will be Hotel Zepter Conference Hall.

Schedule:

Tuesday	November 4 th	All day	Arrival day
Wednesday	November 5 th	10:30	Technical meeting
Wednesday	November 5 th	14:00	Opening ceremony
Wednesday	November 5 th	15:30	Round 1
Thursday	November 6 th	15:30	Round 2
Friday	November 7 th	15:30	Round 3
Saturday	November 8 th	15:30	Round 4
Sunday	November 9 th	15:30	Round 5
Monday	November 10 th	15:30	Round 6
Tuesday	November 11 th	15:30	Round 7
Wednesday	November 12 th	15:30	Round 8
Thursday	November 13 th	14:30	Round 9
Thursday	November 13 th	21:00	Closing ceremony
Friday	November 14 th	All day	Departure day

3. Technical Regulations

3.1. There will be separate Championships for FIDE rating categories under 2300, under 2000 & under 1700. There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least ten players from at least two continents in each category. Otherwise Women players will play in Open competition and, in this case of a merged tournament, women players will be eligible to win prizes from both categories.

For example, if the 1st woman player also wins the 3rd place in the men (open) standings, she will receive both prizes in terms of any trophies, medals, prize money and qualification rights.

3.2. The Championships are open for players registered by their national federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

The gold winners (1st place) from each World Amateur Championship rating section and from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are invited with personal rights as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300 by the registration deadline, and their places cannot be substituted. Players with personal rights are entitled to free board and lodging for 10 nights sharing a double room.

3.3. a) For participation in the **U2300 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline (October 10th 2025). A player must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.

b) For participation in the **U2000 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (November 4th 2025). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

c) For participation in **the U1700 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship (November 4th 2025). A player must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

d) If a player reaches or exceeds the FIDE rating of 1700 or 2000 after the registration deadline, he/she will play in the upper rating category.

3.4. FIDE rated Swiss system will be used with 9 rounds played. The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions.

3.5. Time control is 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment from move one.

3.6. Default time is 15 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time shall lose the game unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

3.7. The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in the following order:

a) Direct Encounter points (applies only if all tied players have played each other),

b) Buchholz Cut 1,

c) Buchholz,

d) Greater Number of games played with Black Pieces,

e) Greater Number of Wins.

3.8. No player may hold any title above CM or WCM in the U1700 and U2000 sections. No player may hold any title above FM or WFM in the U2300 section. These restrictions will not apply to players whose age makes them eligible to participate in that year's World Seniors 65+ category.

Category	Rating Limit (Article 3)	Ineligible Titles (Article 4)
Under 2300	<= 2300	IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 2000	<= 2000	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 1700	<= 1700	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM,

3.9. FIDE officials of the Championship (Chief Arbiter, Appeals Committee, FIDE Technical delegate) will be announced in due time.

4. Prizes, Titles & Certificates

4.1. The three (3) gold winners of the Open sections receive respectively the titles of:

“2025 World Amateur Champion” for the U2300 section

“2025 World Amateur Champion U2000”

“2025 World Amateur Champion U1700”

4.2. The three (3) gold winners of the Women sections receive respectively the titles of:

“2025 World Women’s Amateur Champion” for the U2300 section

“2025 World Women’s Amateur Champion U2000”

“2025 World Women’s Amateur Champion U1700”

4.3. The gold winners (1st place) of each section U2300, U2000 and U1700 (in total 6 winners, men and women sections) also obtain a personal right qualification for the next FIDE World Amateur Championships, as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300, with free accommodation in double occupancy room & full board provided from the local Organizing Committee of the FIDE World Amateur Championships 2026.

4.4. The winners of the 1st place in all 3 sections will receive trophy, gold medal and diploma, the winners of the 2nd and 3rd place in all 3 sections will receive silver and bronze medal and diplomas.

4.5. Total prize fund is **15.000 EUR**.

U2300: (7500 EUR) 1st place 2000, 2nd place 1500, 3rd place 1000, 4th place 600, 5th place 400.

1st woman 1000, 2nd woman 600, 3rd woman 400.

U2000: (4500 EUR) 1st place 1500, 2nd place 1000, 3rd place 500.

1st woman 700, 2nd woman 500, 3rd woman 300.

U1700: (3000 EUR) 1st place 1000, 2nd place 600, 3rd place 400.

1st woman 500, 2nd woman 300, 3rd woman 200.

4.6. All participants will receive a gift from the organizer and a certificate of participation.

4.7. The Direct titles shall be awarded according to the conditions in the FIDE to regulations below:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2025>

5. Appeals procedure and Appeals Committee

5.1. The Appeals Committee consists of 3 persons, one of whom may be the FIDE Technical Delegate. Two additional reserve members will be appointed at the Technical Meeting as no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation.

5.2. A protest against the Chief Arbiters' decisions must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200€, 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 Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal to be non-frivolous. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

5.3. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding, and takes effect immediately.

6. Registration and Registration Fees

For participants who has citizenship of a non-European country which has to apply for Serbian visa, request for Invitation Letter must be sent the latest on September 5th 2025.

The deadline for the registration of participants and accompanying persons is Friday, October 10th. The registration fee and hotel expenses must be paid by this deadline.

Registration is to be done through the form provided in the attachment.

The registration fee for the players plus FIDE fee will be 140€ in total, which must be paid to the organizers and is distributed as follows:

- 110€ (includes accreditation badge, transfer and participation certificate)
- 30€ (FIDE fee)

The registration fee for delegates, coaches and accompanying persons is 60€ (includes accreditation badge and transfer).

7. Travel Information

For all accredited participants and accompanying persons, the organizer will provide the transfer services from Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" airport, from Nis "Konstantin Veliki" airport and from Kraljevo "Morava" airport to the official hotels on November 4th as well as the departure transfer on November 14th free of charge. All travel information must be sent by e-mail to worldamateur@fide.com, not later than October 28th, 2025.

The organizer will publish the transfer schedule and other important details 3 days prior to arrival.

8. Accommodation

All Participants are obliged to stay in official hotels and bookings must be done only through the organizers.

For players, coaches and accompanying persons, the organizer has provided official hotels with prices which are indicated below.

Daily cost of full board accommodation (buffet service for all meals, breakfast, lunch, and dinner), per person:

Hotel Zepter ****

<https://zepterhotelvbanja.com/>



Double room per person, per day: 75€;

Triple room per person, per day: 72€;

Single room (limited number): 97€;

Number of rooms in **Hotel "Zepter"** is limited to 100 rooms and the reservation will be done on the "first come, first served" basis.

Hotel Fontana ****

<https://fontanavrniackabanja.com/>

Hotel "Fontana" is located 200 m to the playing hall.



Double room per person, per day: 79€;

Suite (three persons) per person, per day: 75€;

Suite (double-room, four persons) 75€ per person, per day;

Single room: 99€;

The local tourist tax (1.60€ per person, per day) is to be paid directly by all participants at the hotel reception.

Wellness & SPA Center is free of charge for participants and accompanying persons in both of the official hotels (swimming pools, spa and gym). Individuals under the age of 16 can use these services only when accompanied by an adult and during specific times.

9. Payments

After the registration form has been filled in, sent to the organizer and approved by the organizer, the national federations will receive pro-forma invoices for bank payments. The pro-forma invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

The sender must pay all bank commissions.

All payments must be done before registration deadline on October 3rd, 2025 to the following account:

Account holder: **EKOMLEK DOO KRALJEVO, Grge Jankesa 5 Street, 36000 Kraljevo**

Bank: **HALKBANK A.D. BEOGRAD, Milutina Milankovica 9e, 11070 Beograd**

IBAN: **RS3515500000007215549**

SWIFT: **CABARS22**

Reference: **WSCC 2025**

Once the bank transfer is validated, the Organizing Committee will confirm the assigned booking confirmation for all the rooms.

10. Anti-Cheating Measures

The organizer will implement strict measures to prevent any possible cheating attempts.

This implies detailed control before entering the playing hall, delayed transfer of games, control of the playing venue and prevention of any mutual verbal and non-verbal communication.

The Chief Arbiter will be encouraged to devise a system for conducting random checks during the tournament.

11. Medical Service

During the tournament, medical service will be provided according to the FIDE Regulations. Players have to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the duration of the Championship.

12. Local Information

The standard voltage in Serbia is 220 Volts.

The local currency is Dinar (RSD).

13. Visa Information

Citizens of European countries are not required to hold a visa to enter Serbia.

For participants who has citizenship of a non-European country which has to apply for Serbian visa, request for Invitation Letter must be sent the latest on September 5th 2025.

Requirement for visa can be checked at:

<https://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/citizens/travel-serbia/visa-regime>

14. Payment Protection

Registration fees for the late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged as described at Article 3.9. of <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

15. Contact Information

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