



Regulations for the FIDE Chess.com Women's Grand Swiss Tournament 2021

Villa Marina, Douglas, Isle of Man
25 October – 8 November

1. Scope

- 1.1. Governing Body of the FIDE Chess.com Women's Grand Swiss Tournament (hereinafter referred to as "WGS") is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- 1.2. WGS shall be organised in Douglas, Isle of Man (hereinafter referred to as IOM) from 25 October to 8 November 2021.
- 1.3. WGS shall be organised by IOM International Chess Limited ("the Organiser"), with sponsorship from the Scheinberg family ("the Sponsor")
- 1.4. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as "GSC") is in charge of preparing Regulations, communicating with the Organiser and the participants, conducting inspections.
- 1.5 The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by GSC.
- 1.6. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. Qualification for WGS*

- 2.1. Invitations for WGS are determined according to the following criteria:
 - A. **Forty (40) players qualify by rating, or TPR or other criteria devised by GSC and approved by the FIDE Council. The system is to be determined and announced by 1 March 2021.**
 - B. **One (1) qualifier from the ACP Women Series standings as at 1 July 2021.**
 - C. **Four (4) Continent spots. Each spot is decided by the respective Continental President.**
 - D. **Two (2) players nominated by the FIDE President.**

If any player qualifies by both paths A and B, her place goes to the next non-qualifying player of path B.

2.2. If any of the forty (40) players qualified by path A (Article 2.1.) declines to participate, the reserved spot goes to the next non-qualifying player from path A (Article 2.1.).

If a player qualified by path B (Article 2.1.) declines to participate, her place goes to the next non-qualifying player in path B. If the next player declines to participate, for all further replacements path A (Article 2.1.) applies for this purpose.

The automatic replacements by path A are in force till 20th reserve player, after which players' replacement and/or playing spots filling shall be subject to GSC decision.

2.3. The Organiser is entitled to include three (3) additional players of their own choice. This means there will be a maximum of 50 players in WGS.

* The qualification criteria above depend on the pandemic situation and may be modified. Subject to confirmation by the FIDE Council by 1 March 2021.

3. Confirmation of participation

- 3.1. The list of invited players and reserves is to be published on the FIDE website together with the players' contract.
- 3.2. It is each player's responsibility to download a copy of the players' contract, to sign it and to send her contract to the FIDE Secretariat by the registered email before the fixed deadline indicated in the email sent to each player and announced on the FIDE

website. Additional contracts between the Organiser and the players may be signed if needed.

3. 3. A player who does not submit her contract before the deadline is replaced according to Article 2.2 (FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons GSC considers to be admissible.)

3. 4. A player who signs her contract but withdraws is replaced as described in Article 2.2.

3. 5. Players who fail to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal after they have signed the players' contract, may be imposed a fine of up to USD 2,000 or another sanction by the FIDE Council. **(Qualifying for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22 by another path is NOT a satisfactory reason for withdrawal.)**

4. WGS Regulations

4. 1. Format & System

Swiss system, 11 rounds.

4. 2. Travel and Accommodation

There is no official WGS hotel. All players are responsible for booking and paying for their own travel, accommodation and living expenses. The Organiser pays each registered player (other than players resident in IOM) an Accommodation & Meals Daily Allowance and a Travel Allowance, as described below.

Each registered player receives:

- An Accommodation & Meals Daily Allowance of USD 137 for each night spent on IOM, up to a maximum of fourteen (14) nights (i.e. up to a maximum allowance of USD 1,918 per player).
- A Travel Allowance. The chess federation to which the player belongs will determine the amount:
 - USD 500 for all players belonging to a chess federation in the British Isles,
 - USD 800 for all players belonging to a chess federation in Europe,
 - USD 1,100 for players belonging to a chess federation from the rest of the world.

The Accommodation & Meals Daily Allowance and Travel Allowance is combined into a **single bank transfer** and paid to each player's bank account within seven (7) days (before or after) of the Arrivals date of WGS.

Although the combined allowances will be expressed in USD, each player may choose the currency to be remitted between USD, EUR or GBP for the single bank transfer. If no selection is made then the default currency remitted is USD. Where relevant, the payment is made using the prevailing foreign exchange rate offered by the Organiser's bank on the payment date.

The Organiser does NOT pay cash to players under any circumstances. The combined allowances will ONLY be paid by bank transfer to each player's bank account as described above.

4. 3. Playing venue

4. 3. 1. GSC ensures the playing hall and its surrounding areas meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organisation of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

4. 3. 2. The playing venue is decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, and Isle of Man flag.

4. 3. 3. The Organiser provides, free of charge, water, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players, the Principals, VIP and accredited media.

4. 4. Schedule

DAY	DATE	START TIME	EVENT
1	25 October	n/a	Arrivals*
2	26 October	To be advised	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting
3	27 October	14:30	Round 1
4	28 October	14:30	Round 2
5	29 October	14:30	Round 3
6	30 October	14:30	Round 4
7	31 October	14:30	Round 5
8	1 November	14:30	Round 6
9	2 November	n/a	Free day
10	3 November	14:30	Round 7
11	4 November	14:30	Round 8
12	5 November	14:30	Round 9
13	6 November	14:30	Round 10
14	7 November	14:00	Round 11 & Closing Ceremony
15	8 November	n/a	Departures

*Players must make every effort to arrive **NO LATER THAN** the evening of 25 October, bearing in mind that adverse weather conditions can often affect travel between IOM and the adjacent isles. **It is not acceptable for a player to make travel arrangements to reach IOM later than 25 October, unless there is a valid reason, and she has the prior approval of the Organiser.**

4. 5. Pairings

Pairings are done according to the Dutch pairing system for Swiss events (FIDE Handbook C.04.3).

4. 6. Time control and default time

4. 6. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

4. 6. 2. The time control for each game is: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. 6. 3. In case a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 15 minutes from the actual start of the game, she should be charged USD 200, unless the Organiser decides otherwise, depending on the circumstances of the delay. In case of delay of more than 15 minutes, the player loses the game (without financial penalty), unless the Chief Arbiter decides that the delay was due to an event of force majeure.

4. 7. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only in the case of a draw by repetition.

4. 8. Conditions of victory and qualification to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22.

4. 8. 1. The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) is the winner of the tournament. A tie shall be broken according to Article 4.8.3.

4. 8. 2. The winner of WGS qualifies for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22. If the winner of WGS has already qualified to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22 at the moment of the beginning of WGS via different qualification path or does not need to qualify for the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22, the qualification spot goes to the highest-placed player in the final standings who has not yet qualified to the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2021-22 at the moment of the beginning of WGS.

4. 8. 3. Tie-breaks

If the top two (2) or more players score the same points, the tie is to be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*

- b) Buchholz Cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

* All forfeits and byes are cut from the calculation of AROC 1. If a player has one or more forfeits or byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of AROC 1.

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in C.02.13 of the FIDE Handbook.

4. 9. Prizes

4. 9. 1. The total prize fund is USD 125,000. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes. The money prizes shall be allocated as follows (in USD):

1 st place:	20,000	7 th place:	7,000
2 nd place:	16,500	8 th place:	6,000
3 rd place:	14,000	9 th place:	5,000
4 th place:	12,000	10 th place:	4,000
5 th place:	10,000	11 th – 15 th place:	2,500 each
6 th place:	8,000	16 th – 20 th place:	2,000 each

4. 9. 2. The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. Within fourteen (14) working days after completion of the event and reception of a player's bank details, FIDE transfers the player's prize money to her bank account.

4. 9. 3. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council decides upon paying out her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

4. 9. 4. Although FIDE endeavours to sign an agreement with the Organiser stating that the prizes are net and free of all local taxes, FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE shall provide all necessary assistance to the players if the Organiser acts to the contrary.

4. 10. Playing Conditions

4. 10. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.

4. 10. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. For the purposes of this clause, the Sponsor will be treated as a Principal with the approval of the Organiser. A player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

4. 10. 3. During a playing session, the players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player loses the current game.

4. 10. 4. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

4. 10. 5. During a playing session, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the current game is declared lost by the player and the Chief Arbiter has the right to disqualify the player from the tournament.

4. 10. 6. The anti-doping test procedure is regulated by the contract between FIDE and the Organiser.

4. 10. 7. The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission.

4. 11. Scoresheets

4. 11. 1. The Organiser provides scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

4. 11. 2. At the end of each game the players' original scoresheets are to be given to the Chief Arbiter, who forwards them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets is penalized according to the Laws of Chess (FIDE Handbook E.01.Article 12.9). After the players have signed the scoresheets, an arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

4. 12. Players' conduct

- 4. 12. 1.** The dress code is strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.
- 4. 12. 1. 1.** Dress code: neat shirt/blouse with a collar (with or without a pullover), neat jacket/blazer, neat trousers/skirt or dress.
- 4. 12. 1. 2.** No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers/trainers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress are allowed in a playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.
- 4. 12. 2.** The players are required to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.
- 4. 12. 3.** The players are required to make themselves available for post-game press conferences, of not more than 20 minutes duration, immediately after the game.
- 4. 12. 4.** The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by GSC during the event including official receptions, the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.
- 4. 12. 5.** The tournament's winner is required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and the FIDE websites if requested by the FIDE Press Officer or the Organiser.
- 4. 12. 6.** If a player fails to fulfil her duties listed in Articles 4.12.1 – 4.12.5, undermines the reputation of FIDE, the Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, she shall be penalized as follows: 5% of her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Council.

4. 13. Principals

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- b) FIDE Deputy President / FIDE Director General;
- c) FIDE Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeal Committee;
- d) Organiser;
- e) Arbiters;
- f) FIDE Fair-Play Officer;
- g) FIDE Press Officer;
- h) Member of the FIDE Medical Commission;
- i) GSC member.

4. 14. Arbiters and FIDE Fair-Play Officer

- 4. 14. 1.** The Chief Arbiter and the FIDE Fair-Play Officer are appointed by FIDE, after consulting the Organiser. The Deputy Chief Arbiter and remaining arbiters are appointed by the Organiser.
- 4. 14. 2.** The Chief Arbiter is required to issue "Chief Arbiter's Information" in consultation with GSC to inform details not covered by these Regulations.
- 4. 14. 3.** During play either the Chief Arbiter, her Deputy or the Chief Arbiter of the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss must be present in the playing area.
- 4. 14. 4.** Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. The report contains the result of each individual game and a general description of the course of the event. If there are any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

4. 15. Appeals Committee

- 4. 15. 1.** FIDE nominates the Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
- 4. 15. 2.** The two (2) other members as well as first and second reserve members of the Appeals Committee are to be chosen from the participating players, all from different Federations.

4.15.3. None of three (3) members of the Appeals Committee sits in judgment in a dispute involving herself or a player from her Federation. In this case, she is substituted by one of the reserve members.

4.15.4. All appeals and protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant game, or the particular infringement complained against.

4.15.5. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of GBP 150. If the appeal or the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

4.15.6. The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) any appeal which the Committee considers relevant.

4.15.7. The Appeals Committee endeavours to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto Gens Una Sumus within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.

4.15.8. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

4.15.9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to GSC.

4.16. Ceremonies

4.16.1. The Opening Ceremony takes place on the day prior to Round 1.

4.16.2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Isle of Man National Anthem shall be played.

4.16.3. The Closing Ceremony takes place in the day of the last round. The Organiser provides a trophy for the winner and medals (gold, silver, bronze) or trophies for the top three winners. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's federation and the Isle of Man National Anthem are played.

5. Media

5.1. Website

The two official domains are: **www.fide.com/wgs** and **www.iominternationalchess.com** (or an alternative domain that the Organiser chooses to use). They will each show the live broadcast supplied by Chess.com.

5.2. Communications

5.2.1. All official written communications, in print or online form, shall identify FIDE as the Governing Body of WGS.

5.2.2. All official communications must use the official denomination for the event: FIDE Chess.com Women's Grand Swiss.

5.2.3. All pre-tournament public communications regarding the event (e.g. joint press releases from FIDE, the Organiser and Chess.com) must be co-written and scheduled in coordination with FIDE's Marketing and Communications Department.

5.3. Press Officer designated by FIDE

5.3.1. FIDE designates a FIDE Press Officer for the event. The Organiser co-operates with the FIDE Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at any Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide, and assists him to establish contacts with the local media.

5.3.2. All content shown at www.fide.com/wgs is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer. The Organiser is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the content on www.iominternationalchess.com. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on both official domains, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to the event. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the FIDE Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

5.3.3 All activities of both FIDE and the Organiser shall identify FIDE being the Governing Body of WGS. The Organiser shall warrant that www.iominternationalchess.com is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and

publicity that is required for such events. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance are provided to both FIDE and the Organiser.

5. 3. 4. The FIDE Press Officer reports to FIDE's Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

5. 3. 5. The FIDE Press Officer is a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during the event.

5. 4. Photography and video

5. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Organiser (in co-operation with the FIDE Press Officer) may work in the playing venue.

5. 4. 2. Television cameras must try to minimise any inconvenience for the players and may only be allowed if the Chief Arbiter (acting reasonably) deems their use to be unobtrusive.

5. 4. 3. The use of flash is not allowed. An exception could be made only if the particularities of the venue force the photographers to stay more than six (6) meters away from the players. Even in those exceptional circumstances, it is restricted to the first five (5) minutes of games.

5. 4. 5. The Organiser should appoint a professional photographer to cover the event. This photographer provides FIDE, the media and the sponsors with visual material that meets professional standards.

5. 4. 6. In order to develop his/her work in conditions of artificial light and a quiet environment, the photographer's equipment must comply with the following conditions:

- Full-frame camera body.
- Silent shutter, or "Quiet mode".
- Long telephoto lens (80mm or higher), and luminous (f4 or wider)

5. 4. 7. The Organiser must ensure that, by the end of the event, FIDE is provided with at least 200 pictures in high quality, plus 20 minutes of video footage from the event. FIDE can make use of these audio-visual materials for any purpose, with no time or territorial restrictions of any kind.

6. Financial issues

6. 1. Before the end of the event, FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of WGS. This is a fixed sum agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE. This sum includes pre-expenses (inspections), stipends, traveling expenses for the FIDE Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

6. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to these Principals of WGS by the Organiser are (in USD):

Chief Arbiter	5,200
FIDE Fair-Play Officer	3,300
FIDE Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeal Committee	5,000
FIDE Press Officer	4,300
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	<u>3,300</u>
TOTAL	USD 21,100

The above Principals will also provide their services (for no extra payment) to the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss, although that event will have its own Chief Arbiter.

6. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

To be agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE.

6. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

To be agreed in the contract between the Organiser and FIDE.

6. 5. Local transportation.

Transfer from and to the airport is provided by the Organiser.

6. 6. Personnel

The Organiser provides sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, any press room, any VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with GSC.

6. 7. Fair-play measures

The Organiser covers all the costs required for Fair-Play measures up to USD 5,000.

7. Commercial issues

7. 1. FIDE, or its appointed commercial agency, retains all commercial and media rights of WGS, including internet. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE or its appointed agency. The right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. This right as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

7. 4. Pursuant to the contract between FIDE and the Organiser, FIDE has granted the Organiser the exclusive right to make full use of all materials in connection with WGS (including without limitation live and recorded footage, imagery, photographs, video, audio, film, interviews, and quotes), including the right to reproduce, distribute, make available, publicly display, broadcast, or transmit such materials (live or recorded), via television, radio, Internet or any other media or means of communication, whether now known or hereinafter developed or devised.

7. 5. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE or FIDE's commercial agency.

7. 6. The income provided by WGS through admission charges goes to the Organiser.

7. 7. The Organiser draws up a budget as detailed as possible. This is subject to approval of GSC.

7. 8. No proposed sponsor is in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

7. 9. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:



The FIDE logo is displayed in a black colour on a white background. The text describing any event must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

7. 10 For brand consistency, all designs bearing the FIDE logo should be approved by FIDE's marketing department. This applies to both digital (websites, social media profiles, graphics) and printed materials (roll-ups, flags, banners, t-shirts, scoresheets, et cetera). The designs should be sent to marketing@fide.com.



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