



Regulations for the FIDE Grand Prix Series 2022

1. Scope

1. 1. Governing Body of the FIDE Grand Prix Series 2021 (hereinafter referred to as GP Series) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1. 2. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge of preparing regulations, communicating with the World Chess Events Limited (hereinafter referred to as Organiser) and the participants, conducting inspections.

1. 3. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by GSC.

1. 4. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for final decision.

2. GP Series Format

2. 1. GP Series shall consist of three Grand Prix tournaments (hereinafter referred to as GP tournaments) held between 1 February and 5 April 2022.

2. 2. Twenty-four participants shall compete in three GP tournaments (see [Article 3.1](#)).

2. 3. Each player shall participate in two out of three GP tournaments. Each GP tournament is sixteen (16) players event. The tournament's system is described in [Article 5.1](#). For purpose of each GP tournament composition, all twenty-four participants shall be ranked by their ratings in the December 2021 FIDE Rating List. Then, players having the following numbers shall be assigned for

- GP tournament A: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24;
- GP tournament B: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24;
- GP tournament C: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23.

The order of GP tournaments A, B and C may depend on players' preferences. After the list of host cities and exact dates are announced, the players may rank their preferences.

2. 4. In each GP tournament every player scores GP points according to his/her position in the final standings (see [Article 5.5.3](#)).

2. 5. The winner of GP Series is a player who scores the highest number of cumulative points earned in two GP tournaments he/she played. In the case of two or more players having equal cumulative points, the following criteria (in descending order) is used to decide the GP Series Final Ranking:

- Number of 1st places;
- Number of 2nd places;
- Number of actual standard game points scored in the two tournaments played;
- Number of actual wins in standard games in the two tournaments played;
- Drawing of lots.

2. 6. The two first players of the GP Series Final Ranking shall qualify to the FIDE Candidates Tournament to be held in the first half of 2022.

3. Qualification for GP Series

3. 1. The players who qualify for GP Series are determined according to the following criteria:

- a. FIDE World Cup 2021.**

All quarterfinalists who have not qualified for the FIDE World Championship Match 2021 or for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2022.

b. FIDE Grand Swiss 2021.

All players who finished on 8th place or higher who have not qualified for the FIDE World Championship Match 2021 or for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2022.

c. Standard Rating in the December 2021 FIDE Rating List.

The number of players qualified by rating (R) shall be determined by formula:

$R = 22 - N_a - N_b$, where N_a and N_b are the numbers of players qualified from events 3.1.a and 3.1.b respectively.

Only players who participated in the FIDE World Cup 2021 or played at least 9 rated games counted in the Standard FIDE Rating Lists from February to December 2021 are eligible.

In case of equal ratings, the following criteria, in order of priority, shall decide:

- number of rated games in the Standard FIDE Rating Lists from February to December 2021: the player who has played more games qualifies.
- drawing of lots.

d. One player nominated by the FIDE President.

e. One player nominated by the Organiser.

The Organiser has right to nominate any player having at least 2650 standard rating in one of the FIDE Rating Lists from February to December 2021. Nomination of any lower-rated player shall be subject to approval by GSC.

3.2. The winner of the FIDE World Championship Match 2021 is not allowed to participate in GP Series. None of players qualified for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2022 by 17 December 2021 is expected to participate in GP Series. If any of these players decides to participate, he/she shall lose his/her qualification spot.

3.3. If any replacement is needed for a player qualified by paths described in [Articles 3.1.a – 3.1.c](#), including due to a withdrawal or a refusal of participation 15 days or more prior to the first round of a relative GP tournament, a replacement shall be invited using the criteria set out in [Article 3.1c](#). If the first replacement is not available, then the next replacement shall be invited using the criteria set out in [Article 3.1c](#). If the second replacement is not available, then the FIDE President shall nominate any player of his choice.

3.4. If any replacement is needed for a player qualified by paths described in [Articles 3.1.a – 3.1.c](#), including due to a withdrawal or a refusal of participation 14 days or less prior to the first round of a relative GP tournament, then the FIDE President shall nominate any player of his choice.

3.5. All replacements are eligible for prize money and GP points as well as for qualification for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2022.

4. Confirmation of participation in GP Series

4.1. The list of participants shall be published on the FIDE website together with the player's contract.

4.2. Each player shall receive his/her contract by email. He/she may also download his/her contract from the FIDE website. Each player shall sign and send his/her contract to the FIDE Secretariat by the registered email by 20 December 2021. Additional contracts between the Organiser and the players may be signed if needed.

4.3. A player who does not submit his/her contract before the deadline is replaced according to [Articles 3.3 and 3.4](#) (FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons GSC considers to be admissible).

4.4. A player who signs his/her contract but withdraws shall be replaced by a player as described in [Article 3.3 and 3.4](#). If the replacement is made after the compositions of all GP tournaments are announced in accordance with [Article 2.3](#), the GP tournaments' composition shall not be reset.

4.5. Player who fails to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal after he/she has signed the player's contract, may be imposed a fine up to ten thousand (10,000) euros. Such decision can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Council.

5. GP tournament regulations

5. 1. Format & System

5. 1. 1. Stage 1. Pools

- a. 16 participants shall be divided into 4 pools not later than two weeks before the first round of the respective GP tournament.
- b. For pairing purpose 16 players are placed into 4 baskets according to their current Standard Ratings: top four players shall be placed into Basket I, next four – into Basket II etc.
- c. Each of four pools (A – D) shall contain one player from each basket. Players' distribution by pools shall be made by random drawing of lots, but no pool shall contain more than two players from the same federation.
- d. Each pool shall be a double round robin tournament, 6 rounds. The pairings for each pool shall be made during the Opening Ceremony.
- e. The winners of each pool shall qualify for Stage 2.
- f. The tie-break system is described in [Appendix 2, Article 1](#).

5. 1. 2. Stage 2. Play-off

- a. Knock-out.
- b. Semi-final pairings shall be done as follows:

Winner of Pool A vs Winner of Pool B
Winner of Pool C vs Winner of Pool D

- c. The tie-break system is described in [Appendix 2, Article 2](#).

5. 2. Time control and default time

5. 2. 1. The games are played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

5. 2. 2. The time control for each standard game in pools and play-off 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.

5. 2. 3. In case if a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 15 minutes from the actual start of the game, he/she should be charged of five hundred (500) euros deducted from his/her prize money. In case of delay of more than 15 minutes, the player loses the game (without financial penalty).

5. 3. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw any game by mutual 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.

5. 4. Schedule

DAY	EVENT		
Day 1	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting		
Day 2	Pools	Round 1	
Day 3		Round 2	
Day 4		Round 3	
Day 5		Round 4	
Day 6		Free Day	
Day 7		Round 5	
Day 8		Round 6	
Day 9		Tie-breaks	
Day 10		Play-off	Semi-finals
Day 11	Game 2		
Day 12	Tie-breaks		

Day 13		Final	Game 1
Day 14			Game 2
Day 15			Tie-break
	Closing Ceremony		
Day 16	Departure		

5. 5. Prizes and GP points

5. 5. 1. The minimum prize fund amounts to one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) euros.

5. 5. 2. The amount shall be cleared of any local taxes. The Organiser is obliged to inform GSC by 1 December 2021 about tax requirements in host countries and the way to deal with them. Players may be required to provide the Organiser with their personal data to enable the Organiser to fulfil local tax requirements. The Players shall provide the Organiser with the information required for proper filing of tax information. The requirements for tax documentation may be detailed in players' contracts.

5. 5. 3. Prize money and GP points shall be distributed as follows:

Place	Number of Players	Prize, euros	Sum of Prizes per Round, euros	GP Points
POOLS				
4 th	4	5,000	20,000	0
3 rd	4	7,000	28,000	2
2 nd	4	9,000	36,000	4
PLAY-OFF				
Semi-finals	2	12,000	24,000	7
Runner-up	1	18,000	18,000	10
Winner	1	24,000	24,000	13
TOTAL	16		150,000	

5. 5. 4. In pools, in case of tie for any place except the first, prize money and GP points are shared equally between all players in tie. In case of tie for the first place, the tie-break is played according to rules described in [Appendix 2, Article 1](#) and prize money and GP points are distributed according to the tie-break results. If there is still a tie for second or third places after the tie-break, the respective prize money and GP points are shared equally.

5. 5. 5. The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in euros. Within fourteen working days after completion of the event and reception of player's bank details, FIDE transfers players' prize money to his/her bank account.

5. 5. 6. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, FIDE Council shall decide upon paying out his/her prize money and leaving him/her GP points earned depending on particular circumstances.

5. 5. 7. Although FIDE endeavours to sign an agreement with the Organiser stating that the prize fund is net and free of all local taxes, FIDE is not responsible for any national local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE gives all necessary assistance to the players if the Organiser acts to the contrary.

5. 6. Travel and Accommodation

5. 6. 1. Each player gets his/her travel expenses reimbursed (based on the standard economy class or comparable tariffs).

5. 6. 2. Each player is provided with a free single room with full board in the official hotel (minimum 4*) from the arrival day to the next day after he finishes the tournament.

5. 6. 3. For security and administrative reasons, all participants are expected to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).

5. 7. Playing venue

5. 7. 1. GSC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organisation of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

5. 7. 2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the IOC flag, the flags of the host and the participating federations.

5. 7. 3. The Organiser shall provide water, coffee, tea and soft drinks free of charge for the players, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.

5. 8. Playing Conditions

5. 8. 1. The Anti-Cheating Protection Measures for Level 1 events shall be applied (see Appendix 1).

5. 8. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the principals and stewards are allowed in a playing area. A player may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.

5. 8. 3. The players are not permitted to bring in the playing area a telephone, 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.

5. 8. 4. During the playing session, a player may leave a playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/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.

5. 8. 5. The anti-doping test procedure shall be regulated by the FIDE Medical Commission according to WADA requirements. The Organiser shall be provided with the detailed test procedure description and the exact number of required tests by 1 December 2021.

5. 8. 6. The Organiser has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical Commission. These requirements shall be justified and communicated to the Organiser by 1 November 2021.

5. 9. Scoresheets

5. 9. 1. The Organiser shall provide scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.

5. 9. 2. At the end of each standard game the players' original scoresheets are to be given to the Chief Arbiter, who shall forward them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets may be penalised according to Article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

5. 10. Players conduct

5. 10. 1. The dress code shall be strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

5. 10. 1. 1. Dress code for men: neat shirt and formal suit.

5. 10. 1. 2. Dress code for women:

- neat shirt/blouse and formal suit (with slacks or skirt), or
- dress.

5. 10. 1. 3. No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress shall be allowed in a playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.

5. 10. 2. The players are required to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

5. 10. 3. The players are required to be present at all official functions during the tournament approved by GSC

including the Opening Ceremony and official receptions.

5. 10. 4. The players are expected to co-operate reasonably with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each standard game.

5. 10. 5. The players are required to make themselves available for the daily press conferences.

5. 10. 6. 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 Press Officer.

5. 10. 7. The participants of the final match are required to attend the Closing Ceremony.

5. 10. 8. If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in [Articles 5.10.1 – 5.10.7](#), undermines the reputation of FIDE, the Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him/her-self in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, he/she shall be penalized as follows: 5% of his/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.

5. 11. Principals

The Principals are:

- a) FIDE President
- b) FIDE Deputy President or FIDE Director General;
- c) Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter.
- d) Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeals Committee;
- e) FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer;
- f) Press Officer;
- g) GSC member.

5. 12. Arbiters

5. 12. 1. The arbiters shall be nominated by GSC. No arbiter may belong to the same federation as any of the players.

5. 12. 2. The Chief Arbiter may issue additional written regulations, in consultation with GSC, to inform the exact playing hours as well as other details not covered by these Regulations.

5. 12. 3. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy shall be present in a playing area.

5. 12. 4. The Deputy Chief Arbiter performs also functions of the Fair-Play Officer.

5. 12. 5. Within one week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter shall submit a report in English to GSC. The report contains the result of each game and also 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.

5. 13. Appeals Committee

5. 13. 1. GSC shall appoint the Technical Delegate, who shall also be the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. GSC shall appoint two other members of the Appeals Committee from different Federations who shall work remotely. These three Federations shall have no players representing them in the tournament.

5. 13. 2. All appeals and protests shall be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two hours after the relevant standard game, or the particular infringement complained against, and not more than fifteen minutes after any of tie-break games.

5. 13. 3. Each protest shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of five hundred (500) euros or the equivalent in local currency. 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.

5. 13. 4. The Appeal 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.

5. 13. 5. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

5. 13. 6. The Committee shall endeavour to make a decision within two hours after submission of a protest.

5. 13. 7. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

5. 13. 8. Within one week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall submit a report in English to GSC.

5. 14. Ceremonies

5. 14. 1. The Opening Ceremony shall take place on the day prior to Round 1.

5. 14. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC, such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

5. 14. 3. The Closing Ceremony shall take place on the day of the Final. FIDE trophy for the winner of GP tournament shall be provided by the Organiser and approved by GSC. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's nation and the Anthem of the hosting nation shall be played.

6. Media

6. 1. Website

The website for the event shall be located at <https://grandprix.fide.com/>. It shall be developed in accordance with the GP brand book and include the following:

- Organiser's Information and Logo on the homepage
- Publication of Organiser's news in relation to GP Series
- Logos of Sponsors and Partners of the event(s) (no other partners)
- Link to broadcast and live games
- Contacts of the Organiser

The Organiser will create its own official website for events operated in parallel.

6. 2. Communications

6. 2. 1. All official written communications, in print or online form, shall identify FIDE as the Governing Body of the GP tournament.

6. 2. 2. All official communications shall use the official name for the event, in full: "FIDE Grand Prix Tournament" or «FIDE Grand Prix Series». All publications on the official website, the FIDE website, and the press releases distributed by FIDE, shall conclude with the sentence: "Organised by World Chess", "The FIDE Grand Prix is organised by World Chess", or "Brought to you by World Chess", or a similar formula.

6. 2. 3. All major communications regarding the event shall be co-written and scheduled in coordination with FIDE's Marketing and Communication Department. For the purpose of this clause, the term "major communications" shall mean the announcement of the series, the Opening press-release, the first press-conference press release, the Closing Ceremony press release, any announcements in relation to the change of the format of the event or change of the participants.

6. 3. Press Officer designated by FIDE

6. 3. 1. FIDE designates a Press Officer for the event who shall be confirmed by the Organiser.

6. 3. 2. The Organiser co-operates with the Press Officer, assisting him/her to establish contacts with the local media, and working together to ensure that the media visiting the event are treated with due hospitality and provided space and everything they need to do their work.

6. 3. 3. The Press Officer is responsible for the media accreditation process, in accordance with the FIDE media accreditation policy.

6. 3. 4. The Press Officer reports to FIDE's CMCO.

6. 3. 5. The Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the event.

6. 4. Photography and video

6. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Press Officer or FIDE's Chief Communications Officer may work in the playing venue.

6. 4. 2. Photographers and camera crews have a distinctive badge, different to that of the written press. Camera crews have press accreditation type A, photographers have press accreditation type B, all others have press accreditation type C.

6. 4. 3. Television cameras must try to minimise any inconvenience for the players and may only be allowed if the Chief Arbiter deems their use to be unobtrusive.

6. 4. 4. 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 standard games, the first three (3) minutes of rapid games and the first minute of blitz games.

6. 4. 5. The Organiser shall appoint a professional photographer to cover the event. This photographer shall provide FIDE, the media and the sponsors with visual material that meets professional standards. The official photographer shall have a distinctive badge ("staff", or similar) that makes him/her recognisable for the arbiters, players, and security personnel.

6. 4. 6. In order to develop their 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".
- A long telephoto lens (80mm or higher), and luminous (f4 or wider)

6. 4. 7. The organiser shall provide FIDE with a copy of all the video footage filmed during the event. This includes a recording of the broadcast, interviews, press conferences, and opening and closing ceremonies. This footage shall be provided in a physical support: DVD, flash drive, hard drive, etc. FIDE can make use of these materials as specified in Chapter 8.

7. Financial issues related to GP tournament

7. 1. Before the end of each GP tournament, FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation. 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 Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract.

7. 2. Stipends

The stipends to be paid to the Principals of GP tournament by the Organiser are (in euros):

Chief Arbiter	4,300
Deputy Chief Arbiter	3,100
Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeals Committee	3,500
Members of the Appeals Committee (remotely)	1,500 x 2

Member of the FIDE Medical Commission (remotely)	500
Press Officer	3,200
TOTAL:	17,600

7. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals

The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organiser`s expense. If other travel conditions are not specified in the contract signed by the Organiser and FIDE, all other Principals shall be compensated by the Organiser for their travel expenses up to a maximum of one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) euros if travelling from another continent.

7. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals

Accommodation with full board in a suite in a 4-5-star hotel is offered by the Organiser for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard room in the same hotel is offered by the Organiser for each Principal. Extra expenses are covered by the Organiser only for the FIDE President. The Organiser may alternatively choose to provide the principals with the daily allowance of seventy (70) euros/day instead of full board.

7. 5. Local transportation.

Transfer from and to the airport is provided by the Organiser, if necessary. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car. For the other Principals, a number of cars shall be made available; their use shall depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount is to be agreed between the Organiser and GSC. Local transport is also provided for the players to official functions, if necessary.

7. 6. Personnel

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

7. 7. Fair-play measures

The Organiser covers all the costs required for Fair-Play measures.

8. Commercial issues

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

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

8. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE provides to the Organiser the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organiser.

8. 4. FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors. 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.

8. 5. In case any provision of these Regulations conflicts with the provision of a contract between World Chess Events Limited and FIDE, the latter shall apply.

8. 6. The income provided by GP tournament through admission charges goes to the Organiser.

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

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

8. 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.

8. 10. For brand consistency, all parts of the event's design guidelines featuring 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. The approval shall not take more than 2 clear working days following the receipt (clear day means next day after receipt the letter).



GRAND PRIX SERIES 2022

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APPENDIX 1. FIDE LAWS OF CHESS & ANTI-CHEATING PROTECTION MEASURES

as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012018>

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

APPENDIX 2. TIE-BREAK RULES

1. Pools

1. 1. Two players tied for first place

1. 1. 1. After drawing of colours done immediately after the last classical game, two tie-break games shall be played with time control of 15 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

1. 1. 2. If the scores are level after the games in Article 1.1.1, then after a new drawing of colours, two games shall be played with time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

1. 1. 3. If the score is still level after the games in Article 1.1.2., then one sudden death game shall be played. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the colour. The player with the white pieces receives 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces receives 4 minutes whereupon; after move 60, both players receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared winner of the match.

1. 2. Three players tied for first place

1. 2. 1. After pairings done immediately after the last classical game, a round robin tournament shall be played with time control of 15 minutes for each player + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

1. 2. 2. If there are two players tied for first place after the tournament in paragraph 1.2.1, then the procedure described in Articles 1.1.2 – 1.1.3 shall apply. If there are still three players tied for first place after the tournament in Article 1.2.1, then another round robin tournament shall be played with the same pairings but opposite colours with time control of 3 minutes for each player + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

1. 2. 3. If there are two players tied for first place after the tournament in paragraph 1.2.2, then one sudden death game shall be played as described in Article 1.1.3. If there are still three players tied for first place after the tournament in Article 1.2.2, then the drawing of lots shall decide two players who play one sudden death game as described in Article 1.1.3. The winner of the match qualifies for Stage 2. The loser of the match and the player eliminated by the drawing of lots shall be considered shared 2-3 places in the pool.

1. 3. Four players tied for first place

1. 3. 1. After random drawing of lots and drawings of colours done immediately after the last classical game, two matches shall be played according to the rules described in Articles 1.1.1 – 1.1.3.

1. 3. 2. The losers of the matches described in Article 1.3.1 shall be considered shared 3-4 places in the pool.

1. 3. 3. The winners of the matches described in Article 1.3.1, after new drawing of colours, shall play one match according to the rules described in Articles 1.1.1 – 1.1.3.

2. Play-off

The procedure described in Articles 1.1.1 – 1.1.3 applies.

3. Default time

There is no default time for tie-breaks. No penalty is imposed on a player if he/she is late for any of his/her games.

4. Draw by mutual agreement

The players cannot draw any tie-break game by mutual agreement before black's 30th move. The number of moves made at any moment of the game shall be provided by an Arbiter at player's request. A claim for a draw before black's 30th move is permitted only in the case of a draw by repetition.