

## **International Draughts Federation (IDF)**

### **Rules of official competitions in draughts-64**

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1. The International Draughts Federation (IDF), hereinafter – IDF, organized and conducts all official competitions in draughts-64.
2. The immediate holding of all competitions are assigned to the national federations, organizations in draughts-64 and the Organizing Committee on the basis of competitive procedures and decisions of the IDF Board. Conditions of the IDF official competitions and application form are approved by the IDF General Meeting of 29.08.2016; changes and additions approved by the IDF Board 16.12.2016, 04.12.2017, 15.12.2018, 25.08.2022 and published on the official website [www.idf64.org](http://www.idf64.org)
3. All competitions are conducted at the expenses of the organizing authority, sponsors of competitions, tournament fees and sending organizations.
4. International Draughts Federation provides overall management of the competition, communication with the Organizing Committee and the federations, an invitation of the participants and awarding of winners by official awards.
5. Representatives of national federations - IDF members have the right to participate in all official competitions. As an exception, by decision of the IDF Board, the participation of players from countries in which there are no national draughts federations, or national federations are not IDF members, is allowed.
6. All official competitions are held in accordance with these Regulations and the Rules of the Game and Competitions in Draughts-64.
7. The candidacies of the Main Arbiters are approved by the IDF Board on the proposal of the Technical Committee. The candidacies of referees are approved by the IDF representative at the tournament, appointed by the IDF Board.

#### **8. The official competitions in draughts-64.**

- 8.1. World Men Championship
- 8.2. World Women Championship
- 8.3. World Team Championship
- 8.4. Personal-team World Youth Championship among boys and girls in age groups:
  - juniors 26 year and younger (under 27)
  - juniors 19 year and younger (under 20)
  - cadets 16 year and younger (under 17)
  - mini-cadets 13 year and younger (under 14)
  - hopes 10 year and younger (under 11)
  - youth hopes 8 year and younger (under 9)
- 8.5. World Youth Team Championship
- 8.6. World Veteran's Championship
- 8.7. World Championship among people with disabilities
- 8.8. Matches for the world title
- 8.9. World Cup
- 8.10. Olympiad in draughts-64
- 8.11. Youth Olympiad in draughts-64
- 8.12. European Men Championship
- 8.13. European Women Championship
- 8.14. European Team Championship
- 8.15. Personal-team European Youth Championship among boys and girls in age groups:
  - juniors 26 year and younger (under 27)
  - juniors 19 year and younger (under 20)
  - cadets 16 year and younger (under 17)

- mini-cadets 13 year and younger (under 14)
- hopes 10 year and younger (under 11)
- youth hopes 8 year and younger (under 9)
- 8.16. European Veteran's Championship
- 8.17. European Championship for people with disabilities
- 8.18. Asian Men Championship
- 8.19. Asian Women Championship
- 8.20. Asian Youth Championship among boys and girls in age groups:
  - juniors 23 year and younger (under 24)
  - juniors 19 year and younger (under 20)
  - cadets 16 year and younger (under 17)
  - mini-cadets 13 year and younger (under 14)
  - hopes 10 year and younger (under 11)
  - youth hopes 8 year and younger (under 9)
- 8.21. African Men Championship
- 8.22. African Women Championship
- 8.23. Pan American Men Championship
- 8.24. Pan American Women Championship
- 8.25. International competitions under the auspices of IDF included to the IDF official calendar of events.

## **9. Official titles.**

- 9.1. Winners of the Championships are awarded titles in the categories men, women, veterans, peoples with disabilities, juniors (boys and girls), boys and girls of the corresponding age category:
  - 9.1.1. World Draughts-64 Champion
  - 9.1.2. World Draughts-64 Champion in Rapid
  - 9.1.3. World Draughts-64 Champion in Blitz
  - 9.1.4. European / Asian / African / Pan American Draughts-64 Champion
  - 9.1.5. European / Asian / African / Pan American Draughts-64 Champion in Rapid
  - 9.1.6. European / Asian / African / Pan American Draughts-64 Champion in Blitz
- 9.2. The winners of the World Cup receive titles in categories men, women, veterans and juniors U20:
  - 9.2.1. World Cup winner in draughts-64
  - 9.2.2. World Cup winner in Rapid game of draughts-64
  - 9.2.3. World Cup winner in Blitz game of draughts-64
- 9.3. Winner of Olympiad receive the title: "Champion of the Olympiad in draughts-64"
- 9.4. IDF can assign other titles, depending on the type of competition.

## **10. Types of competition and time control.**

- 10.1. Competitions are held in three disciplines: game with the classic time control, rapid game and blitz game.
- 10.2. Time control.
  - 10.2.1. In competition with the classic time control can be used up next time control:
    - 45 minutes till the end of the game plus 10 seconds per move
    - 40 minutes till the end of the game plus 10 seconds per move
    - 30 minutes till the end of the game plus 10 seconds per move
    - 25 minutes till the end of the game plus 05 or 10 seconds per move
    - 20 minutes till the end of the game plus 10 seconds per move
  - 10.2.2. In the competition for a rapid game:
    - 10 minutes till the end of the game plus 3 or 5 seconds per move
    - 07 minutes till the end of the game plus 3 or 5 seconds per move
    - 05 minutes till the end of the game plus 3 or 5 seconds per move
  - 10.2.3. In the competition for blitz game:
    - 3 minutes till the end of the game plus 2 or 3 seconds per move.

By decision of the IDF Board other time control in each discipline may be established according to separate regulations.

**11. The system of holding.**

11.1. All competitions are held by the system of micro-match from two games.

11.2. All competitions are held with the classic arrangement of the starting position (classic draughts) or with a draw for the initial moves and positions.

11.2.1. Competitions with the classic arrangement of the starting position are held among players under 14 years or in accordance with the Regulations on competitions.

11.2.2. In competitions with a draw for the initial moves and positions the drawing is held before the beginning of the first game of micro-match. The drawing is mandatory for both games of micro-match.

The following drawing options may apply:

- Initial moves and positions according to the table (745 positions) approved on 16.12.2016 with changes of 03.07.2017 (international version of draughts-64);
- Initial moves and positions according to the table (745 positions) approved on 20.07.2017 (Brazilian version of draughts-64);
- Moves and positions according to the table (150 positions) approved on 05.05.2016;
- The first move of white and black;
- The first move of white.

11.3. All personal championships are held by the Swiss system in 7-9 rounds or on a two-stage mixed system on separate regulations.

11.4. With a small number of participants, round-robin competitions are allowed.

11.5. By decision of the IDF Board other competition systems and drawing options may be applied.

**12. Participants.**

12.1. All personal competitions are held separately for men and women (boys and girls) in the following age groups:

1. Men and women – no age limit
2. Juniors 26 year and younger (under 27)
3. Juniors 19 year and younger (under 20)
4. Cadets 16 year and younger (under 17)
5. Mini-cadets 13 year and younger (under 14)
6. Hopes 10 year and younger (under 11)
7. Youth hopes 8 year and younger (under 9)
8. Veterans, men – 50 years and older (50+)
9. Veterans, men – 60 years and older (60+)
10. Veterans, women – 50 years and older (50+)

12.2. To participate in the personal World Championships among men and women are allowed:

12.2.1. Classic game:

- Winners of the previous World Championship (Classic game)
- Winners of the previous World Cup
- 1-6 place of European Championship, qualifying for the World Championship
- 1-3 place of the other continental championships, qualifying for the World Championship
- Winners of the other competitions, qualifying for the World Championship
- Players from national federations – not more than five participants from country
- Sponsor places - players approved by the IDF Board
- 2 players by the decision of the IDF Board
- Additional places for the organizers by the decision of the IDF Board.

12.2.2. Blitz and Rapid

- Players under item 12.2.1.
- Players from national federations - no more than 6 participants from the country for 2 discipline (blitz + rapid).

12.3. To participate in the personal European Championships among men and women are allowed:

- Winners of the previous European Championship
- Winners of the previous World Cup

- Players from national federations – not more than five participants from country
- Sponsor places - players approved by the IDF Board
- 2 players by the decision of the IDF Board
- Additional places for the organizers by the decision of the IDF Board.

#### 12.3.2. Blitz and Rapid

- Players under item 12.3.1.
- Players from national federations - no more than 6 participants from the country for 2 discipline (blitz + rapid).

12.4. Admission of players to participate in the individual championships of Asia / Africa / Pan America according on a separate Regulations.

#### 12.5. Individual World / European Youth Championships.

Players from national federations are allowed to participate in the individual World / European Championships among juniors, cadets, junior cadets, hopes and young hopes:

- No more than 6 players per country in each age group
- Sponsor places - players approved by the IDF Board
- Players by decision of the IDF Board
- Additional places for the organizers by decision of the IDF Board

#### 12.6. World / European Championships among veterans.

Players from national federations who have reached the age specified in the corresponding age category (item 12.1., sections 8, 9, 10) are allowed to participate in the World / European Championships among veterans. By decision of the Board, other players corresponding age categories (item 12.1., sections 8, 9, 10) may be invited.

#### 12.7. World / European Team Championship.

Team competitions are held separately among men's and women's teams. Admission of teams is on separate Regulations.

The composition of the teams:

- 4 players for men's team (3 players + 1 extra player)
- 3 players for women's team (2 players + 1 extra player)

#### 12.8. World Youth Team Championship.

Team competitions are held separately among teams of boys and girls.

The admission of teams is on separate Regulations.

The composition of the team is 3 players - one player in the age groups cadets, mini-cadets and hopes for boys and for girls. Boys and girls of younger ages can take part in each age group. Girls can play for the boy's team.

12.9. Olympiads in draughts-64, World Cup, World Championships for people with disabilities are held on separate Regulations.

12.10. Matches for the world title are held on separate Regulations. Participants of the match are in order of priority:

12.10.1. Previous world champion invites on match the current world champion.

12.10.2. Silver medalist at the last World Championship invites on match the current world champion.

12.11. By decision of the Board, other competitions may be held under separate Regulations.

### **13. Requirements for participants.**

13.1. Participants are obliged to comply with the Regulations of the competition, the Code of Ethics, and the decisions of the IDF Board.

13.2. Participants are obliged to comply with the dress code - have a sports form during the competition, or clothing appropriate to the rank of the competition; as well as clothing for formal events (opening, closing etc.) - suit and light shirt for men, dress or pantsuit for women.

13.3. Participants are obliged to live in official places provided by the organizers.

13.4. Participants who have not registered for participation on time are not allowed to participate in the competition.

13.5. Competitors, spectators and coaches are required to turn off their mobile phones in the playing area. In case of phone call participant loses micro-match, spectators and coaches are removed from the playing area for 1 day.

13.6. A participant who is late for the game receives a warning. A participant who is late for the game by more than the time of the 1st control in the first game of the micro-match receives 0 points in the micro-match. Repeated lateness of the game may be penalized up to expulsion from the tournament.

13.7. Participant who allowed incorrect behavior gets caution or a warning. Warning from the Main Arbiter or the chairman of the Jury of Appeal entails a fine ranging from 0 to 100% of prize money promised to participants or other sanctions.

13.8. Participants are required to attend at the opening and closing ceremonies with a dress code. In case of absence the closing ceremony they will be deprived all official awards. Awards not sent and not transmitted.

13.9. Protests are submitted to the panel of arbiters within half an hour after the end of the round, if the regulations of competition do not provide another. When filing a protest, a deposit of 100 euros is paid, if the protest is satisfied, the deposit is returned. After the deadline, protests will not be accepted or considered. Any protests after the deadline are considered as incorrect behavior with sanctions.

#### **14. Determination of winners.**

14.1. During the competition, the computer draw programs Chess Arbiter for draughts and Tournament manager can be used.

14.2. Places in individual competition are determined by the most amount of points scored by the participants. For the victory is given 2 points, for a draw 1, for a loss 0.

14.3. In case of equality of points for two or more participants, the places of participants with an even and odd number of participants are determined according to the following criteria:

14.3.1. For the Swiss system:

- the sum of points scored by competitors, excluding the lowest result, 2 lowest results, 3 lowest results, etc. (Solkoff coefficient);
- the sum of points scored by all competitors (Buchholz coefficient);
- if all criteria are equal, a match to the first victory with a shortened time control (according to a separate Regulation).

14.3.2. For a round robin system:

- according to the Sonnenborn-Berger or Shmulyan coefficient;
- as a result of a personal game;
- according to the best result with the rest of the participants in the order of their places;
- if all criteria are equal, a match to the first victory with a shortened time control (according to a separate Regulation).

14.4. In personal-team youth competitions places of the teams are determined:

14.4.1. By the most amount of points scored by twelve best participants (one from each age group under 27, 20, 17, 14, 11, 9 year old among boys and girls) in the discipline - classic game.

14.4.2. In case of equality of points of two or more teams, the places of the teams are determined by the lowest amount of places occupied by members of the team.

14.5. In personal-team competitions among men and women places of teams are determined:

14.5.1. By the most amount of points scored by 3 best players from the country in men competitions (the team must have at least 2 players); 2 best players from the country in women competitions.

14.5.2. In the case of equality of points of two or more teams, places of teams are determined by the highest place occupied by the best player of the team.

14.6. Team competitions.

14.6.1. Each player receives 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. Places of the teams are determined by the highest amount of points scored by all team members.

14.6.2. In case of equality of points, the places of the teams are determined:

- according to the system - 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss to each team in each match (team points).

For a Swiss system competition:

- by the amount of points scored by the opponents, excluding the lowest result, 2 lowest results, 3 lowest results, etc. (Solkoff coefficient)

- by the amount of points scored by all opponents (Buchholz coefficient)

For a round robin competition:

- according to the Sonnenborn-Berger or Shmulyan coefficient;

- as a result of a personal match;

- according to the best result with the rest of the teams in the order of their places;

If all criteria are equal, a match is played until the first victory with a shortened time control (according to separate Regulations).

14.6.3. The team that wins all matches but finishes 2nd on points is eligible for an extra match for 1st place. In the event of a tie in this match, 1st place is awarded to the team with the most points in the main tournament.

14.7. By decision of the Board, other competition systems, computer programs and coefficients may be used for summing up the results.

## 15. Awards

15.1. Winners of personal championships are awarded by official medals and diplomas, cups / awards from the organizers.

15.2. In personal-team youth competitions: teams - prize winners in overall team classification (6 boys plus 6 girls) are awarded cups and diplomas, members of the teams – diplomas.

15.3. In personal -team competitions among men and women: teams - prize winners as well as members of these teams are awarded diplomas.

15.4. In team competitions: teams - prize winners are awarded cups and diplomas, members of the teams – medals and diplomas.

15.5. Additional prizes are established by the organizers in accordance with the Conditions of IDF official competitions.

## 16. Financial conditions.

16.1. All IDF official competitions are held with the payment of tournament fee for participation.

16.2. Established the size of tournament fees for each participant.

16.2.1. World Championship.

Age category	Fee, Euro Discipline			Remark
	Classic	Rapid	Blitz	
Men	100	50	50	players on item 12.2
	180 for 3 disciplines			
Women	80	40	40	players on item 12.2
	150 for 3 disciplines			
Boys and girls U 27, 20, 17, 14, 11, 9 year old	40	20	20	players on item 12.5
	60 for 3 disciplines			
Teams	20	20	20	each player, including the substitute on item 12.7.
Youth teams	30	30	30	each team of boys or girls on item 12.8.
Veterans	40	-----	20	players on item 12.6.
	50 for 2 disciplines			

## 16.2.2. European Championship

Age category	Fee, Euro Discipline			Remark
	Classic	Rapid	Blitz	
Men	80	40	40	players on item 12.3
	180 for 3 disciplines			
Women	70	35	35	players on item 12.3
	130 for 3 disciplines			
Boys and girls U 27, 20, 17, 14, 11, 9 year old	40	20	20	players on item 12.5
	60 for 3 disciplines			
Teams	20	20	20	each player, including the substitute on item 12.7.
Veterans	40	-----	20	players on item 12.6.
	50 for 2 disciplines			

## 16.2.3. Other official events

Competition name	Fee, Euro			Remark
World Cup	25	25	25	On separate Regulations
	60			

## 17. The fee for the right to host.

Before the competition, the organizers are obliged to pay to the IDF a fee for the right to host the competition:

- World Championships among men and women, match for the world title - 5000 euros
- European Championship among men and women - 3000 euros
- Stage of World Cup - 200 euros
- Other World and Continental Championships - 200 euros
- International competitions under the auspices of IDF - 50 euros
- Youth Championships - 0 euros

18. Expenses for holding competitions and receiving participants - in accordance with the Conditions of the IDF official competition in 2023-2024, approved by the IDF Board on 25.08.2022.

Payment of expenses for the reception of participants (accommodation and meals) is carried out only to participants from national organizations - IDF members, who do not have financial debts to IDF. Admission is provided only to players participating in all three disciplines.

**19. Applications.**

Applications for participation in official competitions are submitted to the IDF office on e-mail: [office@idf64.org](mailto:office@idf64.org) within the time specified in the Regulations of the competition. Applications submitted late will not be considered.

20. Any changes to these Regulations are allowed only by decision of the IDF General Meeting or of the IDF Board.