

**Report of the IDF President Vladimir Langin
on the activities of the International Draughts Federation (IDF)
for the period from August 24, 2022 to November 5, 2024.**

In 2022

After the previous general assembly, the main events of the IDF calendar were held despite the difficult political situation:

World Youth Championship, World Team Championship, World Veterans Championship and World Cup Stage in Bulgaria.

More than **280** athletes from **18** countries took part in all the events.

The opening of the draughts-64 events in Bulgaria was the debutant of the competitions - a young athlete from Zambia **William Christian Chinzewe**, who became the champion in the classic and rapid programs of the World Youth Championship in the age group of cadets-boys under 17 years old. He also successfully performed in adult competitions - he became a bronze medalist in the World Team Championship as a member of the Zambian team and he won silver and bronze medals in the World Cup competitions.

10 men's teams and **7** women's teams from **11** countries took part in all disciplines of the World Team Championship.

The European Youth Championship in draughts-64, World Cup Stage and the World Championship among men and women were held in Georgia, in the city of Kobuleti. Representatives from **18** countries took part in the World Championship among men and women. The prize fund of the World Championships was **30,000 US** dollars.

The World Cup stages were held in Uzbekistan, Bulgaria and Georgia (3 stages in total). The World Cup was extended to 2023.

In 2023

The main events of the IDF calendar were held:

- **World Cup** in the capital of Uzbekistan, Tashkent.

More than **100** athletes from **8** countries took part in all disciplines of the World Cup. Among them are 12 of the strongest grandmasters in the world, many of whom are champions and prize-winners of world championships in different years.

International grandmaster **Sergey Belosheev** became the absolute winner in all three disciplines.

For women, the winners were **Anastasia Arkhangelskaya** in Blitz, **Shakhzoda Tursunmurotova** in Rapid and **Nika Leopoldova** in the classic game.

- **European Youth Championship and World Cup** in Türkiye, in which about **200** players from **11** countries took part;

- **European Championship among men and women**, qualifying for the 2024 World Championship.

Representatives from **14** countries took part in all programs of the European Championship, including 23 of the strongest international grandmasters of Europe and the world.

The championship prize fund was **20,000** Euro.

European champions were:

Ihar Mikhalchenka and Elena Scovitina in Blitz.

Ihar Mikhalchenka and Vera Khvaschinskaya in Rapid.

Roman Shchukin and Viktoriya Nikalayeva in Classic game.

- **3rd African Championship in draughts-64 among men, 1st African Championship among women and World Cup** in Lusaka (Zambia).

More than **60** athletes from **9** countries took part in the competition.

For men, the absolute winner in all three programs of the African Championship was **William, Christian Chinzewe** (Zambia).

For women, **Flavia, Kusiima** (Uganda) won Blitz program;

Suzen, Kachepa (Malawi) won Rapid and Classic program.

At the World Cup, the absolute winners in all three programs were **Roman Shchukin** for men and **Suzen, Kachepa** (Malawi) for women.

Following the results of the African Championship, the title of International Grandmaster was awarded to the young **Chinzewe William, Christian**, who showed a phenomenal result.

- **World Youth Championship, World Veterans Championship and World Cup** in Turkey.

160 athletes from **13** countries took part in the World Youth Championships, and more than **260** athletes from **15** countries took part in all competitions – the World Youth Championship, the World Veterans Championships and the final stage of the 2022-2023 World Cup.

- **The results of the World Cup in draughts-64 2022-2023 have been summed up.**

The World Cup was held in 7 stages. The World Cup stages were held in Uzbekistan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Zambia and Türkiye.

272 athletes from **28** countries took part at all stages of the 2022-2023 World Cup, among them 31 international grandmasters.

Winners of the World Cup 2022 - 2023 among men were:

1st place **Getmansky Alexander**

2nd place **Sarshaev Mazhit**

3rd place **Roman Shchukin**

Winners of the World Cup 2022 - 2023 among women:

1st place **Nikalayeva Viktoryia**

2nd place **Fedorova Tunaara**

3rd place **Ivanus Viktoria**

Based on the results of the 2022 - 2023 World Cup **Sarshaev Mazhit** received the title of International Grandmaster.

Based on the results of the competition and the fulfillment of the rules of international titles, **27** athletes and **4** referees were awarded various titles.

In 2023, to award the prize-winners of official competitions, IDF produced new medals and awards, which were presented for the first time at the autumn competitions in Türkiye.

New tables for drawing moves and positions for the Russian and Brazilian versions of draughts-64 have been prepared and approved. The tables are applied starting from the World Cup and European Youth Championship in April 2024.

A lot of work on preparing the new tables was carried out by international grandmasters: the chairman of the IDF players' commission, Dmitry Tsinman, as well as Yuri Kirillov and Dmitry Melnikov, under the general leadership of IDF President Vladimir Langin.

In 2024

The IDF calendar included the following events:

- the main tournament of the year – the **World Championship among men and women**, which was held in Russia at a high level, with a large representation of countries (more than **100** athletes from **27!** countries) and a good prize fund of **5,100,000** rubles. (approximately **55,000** \$)

- the **World Youth Championship** with the World Championship among students and the **World Championship among veterans** in Türkiye; (total **200** athletes, **17** countries)

- the **World Cup stages** were held twice in Türkiye, Uzbekistan and Mongolia (for the first time!)
- the **European Youth Championship** in Türkiye (**120** athletes, **9** countries);
- the **Asian Championship** among men and women and the **Asian Youth Championship** in different kinds of draughts in Tashkent (more than **250** athletes, **10** countries);
- a number of international tournaments.

Based on the results of the competitions and the fulfillment of the norms of international titles, various titles were awarded **36** athletes and **4** referees.

In 2024, a new tournament draw program was introduced. The program was developed in Russia (developer Zakharov). For the first time the program was used in our tournaments in 2024 at the World Championship among men and women.