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## **Regulations Of the World Draughts-64 Championship 2026 Among men and women**

**03 – 13 September 2026**

**Moscow region, Russia**

### **1. Competitions management.**

- 1.1. General management of the World Draughts-64 Championship 2026 among men and women (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) is carried out by the International Draughts Federation (IDF) (hereinafter referred to as the International Draughts Federation) together with the Russian Draughts Federation with the support of the federal and regional executive authorities of the Russian Federation in the field of physical culture and sports.
- 1.2. Direct leadership of the Championship is assigned to the panel of arbiters approved by International Draughts Federation.

### **2. Venue and dates.**

- 2.1. Venue: Kolomna Hotel.  
Address: Moscow Region, Kolomna city district, Sovetskaya Street, 2 (Russia).
- 2.2. Dates: from September 3 (arrival day) to September 13 (departure day), 2026.  
The Credentials Committee will work on September 3 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

### **3. Program of competitions.**

- 3.1. Competitions are personal.
- 3.2. Competitions are held separately for men and women.
- 3.3. Championship is held in three disciplines: Blitz, Rapid and Classic game.
- 3.4. The Blitz and Classic Game disciplines are held according to the international/Russian version of draughts-64, the Rapid discipline is held according to the Brazilian version of draughts-64.

### **4. Participants.**

- 4.1. Players from national federations - members of the International Draughts Federation are allowed to participate in the Championship.
- 4.2. International Draughts Federation has the right to invite some players from countries which are not members of the International Draughts Federation.
- 4.3. **To participate in the World Men Championship (Classic game) are allowed:**
  - ◆ prize-winners of the World Men Championship 2024 (Classic game):  
Struchkov Nikolai (Russia), Mikhalchenka Ihar (Belarus), Rysaev Damir (Russia);
  - ◆ World Cup 2024-2025 prize-winners:  
Sarshaev Mazhit, Iliasov Ivan (both Russia); Valiuk Andrei (Belarus);
  - ◆ participants who took 1-6 places in the European Men Championship 2025 (Classic game):  
Shchukin Roman (Russia), Taranin Georgii (Belarus); Dudco Denis (Moldova); Georgiev Aleksandr,

Kolesov Gavril (both Russia);

- ◆ prize-winners of the Asian Men Championship 2026 (Classic game):  
Muraliev Laziz, Khudoynazarov Ramazon (both Uzbekistan), Li Aoyun (China);
- ◆ five participants from each national federation - member of the International Draughts Federation;
- ◆ Two sponsor places - by the IDF Board decision
- ◆ Two participants - by the IDF Board decision
- ◆ One place of organizers - in agreement with the IDF Board

#### **4.4. To participate in the World Women Championship (Classic game) are allowed:**

- ◆ prize-winners of the World Women championship 2026 Classic game):  
Fedorova Tunaara (Russia), Nikalayeva Viktoryia (Belarus), Sarshaeva Zhanna (Russia);
- ◆ World Cup 2024-2025 prize-winners:  
Arkhangelskaia Anastasiia, Leopoldova Nika (both Russia);
- ◆ participants who took 1-6 places in the European Women Championship 2025 (Classic game):  
Aprosimova Sandaara (Russia), Taranina Maria (Belarus); Sergeeva Naryyaana (Russia);  
Shved Evgeniya (Belarus);
- ◆ prize-winners of the Asian Women Championship 2026 (Classic game):  
Tazhibekova Togzhan (Kazakhstan); Liu Pei; Guan Yiyang (both China);
- ◆ five participants from each national federation - member of the International Draughts Federation;
- ◆ Two sponsor places - by the IDF Board decision
- ◆ Two participants - by the IDF Board decision
- ◆ One place of organizers - in agreement with the IDF Board

#### **4.5. To participate in the World Rapid and Blitz Championship are allowed:**

- ◆ players according to clause 4.3. and clause 4.4.;
- ◆ players from national federations - no more than 6 people from each country (application is submitted for 2 programs: Blitz + Rapid).

### **5. Requirements for participants.**

- 5.1. Participants are required to know the Rules of the game and competition in draughts-64.
- 5.2. Participants must comply with the Regulations of the Championship.
- 5.3. For violation of the Regulations and the Code of Ethics by a player or a member of a player's delegation during a competition, sanctions may be applied to the player by decision of the Appeals Jury.
- 5.4. Participants must comply with the Code of Ethics.
  - 5.4.1. The dress code for Championship is a tracksuit, a suit, dark trousers, and a light shirt for men; and a dress, suit, trousers, and a light blouse for women.
  - 5.4.2. Dress code for the opening and closing ceremonies is a suit, dark trousers and a light shirt for men; and a dress, suit, trousers and a light blouse for women.
  - 5.4.3. Dress code requirements also apply to coaches, representatives and accompanying at competition venues and at the opening and closing ceremonies.
  - 5.4.4. In case of failure to comply with the dress code requirements, players, coaches, representatives and accompanying are not allowed into the tournament hall and at the opening and closing ceremonies.
- 5.5. Participants must be present at the opening and closing ceremonies in compliance with the dress code. In the absence of the closing ceremony, participants are deprived of the official awards. Awards are not sent and are not transmitted.
- 5.6. All participants must have medical insurance for the duration of the competition.

### **6. Tournament regulations**

- 6.1. Championship is held according to the official Rules of Game and Competition of the International Draughts Federation.

6.2. All disciplines are held according to the system of micro-matches from two games with a draw of moves, mandatory in both games of the micro-match:

◆ for men:

- with a draw of initial moves and positions according to the official IDF tables (780 positions in the Classic and Blitz disciplines; 722 positions in the Rapid discipline), valid from 01.01.2024;

◆ for women:

- with a draw of moves, according to the official IDF table (150 positions), valid from 05.05.2016.

6.3. The draw for rounds in all disciplines is conducted using the "FSHR\_Lot" draw program.

The drawing for the first and second rounds is carried out taking into account the ratings, each next round - according to the criteria of the computer drawing program.

6.4. Competition system.

6.4.1. All disciplines are held according to a mixed system in 2 stages: preliminary and final.

6.4.2. No more than three players per country are allowed to participate in the final stage in each discipline.

#### 6.4.3. **Preliminary stage:**

For men and women, the preliminary stage is held according to the Swiss system.

Number of rounds:

◆ Blitz: 7-9 rounds.

◆ Rapid: 7 rounds.

◆ Classic game: 8 rounds for men and 7 rounds for women.

#### 6.4.4. **Final stage:**

The participants who took 1st-8th place in the preliminary stage for men and women form pairs 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5 and play for places in the ¼ finals, semi-finals and finals.

The rules for playing the ¼ finals, semi-finals and finals are according to separate Regulations.

The participants who took 9th place and lower in the Classic game discipline play two additional rounds according to the Swiss system.

#### 6.4.5. **Time controls at each stage:**

◆ Blitz: 3'+2" till the end of the game for each participant.

◆ Rapid: 7'+3" till the end of the game for each participant.

For the Blitz and Rapid disciplines, if the strongest side wins the first game of the micro-match in the ¼ finals, semi-final and final, the second game of the micro-match is not played.

◆ Classic game: 30'+15" till the end of the game for each participant.

The break between games is five minutes.

At all stages, the game record is mandatory for all participants until the end of the game; the game records must be legible.

In final stage, if the stronger side wins the first game of the micro-match and refuses to play the second game of the micro-match, the participant loses in this game, and the result of the micro-match is a draw 1:1.

### 7. **Special rules:**

◆ only members of the game can fix the drop of flag;

◆ in classic game the player may offer a draw if every opponent made more than 20 moves;

in blitz and rapid players can agree to a draw only when the number of pieces for each player is 6 or less;

◆ rules of draw will be detailed in the Championship Regulations;

◆ participants are obliged to be in the tournament hall 5 minutes before the start of the round for the drawing of moves;

◆ participants are obliged to leave the playing area after the end of the micro-match; participants who do not comply with this requirement receive a reprimand and other disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the Regulations;

- ◆ a participant who is late for the game receives a warning; if a participant is late more than the time control in the first game of a micro-match, he loses the micro-match. If a participant came late on the game again, sanctions may be applied to the participant up to exclusion from the tournament;
- ◆ during the competition, participants do not have the right to bring mobile phones into the playing area and other premises used during the competition (rest rooms, toilets, etc.); for ringing/vibrating a mobile phone in the playing area and other competition premises, the participant will lose the micro-match; in case of repeated violation, sanctions may be applied to the participant, including exclusion from the tournament;
- ◆ coaches and spectators are required to turn off mobile phones in the areas designated for coaches and spectators in the playing area; for a mobile phone call, coaches and spectators are removed from the playing area for one day; in case of repeated violation, coaches and spectators are removed from the playing area until the end of the competition.
- ◆ coaches and spectators are required to maintain silence in the playing area. In case of violation of this item, they are removed from the playing area for one day;
- ◆ the organizers reserve the right to use on their resources any video and photographic materials taken in the playing area during the competition; the objects in the video and photographs, upon entering the tournament area, give consent to the organizers for photo and video filming;
- ◆ participants are obliged to comply with the requirements of the organizers regarding the equipment of the gaming area and gaming tables with the necessary technical materials; upon entering the tournament area, participants give consent to the equipment of the gaming area and gaming tables;
- ◆ participants are obliged to participate in events agreed upon with the organizers: press conferences, meetings with the media, interviews, etc.;
- ◆ protests are submitted to the panel of arbiters within half an hour after the end of the round; when filing a protest, a deposit in the amount of 10,000 rubles/100 Euro is paid, if the protest is satisfied, the deposit is returned;
- ◆ after deadline specified in the competition regulations, protests will not be accepted and not considered. Any protests after the deadline are considered inappropriate behavior with sanctions in accordance with the Code of Ethics.

## **8. Determination of winners**

8.1. Places of participants are determined by the maximum amount of points scored by participants. For the victory is given - 2 points for a draw – 1 point, for loss – 0 points.

8.2. In case of equality of points for two or more participants in the preliminary stages, places the participants are determined by the following criteria:

### **The even number of participants:**

- ◆ amount of points scored by all opponents (Buchholz coefficient)
- ◆ amount of points scored by opponents, excluding the lowest result (reduced Solkof coefficient), excluding the 2 lowest results, 3 lowest results, etc.
- ◆ match until the first victory with a shortened time control: in the Blitz - 3'+2" until the end of the game for each participant, in the Classic game and Rapid 5'+3" until the end of the game for each participant.

### **The odd number of participants:**

- ◆ amount of points scored by the opponents, excluding the lowest result (truncated Solkof coefficient);
- ◆ amount of points scored by all opponents (Buchholz coefficient).
- ◆ amount of points scored by opponents, excluding the lowest result (truncated Solkof coefficient), excluding the 2 lowest results, 3 lowest results, etc.
- ◆ match up to the first victory with a shortened time control: in the Blitz - 3'+2" until the end of the game for each participant, in the Classic game and Rapid 5'+3" until the end of the game for each participant.

8.3. The final places of participants who finished 9th or lower in the preliminary stage of the Championship (Classic game) are determined based on the points and places achieved in the preliminary stage and the points scored in rounds 9 and 10 (rounds 8 and 9 for women). In the event of

a tie in final points, the participant who finished higher in the preliminary stage will take the higher place.

## **9. Awarding**

9.1. The winners of the World Championship in draughts-64 among men and women in Classic game are awarded the title “World Draughts-64 Champion 2026”. They are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas.

Participants who took second and third places are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas, respectively. All participants are awarded memorable diplomas.

9.2. The winners of the World Championship in draughts-64 among men and women in Rapid game are awarded the title "World Draughts-64 Champion 2026 in Rapid". They are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas.

Participants who took second and third places are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas, respectively.

9.3. The winners of the World Championship in draughts-64 among men and women in the Blitz game are awarded the title "World Draughts-64 Champion 2026 in Blitz". They are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas.

Participants who took second and third places are awarded cups, medals, and official diplomas, respectively.

9.4. The prize fund of the World Draughts-64 Championship will be at least 5,000,000 rubles (equivalent to over 60,000 US dollars). Distribution of prizes is according to separate regulations.

## **10. Finance**

### **10.1. Tournament fees**

Tournament fee for participation of each participant:

#### **Men**

100 euros – discipline Classic game;

50 euros – discipline Rapid;

50 euros – discipline Blitz;

180 euros – for participation in three disciplines Classic, Rapid and Blitz.

#### **Women**

80 euros – discipline Classic game;

40 euros – discipline Rapid;

40 euros – discipline Blitz;

150 euros – for participation in three disciplines Classic, Rapid and Blitz.

Tournament fees are paid in cash on the day of registration, September 3, 2026 in ruble equivalent at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of Russia on the day the payment is accepted.

Participants who have not paid the tournament fee before the registration deadline on September 3, 2026 will not be allowed to compete.

### **10.2. Financing terms.**

#### **10.2.1. Admission costs**

The organizers provide accommodation and meals for players from national federations - members of the International Draughts Federation, who have no debt to the IDF and who sent a preliminary application for participation before July 15, 2026.

The organizers provide accommodation and meals from September 3 (lunch) to September 13 (breakfast), for a total of 10 days, on a double occupancy basis for one participant for men and one for women from each national federation in accordance with clause 10.2.1.

Expenses for their visas, travel, tournament fees, as well as expenses other participants, delegation leaders, coaches and accompanying (visas, travel, accommodation and meals, tournament fees) are at the expense of the sending organizations or the participants, delegation leaders, coaches and accompanying themselves.

Participants, provided accommodation and meals by the organizers, are required to participate in all three disciplines of the Championship: Classic, Rapid and Blitz.

### **10.2.2. Accommodation and meals**

The Kolomna Hotel is the official hotel of accommodation and meals for participants, coaches and accompanying persons.

To ensure safety, accommodation of all participants, coaches and accompanying persons in the official hotel is mandatory.

Accommodation reservations are made only through the organizers.

The cost of accommodation and three meals a day for self-funded participants, coaches, and accompanying persons will be published on the International Draughts Federation website.

## **11. Travel**

You can get to the hotel:

from Moscow airports by public transport to any metro station in Moscow.

From Moscow - by public transport:

- By commuter train: From Kazansky Station, take the Moscow-Golovino commuter train ([commuter train schedule](#)) to Kolomna Station ([directions from Kolomna Station](#)) or Golovino Station ([directions from Golovino Station](#)).

- By bus: From Kotelniki Bus Station, take bus #460 Moscow-Kolomna to Golovino Station.

- By car: Leave Moscow on Volgogradskoe Shosse. Then drive 100 km along Novorizhanskoe Shosse (M5 Highway).

Enter Kolomna via the main street, Oktyabrskaya Revolyutsiya.

Transfers to the hotel can be arranged for foreign participants upon request.

## **12. Applications**

Applications must be submitted to the IDF office by e-mail: [office@idf64.org](mailto:office@idf64.org):

For participation in competitions:

- preliminary applications no later than July 15, 2026;
- final applications no later than August 1, 2026;

For visa support no later than July 15, 2026;

For transfer: no later than August 20, 2026.

In the application for visas, you must indicate the last name, first name as in the passport, date of birth, passport number, date of issue, date of expiry, dates of arrival and departure, status (athlete, coach, accompanying person). For countries from Africa, Asia and Pan America, you need additionally send a scan of your passport.

Applications for booking accommodation should be submitted to the Vice President of the Russian Draughts Federation, Aleksei Sergeevich Shonin, by e-mail: [shtandler@inbox.ru](mailto:shtandler@inbox.ru) with a copy to the office of the IDF office by e-mail: [office@idf64.org](mailto:office@idf64.org) no later than August 5, 2026.

Late applications will not be considered.

### 13. Contacts

For all questions on participating in the World Championship you need contact with the IDF office: [office@idf64.org](mailto:office@idf64.org).

For all questions related to the organization of competitions, please contact with Vice President of the Russian Draughts Federation Aleksei Sergeevich Shonin by e-mail: [shtandler@inbox.ru](mailto:shtandler@inbox.ru) tel/whatsapp +7 (919) 119-07-20.

Current information on the organization and holding of competitions will be posted on the website of the International Draughts Federation [www.idf64.org](http://www.idf64.org)

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