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Rules Of the World Draughts-64 Championship 2026 Among men and women

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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: GOPARK HOTEL.
Address: Moscow Region, Khimki district, Golikovo village, Shosseynaya str., 4 (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. Requirements for participants.

- 4.1. Participants are obliged to sign at the Credentials Committee and comply with the Agreement on Participation in the Championship (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement).
- 4.2. Participants are required to know the Rules of the game and competition in draughts-64.
- 4.3. Participants are required to conduct themselves correctly and comply with the World Championship Rules and Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations).
- 4.4. Participants are obligated to comply with the IDF Code of Ethics.
- 4.5. Any violation of the Regulations and the Code of Ethics by a player or member of a player's delegation during the competition may be subject to sanctions by decision of the panel of judges and the Appeals Jury.

- 4.6. Participants are obligated to comply with dress code.
- 4.7. The dress code for Championship is the national sports uniform; a classic suit, dark trousers, and a light-colored shirt/polo shirt for men; and the national sports uniform; a dress, suit, trousers, and a light-colored blouse/polo shirt for women.
- 4.8. The dress code for the opening and closing ceremonies is the national sports uniform; classic suit, dark trousers (not jeans), and a light-colored shirt for men; national sports uniform; dress, suit, trousers (not jeans), and a light-colored blouse for women.
- 4.9. Dress code requirements also apply to coaches, representatives and accompanying at competition venues and at the opening and closing ceremonies.
- 4.10. 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.
- 4.11. 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.
- 4.12. All participants must have medical insurance for the duration of the competition.

5. Tournament regulations

- 5.1. Championship is held according to the official Rules of Game and Competition of the International Draughts Federation.
- 5.2. 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; 772 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.
- 5.3. 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.

5.4. Competition system.

- 5.4.1. All disciplines are held according to a mixed system in 2 stages: preliminary and final.
- 5.4.2. No more than three players per country are allowed to participate in the final stage in each discipline.

Preliminary stage:

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

Number of rounds:

- ◆ Blitz: 9 rounds for men and 8 rounds for women.
- ◆ Rapid: 8 rounds for men and 7 rounds for women.
- ◆ Classic game: 8 rounds for men and 7 rounds for women.

Final stage:

In all disciplines, participants who took 1st-8th place in the preliminary stage for men and women compete for places in the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals, playing one micro-match in each competition. Participants play both games of a micro-match to the end, regardless of the result of the first game.

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

Before each stage of the final round, players are assigned numbers from 1 to 8.

Criteria for assigning a number:

1. Number of points scored in the preliminary and final rounds.
2. In case of a tie, the player with the higher place in the preliminary stage receives the lower number.

At each stage, the player with the lower number receives an advantage in the micro-match. The player who wins the micro-match automatically advances to the next stage, regardless of the difference in points scored.

Quarterfinals

Pairs 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5

Semifinals

Pairs 1-4, 2-3, 5-8, 6-7

Finals

Pairs 1-2 play for 1st place, 3-4 for 3rd place, 5-6 for 5th place, 7-8 for 7th place

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.
- ♦ 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.

6. Special rules:

- ♦ The end of the game time is recorded only by the participants of the given game;
- ♦ A player may agree to a draw if each opponent in the Classic game has made at least 20 moves and at least 20 minutes have passed since the start of the game;
in blitz and rapid players can agree to a draw only when the number of pieces for each player is 6 or less;
- ♦ 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 a game receives a warning and a penalty; if a participant is late for more than the time control in the first game of a micro-match, he loses the micro-match. Repeated lateness may result in sanctions, including expulsion 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;
- ♦ 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.;
- ♦ participants who fail to comply with the above requirements will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Agreement signed by each athlete;
- ♦ protests must be submitted to the panel of judges within half an hour of the end of a round in the Classic game discipline, and before the start of the next round in the Rapid and Blitz disciplines. A deposit of 10,000 rubles/100 euros is required when filing a protest; if the protest is upheld, the deposit is returned;
- ♦ the panel of judges' decision may be appealed to the Appeals Jury. The decision of the Appeals Jury is final and not subject to appeal.
- ♦ 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.

7. Determination of winners

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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.

8. Awarding

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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.

8.3. 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.

8.4. 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.

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