



FIDE WORLD YOUTH RAPID & BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

UNDER 14, 16, 18

Terme Čatež, Slovenia, 13 – 17 December 2024

INVITATION & REGULATIONS

1. Invitation:

The FIDE and the Slovenian Chess Federation invite all FIDE member federations and eligible players to participate in the World Youth Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships 2024 for participants aged under 14, 16, and 18 years. The Championships will take place between 13 (arrivals) and 17 (departures) December 2024. The event is to be held in the Terme Čatež hotel venue (Terme Čatež d.d., Topliška 35, SI-8250 Brežice, Slovenia) <https://www.terme-catez.si/en/>

2. Participation:

2.1. Players representing chess federations which are FIDE members have the right to participate. They shall not have reached the age of 14, 16, or 18 before January 1st of the year in which the tournament is held:

- Under 14 (open & girls), player's date of: 1 January 2010 and after;
- Under 16 (open & girls), player's date of: 1 January 2008 and after;
- Under 18 (open & girls), player's date of: 1 January 2006 and after;

2.2. There is no limit to the number of participants representing each federation. FIDE-affiliated organizations, as approved by the FIDE Council, also have the right to register players. FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies may also register players through their respective National Chess Federation (NCF) with a copy to TRG for endorsement.

2.3. The Champions of the 2023 World Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships in the corresponding age category or a higher age category, provided they meet the age requirements. Free accommodation and full board will be provided to all personal right players (12 players in total) from December 13 (dinner) to December 17 (breakfast), sharing a double room.



3. Competitions / Titles:

(A) WORLD YOUTH RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

- 11 rounds according to the Swiss system (one game per round), rate of play: 15 min. + 10 sec. per player
- Categories (6 in total): open and girls up to 14, 16, and 18 years.
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players in each category will be awarded trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

(B) WORLD YOUTH BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

- 11 rounds according to the Swiss system (two games per round), rate of play: 3 min. + 2 sec. per player
- Categories (6): open and girls up to 14, 16, and 18 years.
- Prizes: the best 3 (three) players in each category will be awarded trophies, medals, and gift prizes.

The winners of each individual championship shall obtain the following titles corresponding to their different age categories:

- World Youth Rapid Champion 14, 16 and 18
- World Youth Girls Rapid Champion 14, 16 and 18
- World Youth Blitz Champion 14, 16 and 18
- World Youth Girls Blitz Champion 14, 16 and 18

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. In case of tie, the next tie break criteria are established:

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) Buchholz cut 1;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Number of Games Played with Black (unplayed games count as played with white);
- e) Number of Games Won

4. Schedule:

Friday 13 December	All day	Arrival
	20:00	Technical Meeting
Saturday 14 December	10:00	Individual Rapid - Round 1
	11:30	Individual Rapid - Round 2
	15:00	Individual Rapid - Round 3
	16:30	Individual Rapid - Round 4
	18:00	Individual Rapid - Round 5
Sunday 15 December	09:30	Individual Rapid - Round 6
	11:00	Individual Rapid - Round 7
	14:30	Individual Rapid - Round 8
	16:00	Individual Rapid - Round 9
	17:30	Individual Rapid - Round 10
Monday 16 December	19:00	Individual Rapid - Round 11
	10:00	Individual Blitz - Round 1
	10:40	Individual Blitz - Round 2
	11:20	Individual Blitz - Round 3
	12:00	Individual Blitz - Round 4
	15:00	Individual Blitz - Round 5
	15:40	Individual Blitz - Round 6
	16:20	Individual Blitz - Round 7
	17:00	Individual Blitz - Round 8
	17:40	Individual Blitz - Round 9
	18:20	Individual Blitz - Round 10
19:00	Individual Blitz - Round 11	
Tuesday 17 December	21:00	Closing ceremony
	All day	Departure

FIDE EVE can make changes in the schedule and number of the rounds due to the participation numbers of each category after discussion with FIDE Technical Delegate, Tournament organizers and Chief Arbiter of the event.

5. Registration deadline and travel details

5.1 Entry forms must be filled in and sent to the tournament office no later than **Thursday October 31, 2024**. If the registration form is not completed by the federation itself, a copy has to be sent to the national federation. The Registration fee is 120 € for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The registration fee includes transportation from and to Zagreb International airport (Croatia), accreditation, identification, badges and organisation costs.

5.2 The payment deadline is **October 31, 2024**.

5.3 In order to ensure proper tournament standards, FIDE member federations must fully complete the official registration form published at the official website before the **registration deadline of October 31, 2024**. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

5.4 The transportation, which is included into registration fee, will be provided from and to Zagreb International Airport (Croatia) on the arrival day (13 December) and the departure day (17 December). Zagreb IA is located 40 km from the venue. Transportation from and to Zagreb IA can also be provided on other dates, however, such transportation will be subject to an extra charge.

6. Hotels

6.1 The event will be held in the official hotel complex comprising of the following 3 hotels: Hotel Terme 4*, Hotel Toplice 4* and Hotel Čatež 3*. Reservations will be made on a “first come, first served” basis. All hotels are part of the same complex and within walking distance of the playing hall. The playing hall is located in Hotel Toplice, and it is connected to Hotel Čatež through an underground corridor.

HOTEL	Double/Triple FB (price per person)	Single FB (price per person)
Hotel TERME **** (Full board)	80 €	98 €
Hotel TOPLICE **** (Full board)	80 €	98 €
Hotel ČATEŽ *** (Full board)	77 €	95 €

*It is also possible to stay in a triple room. A triple room means that an extra bed has been added to a double room. The price per person is the same as in a double room.

6.2. FIDE fee of 70 Euros (blitz 35 & rapid 35 Euros) for each player shall be paid by FIDE member federations directly to the FIDE bank account.

6.2 A registration fee in amount of 120 EUR and 50% accommodation cost shall be paid for each player and accompanying person prior to October 31, 2024. Bank charges shall be covered by the sender. The remaining payment is to be transferred no later than the beginning of the championship on December 13, 2024. Registration fees for the late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Regulations for Specific Competitions/General Regulations for FIDE Competitions:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>.



6.3 The payments in question are to be transferred to the following bank account:

Bank: Deželna banka Slovenije, Kolodvorska ulica 9, 1000 Ljubljana

Holder: Šahovska zveza Slovenije / Slovenian chess Federation, Bravničarjeva ulica 13, 1000 Ljubljana

IBAN Code: SI56 1910 0001 0000 463

SWIFT code (BIC): SZKBSI2X

6.4 Accommodation can be provided for a longer period of stay (more than 4 nights), however, the organiser shall be notified about such request in advance.

6.5 All players shall stay in the official hotels offered by the organiser.

7. Appeals Procedure

A protest against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of 200 EUR. If the appeal is granted, the deposit shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal must be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

8. Anti-Cheating guidelines

The FIDE Anti-Cheating guidelines shall apply. Upon arrival or any time during the event, captains or players may be requested to present passports for the verification of a player's age eligibility. Random searches, with a hand-held metal detector, can be performed by arbiter(s), namely before or during the games.

9. Visa information

9.1 Any federation members, players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Slovenia are requested to contact the organiser (worldyouthrb@fide.com) prior to the October 14, 2024. Please note that Slovenia is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area, so the same rules apply for entering Slovenia as for entering other Schengen countries.

Citizens of countries that are not members of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA), or the Schengen Area generally need a visa to enter Slovenia.



<https://www.gov.si/en/topics/entry-and-residence/>

<https://infotujci.si/en/third-country-nationals/>

9.2 The organiser will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments have been wired, as described in articles 5.1 and 5.2 above.

10. Tournament office / Contact Information

E-mail: worldyouthrb@fide.com

Official website: <http://worldyouthrb2024.fide.com>

Venue: <https://www.terme-catez.si/en/>