



CHESS HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF CHESS IN FISU

Chess was introduced in FISU in the early nineties as a natural consequence of its high esteem in academic circles and the events have always enjoyed great success. The first two editions were staged in Odessa (Ukraine, former USSR) in 1990 and in Antwerp (Belgium) in 1992. Nevertheless, these two contests suffered from the fact that they were not included in the calendar of the Fédération Internationale des Echecs (FIDE), meaning that the performance in World University Chess Championships were not linked to the titles of International Master or Grand Master.

During the 1994 edition in Sofia (Bulgaria) the FISU World University Chess Championship was recognised at its full value. This time, the results were recorded by FIDE, meaning that the contest was officially acknowledged and became part of the events awarded by FIDE's international titles. The FISU Championships had reached such a high level that things could have hardly been otherwise. In line with the FISU regulations and given the specific nature of the contest, men's and women's Championships were based on individual tournaments of nine rounds, in accordance with the Swiss system. Alongside the individual contest, there was the inter-team rating determined by the adding up of the two best men's and women's results. At the end of matches, three men and women were rewarded with International FIDE titles. The 1996 edition in Leon (Spain) also assigned the rank of International Master to two men and one woman. The high status of the FISU World University Chess Championship was confirmed at the fifth edition in Rotterdam (Netherlands) in 1998, in which four Grand Masters, sixteen International Masters and fifteen FIDE Masters took part in the men's competition.

Among women, there were eight Grand Masters, three International Masters and six FIDE Masters. It was a dazzling success.

After this excellent success and the high participation level two more editions of the World University Chess Championships were held: first in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) in 2002 and then in Lagos (Nigeria) in 2006, in which only eight nations participated. More success followed at the World University Chess Championship in Novokuznetsk (Russia) in 2008, as well as in Zürich (Switzerland), in 2010. In 2011, Chess made FISU history with contests between the best university players of the world at the Summer Universiade in Shenzhen (China).

The last two editions of the FISU Championship Chess were organised in Abu Dhabi (UAE) in 2016 and in city of Aracajú (Brazil) in 2018. In 2020, the first FISU World University Championship Mind Sports was organised online due to the Covid-19 pandemic by the Organising Committee in Bydgoszcz (Poland).

The first presential edition of the FISU Championship Mind Sports was held in Antwerp, Belgium in 2022.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1990	URS	Odessa	13	39	19	58	15	73
2	1992	BEL	Antwerpen	11	37	15	52	13	65
3	1994	BUL	Sofia	15	43	23	66	14	80
4	1996	ESP	Leon	13	33	20	53	14	67
5	1998	NED	Rotterdam	17	57	27	84	22	106
6	2000	BUL	Varna	18	40	14	54	9	63
7	2002	MGL	Ulaanbaatar	8	17	11	28	9	37
8	2004	TUR	Istanbul	15	42	22	64	12	76
9	2006	NGR	Lagos	8	27	16	43	16	59
10	2008	RUS	Novokuznetzk	12	33	24	57	16	73
11	2010	SUI	Zürich	21	57	39	96	29	125
12	2012	POR	Guimaraes	17	40	22	62	18	80
13	2014	POL	Katowice	15	46	25	71	24	95
14	2016	UAE	Abu Dhabi	17	48	34	82	33	115
15	2018	BRA	Aracajú	13	26	24	50	11	61
16*	2020	POL	Bydgoszcz	32	263	137	400	0	400
17**	2022	BEL	Antwerp	20	97	50	147	21	168

*For the first time in 2020 the FISU World University Championship Mind Sports was organised gathering Bridge and Chess in the same event. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the on-site event has been replaced by an online Championship. The competition format has been modified accordingly without the participation of any teams' officials.

**From 2022 the statistics refer to the combination of both Bridge and Chess.

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1 TO 6	COMPETITION DAY 7 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The Chess tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the "Fédération internationale des échecs" (FIDE). In any dispute, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the FISU Technical Committee Chair for Bridge. The programme of competitions shall last a minimum of six days and includes the following events:

- one men's tournament (9 rounds): classical and one men's Blitz tournament;
- one women's tournament (9 rounds): classical and one women's Blitz tournament;
- Two teams classifications shall be carried out jointly for men and women in classical games and in Blitz games.

Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of eleven persons: eight competitors and three officials.

Each country may enter a maximum of eight competitors:

- a maximum of five men and three women, or five women and three men, or four women and four men

Only countries with three competitors or more, of whom at least one man and one woman, shall be taken into account for team classification.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

Individual classification shall be based on the total of points scored during the game. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined according to the FIDE rules and the tournament rules applicable to the concerned Chess Championship.

Team classification shall be based on the total of points scored in the individual tournament and on the three best scores of at least one man and one woman from the same country. If the number of men is equal or more than 1.5 times the number of women, team classification shall be based on the best results of two men and one woman. Similarly, if the number of women is equal or more than 1.5 times the number of men, team classification shall be based on the best results of two women and one man.

In the event of a tie, the winning team shall be determined according to the FIDE rules.

There are two competitions: Classical games (6 days) and Blitz games (1/2 day). The Blitz tournament is played over 9 rounds (one men's tournament, one women's tournament and one team classification). Teams are formed according to the same rules as in classical games. Only participants of classical games can register for the Blitz games.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

Seeding method

The seeding is made according to the international ELO-rating.

Players who do not have ELO-rating shall be placed at the bottom of the starting list in alphabetical order.

The pairing of all rounds shall be made with the latest version of Swiss Chess Software “Swiss Manager”. This allows an easy publishing of the results and pairings on the website “chess-results”.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and costs

International referees shall be appointed jointly by FIDE and FISU. The Organising Committee shall bear their costs of travel, board and lodging (from two days before the opening ceremony to one day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – FIDE partnership agreement.

Number of Technical Officials needed and qualification

1 chief arbiter and 2 deputy arbiters shall be appointed.

All Officials like chief arbiter and international referees have to be known and contacted by the Organising Committee at least three months before the Championship.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wifi shall be available for all delegations for free. Costs for a laundry services will be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials’ meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships & World Cups Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

All equipment has to be in conformity with FIDE regulations. The specific equipment needed is listed in the FISU Chess Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

There are no training sessions in Chess.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved. It has to be in accordance with the tentative schedule.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	4	0	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

12. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment from the participating countries (NUSFs – OC) - ITO list (FISU - FIDE)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - ITO cost (OC- NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams' confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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