REGULATIONS

FOR THE FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH 2020

FIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

1.SCOPE

1. 1. The FIDE World Championship Match 2020 shall be organized in the last quarter of 2020.
1. 2. Governing Body is the World Chess Federation (FIDE).
1. 3. FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge for preparing Regulations, communicating with the Organizer and the participants, conducting inspections.
1. 4. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Presidential Board, upon recommendation by GSC.
1. 5. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. PARTICIPATION

2. 1. The World Championship Match is the match between the reigning World Champion GM Magnus Carlsen and his challenger –the winner of the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020.
2. 2. If the World Champion or the Challenger withdraws for any reason, he is replaced by the runner-up of the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2020.
2. 3. If any further replacement is needed, the average rating from the twelve (12) FIDE Standard Rating Lists from August 2019 to July 2020 is used. The player with the highest average rating qualifies. In the event of a tie, the average rating is recalculated to the second decimal place. If the averages are still tied, the player with the greatest total number of rated games during the period earns the spot.

3. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

3. 1. Each player receives his contract by email. Each player signs and sends his contract to the FIDE Secretariat by the registered email before a fixed deadline indicated in the email sent to each player and announced on the FIDE website. Additional contracts between the Organizer and the players may be signed if needed.
3. 2. A player who does not submit his contract before the deadline is to be replaced according to Articles 2.2. and 2.3. (FIDE may accept late contracts received after the deadline only for reasons GSC considers to be admissible).
3. 3. A player who signs his contract but withdraws is to be replaced by a player as described in Articles 2.2. and 2.3.`
3. 4. A player who fails to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal after he has signed the player's contract may be sanctioned by the FIDE Presidential Board.

4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH REGULATIONS

4. 1. Format
The World Championship Match consists of fourteen (14) games.
4. 2. Time control
The time control for each game is 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 61.

4. 3. Conditions of victory
4. 3. 1. The player who scores 7.5 points or more wins the World Championship Match. No further games are played. If the score after fourteen games is equal, the tie-break is played as described in Article 4.3.2.
4. 3. 2. Tie-break
4. 3. 2. 1. A match of four (4) games is played with a time control of 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. There is a drawing of lots to decide which player starts with white.
4. 3. 2. 2. If the score is still level after the match described in Article 4. 3. 2. 1., another match of two (2) games is played with a time control of 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1. If the score is still level, another 2-game match is played with the same time control; this procedure may be repeated up to a total of five (5) 2-game matches. There is a drawing of lots to decide which player starts with white for each of the 2-game matches.
4. 3. 2. 3. If the score is still level after five (5) matches (ten games) described in Article 4. 3. 2. 2., one (1) sudden death game is played. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the colour. The player with the white pieces receives five (5) minutes; the player with the black pieces receives four (4) minutes whereupon; after the 60th move, both players receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.
4. 3. 2. 4. All tie-break games are played according to the technical regulations described in Annex 2.

4. 4. Travel and Accommodation
4. 4. 1. The Organizer contributes an amount of four thousand (4,000) euros towards the travel costs of each player's team.
4. 4. 2. The Organizer provides each player with free accommodation with full board (in all Articles of these Regulations the full board may be substituted by a daily allowance, the amount to be agreed between the Organizer and GSC) in a two-room junior suite in an official (at least 4-stars) hotel.
4. 4. 3. The Organizer provides free accommodation with full board in a junior suite for the team manager of each player's team in the same hotel as the players.
4. 4. 4. The Organizer provides free accommodation with full board in standard single rooms for four (4) members of each player's team in the same hotel as the players.

4. 5. Playing venue
4. 5. 1. GSC ensures the playing venue and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the organization of Top-level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01) and have suitable premises for hosting side events.
4. 5. 2. The playing venue is decorated with the FIDE flag, the IOC flag, the flag of the host and the participating federations.
4. 5. 3. The Players may inspect the playing venue in the presence of representatives of GSC, the Supervisor and the Organizer, two (2) days before the first game of the World Championship Match. The Organizer endeavours to satisfy all reasonable requests of the players.
4. 5. 4. The Organizer provides, free of charge, coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks for the players, the principals, VIPs and accredited media.
4. 5. 5. The Organizer provides a special VIP-zone according to requirements to be specified in the contract.

4. 6. Schedule
4. 6. 1.

DAY	EVENT
Sunday	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting
Monday	Media Day
Tuesday	Round 1
Wednesday	Round 2
Thursday	Round 3
Friday	Free day
Saturday	Round 4
Sunday	Round 5
Monday	Free day
Tuesday	Round 6
Wednesday	Round 7
Thursday	Round 8
Friday	Free day
Saturday	Round 9
Sunday	Round 10
Monday	Free day
Tuesday	Round 11
Wednesday	Round 12
Thursday	Round 13
Friday	Free day
Saturday	Round 14
Sunday	Tie-break (if needed) or Closing Ceremony*
Monday	Closing Ceremony* (if tie-break is played)

* If the winner is decided in less than fourteen (14) games (see Article 4.3.1.), the match is over and the Organizer re-schedules the Closing Ceremony for an earlier date; then the Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last game or one day thereafter.

4. 6. 2. No postponement of any game is allowed.
4. 6. 3. The schedule may be changed only upon approval of the FIDE President.
4. 6. 4. If the World Championship Match is divided into two parts held in two different places (see Article 5.5.), the schedule is to be modified accordingly, by the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board.

4. 7. Drawing of colours
The draw for colours is conducted during the Opening Ceremony.

4. 8. Draw by mutual agreement
The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 40th move. A claim for a draw before black's 40th move is permitted only through an Arbiter in case of threefold repetition.

4. 9. Prizes
4. 9. 1. The recommended prize fund provided by the Organizer is two million (2,000,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes.
4. 9. 2. The prize fund is divided as follows: 60% to the winner and 40% to the runner-up if the World Championship Match ends within 14 games. In case the World Champion Title is decided in the tie-break, the winner receives 55% and the runner-up receives 45% of the prize fund.
4. 9. 3. Before the start of the World Championship Match, each player receives two hundred thousand (200,000) euros. This amount is deducted from the prize fund. The balance is remitted to the players within fourteen (14) days after the completion of the World Championship Match.
4. 9. 4. If the match is played in the country of one of the players, then the foreign player receives one hundred thousand (100,000) euros of the prize fund. The remaining prize money is shared in accordance to Article 4.9.2.

4. 10. Playing Conditions
4. 10. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines (FIDE Handbook, A10).
4. 10. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. The players may communicate with an arbiter or a steward.
4. 10. 3. Both players have access to the same toilet facilities during the games. There are no separate rest rooms for the players during the games. Both players use the same rest lounge area which is visible by the Chief Arbiter and spectators.
4. 10. 4. The players arrive to the playing area at least ten (10) minutes before the beginning of the game for the security check.
4. 10. 5. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing area telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.
4. 10. 6. During the playing session, a player may leave a playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he is accompanied by an arbiter.
4. 10. 7. For any infringement of Articles 4.10.4., 4.10.5. and 4.10.6. a fine of up to ten thousand (10,000) euros can be imposed on the player.
4. 10. 8. The anti-doping test procedure is regulated by the contract between FIDE and the Organizer.

4. 11. Scoresheets
4. 11. 1. The Organizer provide scoresheets according to the specifications provided by GSC.
4. 11. 2. At the end of each game the players' original scoresheets are given to the Chief Arbiter, who shall forward them to FIDE. Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets is penalized according to the Laws of Chess (FIDE Handbook, E.01, Article 12.9). After the players have signed the scoresheets, an Arbiter countersigns to confirm the results.

4. 12. Players conduct
4. 12. 1. Dress code: neat shirt and formal suit. The dress code is strictly observed: no player with t-shirts, sneakers, baseball caps, shorts or inappropriate dress is allowed in the playing zone. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by GSC.
4. 12. 2. The players are required to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call additional Technical Meetings.
4. 12. 3. The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by GSC during the World Championship Match including official receptions, the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.
4. 12. 4. The players are expected to co-operate with the media. General interviews with them have to be arranged through the FIDE Press Officer.
4. 12. 5. The players are required to be available for the Opening press-conference, interviews with the media one day prior to the first game ("Media Day") and daily press conferences, of not more than 20 minutes duration, immediately after each game.
4. 12. 6. The players are required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the Match and the FIDE websites and not less than five (5) media outlets if requested by the FIDE Press Officer.
4. 12. 7. The players are requested to note the requirements of the FIDE Regulations (FIDE Handbook, C.01 Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the World Championship Match.
4. 12. 8. If a player fails to fulfil his duties listed in Articles 4.12.1 – 4.12.7, undermines the reputation of FIDE, the Organizer and sponsors, his opponent, hosting country or city, or conducts himself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, he shall be penalized as follows: 5% of his prize money shall be forfeited to the Organizer and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious and/or repeated misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Presidential Board.

4. 13. Principals
The Principals are:

a) FIDE President;
b) FIDE Deputy President;
c) Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter;
d) FIDE Supervisor-Chairman of the Appeals Committee and two (2) other Appeal Committee members
e) FIDE Press Officer and his/her Deputy;
f) Member of the FIDE Medical Commission
g) Two (2) GSC members.

4. 13. Arbiters
4. 13. 1. The Chief Arbiter and the Deputy Chief Arbiters are nominated by GSC after consulting both players providing them with a list of five (5) candidates. None of them can be from the same federation as one of the players, unless if both players are members of the same federation.
4. 13. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy must be present in a playing area.
4. 13. 3. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter submits a report in English to GSC. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

4. 14. Appeals Committee
4. 14. 1. The FIDE President nominates the Chairman and the two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations. None of them can be from the same federation as one of the players, unless if both players are members of the same federation.
4. 14. 2. All protests are submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant game, or the particular infringement complained against.
4. 14. 3. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of three thousand (3,000) euros or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.
4. 14. 4. The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

a) appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
b) protest against a player's behaviour,
c) all other matters which the Committee considers relevant.

4. 14. 5. The Appeals Committee endeavours to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.
4. 14. 6. The Appeals Committee endeavours to make a decision within two (2) hours after submission of a protest.
4. 14. 7. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these Regulations is final.
4. 14. 8. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee serves also as FIDE Supervisor.
4. 14. 9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman submits a report in English to GSC.

4. 15. FIDE Supervisor
4. 15. 1. The FIDE Supervisor is above the Organising Committee in all issues involving:

a) fairness concerning treatment of both players in respect of organisational issues;
b) equal playing conditions;
c) fair-play measures;
d) fair publicity of both players through the FIDE Press Officer.

4. 15. 2. The FIDE Supervisor can request, at the Organiser's expense, any additional security arrangement he finds necessary in order to secure a fair match and equal conditions for the players.
4. 15. 3. The Organizer has to implement the decisions of the FIDE Supervisor in all issues involving the above aspects before and during the match.
4. 15. 4. Any decision of the FIDE Supervisor can be appealed only to the FIDE President.

4. 16. FIDE Press Officer
4. 16. 1. The Organizer is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the official web domain which is used for the event: worldchamp.xxxx2020.fide.com where xxxx refers to the city where the event is being held. All content is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content are carried on the official domain.
4. 16. 2. All activities of both FIDE and the Organizer identify FIDE being the Governing Body of the World Championship Match. The Organizer warrants that the official domain for the event is managed in a professional way and furthermore that it is capable of handling the traffic and publicity that is required for such event. Statistics of traffic and full reports on web performance are provided by the FIDE Press Officer to both GSC and the Organizer.
4. 16. 3. The Organizer co-operates with the FIDE Press Officer concerning the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at the Press Centre.
4. 16. 4. The Press Officer is a member of the panel at Press Conferences conducted during the World Championship Match.

4. 17. Photography and Television
4. 17. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.
4. 17. 2. Flash may be used only during the first five (5) minutes of play.
4. 17. 3. Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Chief Arbiter deems their use to be unobtrusive.

4. 18. Broadcast and commentary
4. 18. 1. The Organizer is responsible for covering all the expenses related to the high-quality live Internet broadcast on the official website.
4. 18. 2. The Organizer is responsible for covering all the expenses related to the team of commentators, in line with an accepted practice.

4. 19. Ceremonies
4. 19. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place two days prior to the first game. The program of the Opening Ceremony is to be approved by GSC. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. The FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country are played.
4. 19. 2. The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last game or one day thereafter (see Article 4.6.1.). A victory garland, a FIDE trophy and FIDE medals (gold and silver) are provided by the Organizer. The garland, the trophy and the medals are approved by GSC. The FIDE Anthem, the Anthem of the winner's country and the Anthem of the hosting country are played.

5. SELECTION OF THE ORGANIZER

5. 1. FIDE shall open a bidding procedure for the World Championship Match.
5. 2. Any federation member of FIDE or any organizer approved by a national federation may apply (bid) for the organization of the World Championship Match.
5. 3. Each application should contain the following:

a) Proposed exact place and dates of the event.
b) Proposed tournament venue.
c) Proposed prize fund.
d) Contribution to FIDE: minimum 15% of the prize fund, not less than four hundred thousand (400,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes above the prize fund.
e) Contribution to the FIDE Development Fund: minimum 10% of the prize fund, not less than two hundred thousand (200,000) euros net of any applicable local taxes above the prize fund.
f) Commitment to transfer to FIDE the full amount as per 5.3.d) and 5.3.e) until December 31st 2019.
g) Commitment to transfer to FIDE the rest of the total amount due to FIDE related to the organization of the World Championship Match according to these Regulations (including the amount of the prize fund) six months before the start of the World Championship Match.
h) Commitment to submit before August 1st 2020 a legal opinion on the taxation of the World Championship Match's prizes in the organizing country.
i) Commitment to respect the rights of the FIDE partners and sponsors.
j) Category of official (at least 4-stars) hotel(s) and its name(s), with special room rates including meals.
k) Invitation for at least two (2) members of GSC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all travel and hotel expenses paid by the applicant from the non-refundable fee. (see Article 5.4.).
l) Applicant's name, signature and authentication.
m) Letters of support from a national federation and relevant local authorities.
n) Guarantee issued by a first-class bank for the amount of three hundred thousand (300,000) euros to support the bid. In case the applicant who wins the bidding procedure fails to fulfil the requirements set out in Article 5.7., the entire amount goes to FIDE.

5. 4. Each applicant pays a non-refundable fee of three thousand (3,000) euros.
5. 5. FIDE can decide on the World Championship Match to be divided into two (2) parts held in two (2) different places.
5. 6. The FIDE's choice of the Organizer is based on many factors aiming for the best of chess. The proposed prize fund is not the only criterium. Other criteria are:
• Organizer's experience in holding of high-level chess events;
• Popularity of chess in the host country, estimated attractiveness of the event for the local audience and media;
• Accommodation and playing conditions;
• Location and prominence of the playing venue;
• Side events during the World Championship Match;
• Media facilities, spectator-friendly environment;
• Host city's climatic conditions in the period of the event;
• Taxation conditions in the host country;
• Any other criteria deemed essential by FIDE.
5. 7. Upon FIDE's selection of the Organizer of the event, a contract is to be signed between FIDE and the Organizer regarding all financial and commercial aspects of the event. After winning the bid, the applicant has six (6) weeks to sign the contract with FIDE and eight (8) weeks to submit all guaranties issued by a first-class bank for the whole amount of the prize fund, all contributions and expenses due to FIDE related to the World Championship Match according to these Regulations.
5. 8. GSC advises and helps the Organizer on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary and other technical issues.

6. FINANCIAL ISSUES

6. 1. Before the end of the World Championship Match, FIDE is reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organization of the World Championship Match. This is a fixed amount agreed in the contract between the Organizer and FIDE. This amount includes pre-expenses (inspections), stipends, traveling expenses for the Principals and other expenses mentioned in the contract. If the World Championship Match takes place in the country of one of the players, the Organizer provides an amount of three thousand (3,000) euros to the foreign player as compensation for transportation and hospitality for inspection visits.
6. 2. Stipends
The stipends to be paid to the Principals of the World Championship Match by the Organizer are (in euros):

Chief Arbiter:	€ 6,000
Deputy Chief Arbiter:	€ 4,500
FIDE Supervisor-Chairman of the Appeals Committee	€ 5,000
Two members of the Appeals Committee	€ 3,500 each
FIDE Press Officer:	€ 5,000
Deputy FIDE Press Officer	€ 3,000
Member of the FIDE Medical Commission	€ 2,000
TOTAL:	**€ 32,500**

6. 3. Travel Expenses of the FIDE Principals
The FIDE President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organizer`s expense. All other Principals are compensated by the Organizer for their travel expenses up to a maximum of one thousand (1,000) euros if travelling from the same continent, up to one thousand three hundred (1,300) euros if travelling from another continent.
6. 4. Accommodation of the FIDE Principals and journalists
Accommodation with full board in a suite in an official (at least 4-stars) hotel is offered by the Organizer for the FIDE President. Accommodation with full board in a standard single room is offered by the Organizer for each Principal in the same hotel. Extra expenses are covered by the Organizer only for the FIDE President. The Organizer in cooperation with the FIDE Press Officer provides a total number of thirty (30) hotel nights with full board in an official (at least 4-stars) hotel for accredited FIDE journalists.
6. 5. Local transportation
Transfer from and to the airport is provided by the Organizer, if necessary. For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car. For the other Principals, a number of cars is made available; their use depends on the position of the hotels, playing venue and media center. Local transport is also provided for players to official functions if necessary.
6. 6. Personnel
The Organizer provides sufficient personnel to assist in the playing venue, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies in consultation with GSC.
6. 7. Fair-play measures
The measures are to be approved by GSC. The Organizer covers all the related costs up to ten thousand (10,000) euros.

7. COMMERCIAL ISSUES

7. 1. FIDE, or its appointed commercial agency, retains all commercial and media rights of the World Championship Match, including internet. The rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organizer.
7. 2. The radio and television rights, including photo, video and film rights, belong to FIDE or its appointed agency. The rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organizer.
7. 3. FIDE has the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet. FIDE provides to the Organizer the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. This rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the Organizer.
7. 4. FIDE has the right to enter into advertisement agreements either with the Organizer or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear attire with the branding of sponsors. Players shall not wear, use or display any apparel, footwear, accessory or other item, including but not limited to any piece of attire or any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, charms, beverage bottles etc.), bearing an identification of or advertising or otherwise promoting the players' sponsors, without prior written permission by FIDE or FIDE's commercial agency.
7. 5. The income provided by the World Championship Match through admission charges goes to the Organizer.
7. 6. The Organizer draws up a budget as detailed as possible, in consultation with GSC.
7. 7. No proposed sponsor is in conflict with the Regulations of the International Olympic Committee.
7. 8. The FIDE logo and the head of the corporate logo are displayed below:

FIDE

THE FIDE LOGO IS DISPLAYED IN A DARK BLUE COLOUR ON A WHITE BACKGROUND. THE TEXT DESCRIBING ANY EVENT MUST NOT BE LARGER THAN TWICE THE SIZE OF THE WORD FIDE REPRODUCED IN THE LOGO.

7. 9. The event title of the tournament is represented below. The corporate logo should include the above on top and the text in any kind of printed or electronic media must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH 2020

ANNEX 1

The FIDE Laws of Chess, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=208&view=article

ANNEX 2

TIE-BREAK TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. The players do not need to record the moves.
2. The player who has the move may stop the clock and consult the Arbiter's scoresheet if he thinks that his next move can produce the threefold repetition of position or accomplish the "50 moves" rule. Then he can write the intended move on the scoresheet and claim a draw according to the Laws of Chess (FIDE Handbook, E.01, Articles 9.2. and 9.3.). If the claim is found to be correct, the game is immediately ended as a draw. If the claim is found to be incorrect, the Arbiter adds two (2) minutes to the opponent's remain-ing time and the game continues with the intended move. A maximum of two (2) incorrect claims for a draw can be made by each player. If a player makes a third (3rd) incorrect claim, the arbiter declares the game lost for this player.
3. If a game has ended by resignation, checkmate, time loss, stalemate, triple repetition or any other of the ways described in the FIDE Handbook, E01, Article 5, no claim for irregularities are accepted (irregularities include clock settings and all other described in the FIDE Handbook, E01, Article 7).
4. There is a pause of 10 minutes between all tie-break games, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

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