



**WORLD SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**  
for school chess champions in categories  
OPEN U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 / GIRLS U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17

**2 - 12 December 2016, Sochi, RUSSIA**



<http://ruchess.ru/en/>

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

## 1. INVITATION

The World Chess Federation (FIDE), the Russian Chess Federation (RCF), and the International School Chess Union (ISCU) have the honour of inviting all National Chess Federations of the FIDE and eligible players to the **World School Championships 2016** organised in Sochi (Russia) from **December, 2 (arrivals) to December, 12 (departures) of 2016**.

## 2. PARTICIPATION – AGE LIMITS

**2.1** Each National Federation or School Association or school may send an unlimited number of players in each of the **12 age groups**. In case that one girl group has less than 10 participants, it will be merged with the same open age group category.

**2.2** Entitled to participate are players (Boys & Girls) who are under the age:

**Of 7, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1st, 2009 and after) – Tournament Under 7;**  
**Of 9, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1st, 2007 and after) – Tournament Under 9;**  
**Of 11, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and after) – Tournament Under 11;**  
**Of 13, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003 and after) – Tournament Under 13;**  
**Of 15, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 and after) – Tournament Under 15;**  
**Of 17, by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 (date of birth – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999 and after) – Tournament Under 17.**

Upon arrival captains or players may be requested to present the passports of their players for verification of age eligibility.

**2.3** Accommodation and travel expenses will be covered by the participants (except continental Champions of 2015 who will be provided with free board and lodging), federations, schools and their Sponsors. Delegations of players shall be accompanied at least by one adult (chief, coach or parent), who shall care about the travel details.

## 3. ENTRY FEES

**3.1** The registration fee of 100 EUR per participant (players, officials, trainers, media, etc.) should be paid directly to the Organizing Committee. The **registration fee** should be transferred **before October 2, 2016**. Details of payment are in p. 4 of the Regulations. In case a player refuses to participate in the competition for reasons beyond the control of the organizers, the pre-paid amount will not be returned. All administrative fees will be used for organizational expenses and awarding.

**3.2** FIDE entry fee: In accordance with the FIDE regulations, FIDE entry fee of 40 EUR is required for each player. **The FIDE entry fee should be sent directly to FIDE.**

## 4. REGISTRATION AND DETAILS OF PAYMENT

**4.1** Entry and transportation forms will be available at the web-site [www.ruchess.ru/en/](http://www.ruchess.ru/en/) from August, 15 of 2016. After it is filled in, it should be sent by the National Federations or the players to the Organizing Committee not later than **Sunday, October 2 of 2016** via email [juniorchess@ruchess.ru](mailto:juniorchess@ruchess.ru). Application for transportation shall be sent till November, 20 to the same email. All the players shall have the approval of their National Chess Federation.

**4.2** The complete registration form shall include last name, first name, country and city of living, FIDE ID number, title, date of birth, sex and request for accommodation. It shall also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number **of the Chief of Delegation of each National Federation**. The registration form shall be provided together with a copy of passport (1<sup>st</sup> page with all the information) of each player and each accompanying person.

**4.3** At the time of registration until **Sunday, October, 2 of 2016**, the amount of **100 euros (the bus transfer from Sochi airport (25 km) to the tournament hotel with the return on the departure day is included in the registration fee) + 30% of the total accommodation cost minimum shall be paid to the Organizing Committee** for each participant or accompanying person. Players also need to add up to above-mentioned payments FIDE entry fee in the amount of 40 EUR directly to FIDE. Rest of payments shall be completed **before** the arrival but not later than November, 20.

**4.4** The foreign bank commissions shall be paid by the sender.

**4.5 ONLINE BOOKINGS AND BANKING TRANSFERS**

- To participate in the competition all players should download the registration form from the website of the Russian Chess Federation [ruchess.ru/en](http://ruchess.ru/en) (available after August, 15) and be registered via email [juniorchess@ruchess.ru](mailto:juniorchess@ruchess.ru)
- In response, participants will get an invoice with all the details based on the received personal requests. Participants or their National Federations or Sponsors either can pay for the accommodation in full or the minimum amount of 30% till October, 2. The remaining amount shall be transferred not later than November, 20.
- Please note, that the amount in the invoice will be shown fully.

**5. VENUE - ACCOMMODATION**

**5.1** Accommodation and board will be provided at **Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina (4 stars)**.  
Playing Hall is the Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina.

**5.2 Continental Champions of 2015 have exclusive rights to participate according to FIDE rules in the same or an upper category.** The Organizing Committee provides free board and lodging (in twin share rooms with bath and/or shower) for Champions of the previous World Schools Championships, Continental Schools Champions of the year preceding this edition as well as for one accompanying person per federation (with minimum participation of 6 players), who has a valid licence as FIDE trainer.

**5.3 Every player is obliged to lodge in the official hotels.** Every accompanying person is obliged to lodge in the official hotels. Bookings shall be done **only through the Organizing Committee** (through registration and booking forms according to p.4 of the Regulations).

**5.4** 30% of hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons shall be transferred in advance as described in registration process and the rest shall be paid **before** arrival via bank transfer. Hotel payments shall be paid in euro (EUR). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations are not possible after **Sunday, October, 2 of 2016**.

**5.5** Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will **cost the amount from the table below per person for 10 nights** (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner in buffet). **For 11 or more nights the charge of one or more nights shall be added.**

**A. Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina (main accommodation hotel, renovated in 2016)**

Prices <u>per person</u> F/B (3 meals)	Grand Hotel Zhemchuzhina ****	
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON, EUR for 10 nights	extra nights per person per day (3 meals)
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	750	75

DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE/ TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE With one Kid U12 years	500	50
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Kids 0-3 years old- free of charge

The rates include:

- A. Traditional European breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner
- B. Wireless Internet
- C. Fitness Center and swimming pool
- D. Instant coffee and tea in the rooms
- E. All taxes.

## 6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

**6.1** The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

**6.2** Communication between players (the offer of draw) is forbidden until the 40th move is made.

## 7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

The tournament will be FIDE rated.

The deadline **for confirmation** of registrations is at 23.59 of December, 2 of 2016. Players who missed the registration, will be included in the pairings for the 2nd round with a score of "-" in the 1st round.

The Commission for admission starts its work from 11 a.m. December, 2 to 00.30 a.m. December, 3.

Opening Ceremony – December, 2 at 8 p.m. (concert hall)

Technical meeting – December, 2 at 9.30 p.m. (concert hall)

Arbiters session – December, 2 at 11 p.m. (Secretariat)

The pairings for the 1st round of the tournament for all age groups – December, 3 at 02.30 a.m.

Playing days – December, 3-11.

Day off - December, 7

Friday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arrival of Participants
Friday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Till 23:59 Registration
Saturday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	20:00 Opening Ceremony
Saturday	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	21:30 Technical Meeting
Saturday	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	02:30 drawing
Saturday	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15:30 Round 1
Sunday	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Round 2
Monday	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Round 3
Tuesday	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Round 4
Wednesday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Day off
Thursday	December 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Round 5 15:30 Round 6
Friday	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Round 7
Saturday	December 10 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Round 8
Sunday	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Round 9 21:30 Closing Ceremony
Monday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Departures

## 8. PRIZES – TITLES

**8.1** The first FIDE winner in each open age category is the FIDE School Champion for 2016 and the first FIDE girl in each girl age category is the FIDE Girl School Champion for 2016. They will be awarded with trophies and special diplomas.

### 8.2 Qualifications:

The 6 first winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the 6 Girl winners (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) according to FIDE regulations will **play as invited players** in the 2017 World School Chess Championships in Romania.

For Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

For Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

### 8.3. GENERAL STANDINGS PRIZES

<b>6 open Champions</b> (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2017 Special Gifts	Trophies, medals and diplomas
<b>6 Girl Champions</b> (U7,U9, U11, U13, U15, U17)	Invited participants World School 2017 Special Gifts	Trophies, medals and diplomas
Position 2-3 in each Category	Chess Gifts	Medals and diplomas
Position 4-6 in each category	Chess Gifts	Diplomas

### 8.4. SPECIAL PRIZES (total 10)

1 <sup>st</sup> player born 2007 (U9) 1 <sup>st</sup> girl born 2007 (GU9)	Chess Gifts
1 <sup>st</sup> player born 2005 (U11) 1 <sup>st</sup> girl born 2005 (GU11)	Chess Gifts
1 <sup>st</sup> player born 2003 (U13) 1 <sup>st</sup> girl born 2003 (GU13)	Chess Gifts
1 <sup>st</sup> player born 2001 (U15) 1 <sup>st</sup> player born 2001 (GU15)	Chess Gifts
1 <sup>st</sup> player born 1999 (U17) 1 <sup>st</sup> player born 1999 (GU17)	Chess Gifts

### 8.5. TEAM PRIZES (total 3)

Three special trophies for country or school delegations of 5 participants, which will play at least in 3 age groups (winners will be named according to the best 5 individual results).

### 8.6. Special Diplomas from Russian Chess Federation and International School Chess Union of participation for all players.

## 9. SIDE EVENTS

- The excursion program: Krasnaya Polyana (December, 7 at 11:00 – 18:00), Olympic Park, Dolphinarium.
- World blitz championship for school students (6th December, 10:00 – 13:30.)
- The World Cup of compositions for school students (9th December, 10:00 – 12:30)
- FIDE arbiters' seminar in Russian (December, 4-6) and English (December, 4-6);
- Workshop organizers FIDE in Russian (December, 5-6) and English (December, 9-10)

- FIDE trainers' seminar in Russian (December, 8-9) and English (December, 5-6)
- Chess in schools Seminar in Russian (December, 9-10) and English (December, 8-9)

All additional regulations will be announced later.

#### **10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

**Tournament Director:**

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**Website: [www.ruchess.ru/eng](http://www.ruchess.ru/eng)**

**FIDE Technical officials will be announced later**

#### **11. VISA INFORMATION**

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before Sunday, October, 2 of 2016** and apply on time to Russian Authorities and cover all necessary fees on the spot. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas. The O.C. has no responsibility for late or incomplete applications.

All visa requests must be sent via [juniorchess@ruchess.ru](mailto:juniorchess@ruchess.ru)

