



FIDE WORLD SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024
PORTO SANTO, PORTUGAL
16 NOVEMBER – 29 NOVEMBER 2024
INVITATION LETTER

1. INVITATION

The organizers, International Chess Federation FIDE and Portuguese Chess Federation are inviting all national chess federations of FIDE to participate in the World Senior Chess Championships 2024. The dates are from 16th NOVEMBER (arrival) to 29th NOVEMBER (departure) 2024.



2. PARTICIPATION & PRIZES DISTRIBUTION

2.1. In accordance with the FIDE tournament rules, there shall be the following categories:

2.1.1 Open 50+, open to all players who are 50 or older in the year of the tournament.

2.1.2 Open 65+, open to all players who are 65 or older in the year of the tournament.

2.1.3 Women 50+, open to all women who are 50 or older in the year of the tournament.

2.1.4 Women 65+, open to all women who are 65 or older in the year of the tournament.

2.2. With FIDE support the Organizer should ensure representation of all continents and at least 20 players in each of the categories (2.1.1-2.1.4).

2.3. FIDE Events Commission (EVE) is responsible for exceptional decisions regarding final configuration of the categories mentioned in categories 2.1.3&2.1.4 above in cases when requirements of Rule 2.2 are not met. All decision in this regard must be made at least two weeks before the start of competition.

2.4. The players placed 1-3 in World Senior Championships 2023 in each category shall have personal rights to participate. In addition, the top 3 players from each category of the Continental Senior Championships 2023 are qualified with personal right and their places cannot be substituted.

2.5. Players, other than Invited Players, shall be classified as Additional Players. All other persons, other than players shall be classified as Accompanying Persons.

2.6. In order to provide appropriate tournament conditions, players must complete carefully the official registration form and submit to the Organizers by Sunday, 16 September 2024. Further participations may not be accepted, or an additional fee of 80 € (euros) may be requested according to the FIDE regulations.

3. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

3.1. Each player (Invited or Additional) or accompanying person should pay to the Organizers the amount of 120 € at the moment of their registration by 16 September 2024. This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation otherwise a registration will be invalid and will not be accepted.

3.2. All players and accompanying persons will receive accreditation and badges and free transfer in the official arrival and departure days from Porto Santo Airport.

Transfers for all players and accompanying persons on the official arrival and departure days from Porto Santo Airport is free of charge.

3.3. The deadline for registration is 16 September 2024. After this date, Organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, if there is availability, a penalty of 80 € for each late registration will be charged to participants.

3.4. Every registration must include the Federation, FIDE ID, surname, first name, accommodation type, dates of arrival/departure and the passport number of every player and every accompanying person who requires an invitation. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

3.5. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation.



4. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

- 4.1. The Chief Arbiter will be announced in a due time.
- 4.2. FIDE Technical Delegate and FIDE Officials will be announced in due time.

5. OTHER REGULATIONS

- 5.1. Type of Clock: FIDE approved clocks.
- 5.2. Electronic Devices, Wrist Watches & Pens: Mobile phones, electronic devices, and any other radio frequency source (except for medical purposes upon authorization provided by the CA), wrist watches (all type of wrist watches) and personal pens are prohibited inside the tournament hall.

6. INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

- 6.1. Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 16 September 2024.
- 6.2. To proceed with the visa application, each federation/player must:
 - a. Request the registration form by e-mail from the Organizing committee
 - b. fill it out and email it to the Organizing committee via national federation along with pdf scans of the participants' passports, which must be valid for more than six months
 - c. proceed with the payment of the registration fee as it will be communicated by the Organizing committee
 - d. at the same time as registering for the tournament, proceed with the reservation and payment of the hotel stay (if there are fees)
- 6.3. The Organizers will provide VISA assistance according to National laws only after all pre-payments are made.
- 6.4. The Organizers are not responsible in case the Portuguese Consular authorities decline to issue visa due to public order and/or failing to meet all the requirements to obtain the Portuguese VISA.

7. PAYMENTS

- 7.1. Entries must be submitted through the registration forms by 16 September 2024.
- 7.2. When registering (by 16 September 2024), the registration fee of 120 € and a minimum of 50% prepayment of the cost for board and lodging shall be paid through the Organizer bank account given.

Entry fee payments must be done to:

Account beneficiary holder: **Federacao Portuguesa de Xadrez**

Account holder address: rua sarmento beires n 33 loja A 1900 411 Lisboa Portugal

VAT Number: PT501617078

IBAN account number: PT50003600529910004147551 (payments in Euros)

SWIFT: MPIOPTPL

Bank name & address: Banco Montepio

Av Almirante Reis 108 A 1150-023 Lisboa

Cost of transfer must be paid by sender



7.3. Registration fees for late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged as follow as per FIDE Regulations: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312>

7.3.1 Late registration after the registration deadline – the Registration fee (see Article 3.8) will double. The organiser is not required to accept registrations made after the deadline. After the late registration no invited/personal right players shall be accepted with FB accommodation. The mentioned participants will be considered as additional players.

7.3.2 Withdrawal after submission of registration (30 to 60 days before the start of the competition) – 75% refund of the person's total fees paid to the Organiser.

7.3.3 Withdrawal after submission of registration (15 to 30 days before the start of the competition) – 50% refund of the person's total fees paid to the Organiser.

7.3.4 Withdrawal after submission of registration (1 to 15 days before the start of the competition) – 25% refund of the person's total fees paid to the Organizer.

7.3.5 Withdrawal after the pairings for Round 1 are published – no refund.

7.3.6 FIDE is entitled to coordinate the refund process in case of extraordinary situations (pandemics, wars, natural disasters and and similar significant reasons), when it concerns large number of registered people - at least 1/10 or minimum 50 registered participants, including accompanying people or affects one national federation that cannot participate for reasons that FIDE will confirm as valid. In this case, FIDE approves the final refund amount for all such players, and this amount is mandatory for the Organizer. The Organizer has the right to submit its arguments on this issue to FIDE before making a final decision.

7.4. Each player will be invoiced by the Organizers. Upon payments confirmed, the Organizers will send to the players the confirmation of the hotel bookings. Confirmed registrations will then appear on the official website and ChessResults, where players' status may be checked on a daily basis.

7.5. All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are transferred to the Organizers.

8. VENUE, OFFICIAL HOTEL: BOARD & LODGING

8.1 The venue of the event is **4* Hotel Vila Baleira, Porto Santo Island, Portugal.**

The official hotel of the event and rates are all inclusive with Full board open buffet, 3 meals/ day, drinks at bar, snacks:

Type of room	Hotel Vila Baleira
Single room	110.00 €
Single room see view	120.00 €
Twin/Double room	85.00 €
Twin/Double room see view	90.00 €
Apartment 3 person	75.00 €
Apartment 4 person	75.00 €



Prices are per person per day.

The playing venue is in the hotel.

8.2 Invited players, as per point 2.2 of the regulations, are offered FREE full board accommodation in a single room from 16 NOVEMBER (arrival day, dinner) to 29 NOVEMBER (lunch, departure day) and they cannot substitute.

8.3 All players and accompanying persons must be accredited and preferably stay at the official hotel of the event. Bookings and accreditation are possible only through the procedure described in articles 8.1 to 8.2 above.

8.4 Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

8.5 If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms will be decided by the Organizing Committee.

8.6 The above-mentioned prices are also understood to be valid on the two days before and after the event to ensure the same conditions for participants and their companions.

8.7 As per FIDE Regulations, participants can choose a hotel besides the one offered by the Organizer with at least a 3-week notice. Players staying in other than official hotel are fully responsible for their daily transfers to/from playing venue.

9. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

9.1. The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 11 rounds. The national rankings will not be taken into account for pairings. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves plus 30 minutes, plus an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Default time is 15 minutes.

9.2. Tie break criteria: a) the games between the tied players (only if all tied have played each other), b) Buchholz cut 1, c) Buchholz, d) Sonneborn-Berger, e) the greater number of wins, f) Average Rating of Opponents ARO.

9.3. Direct titles available to winners subject to rating criteria

Direct Titles are awarded according to FIDE regulations in force:
<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2017>

9.4. FIDE over the board title norms are also possible for the other players based on their performance and their opponent's titles/ratings as per FIDE Handbook requirements.

9.5. FIDE Anti Cheating Measures and guidelines are in effect during the championship.

9.6. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

10. APPEALS & APPEALS COMMITTEE

10.1. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 200 € as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit may be forfeited to FIDE.

10.2. Appeals Committee will be announced in due time.



11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Tournament activity	Time	Parallel activity
16/11	Arrival			
17/11	10:00	Technical meeting		
	14:30	Opening ceremony		
	15:00	1 st round		
18/11	15:00	2 nd round		
19/11	15:00	3 rd round	21:30	Master class open for everyone
20/11	15:00	4 th round		
21/11	15:00	5 th round		
22/11	15:00	6 th round	21:30	Blitz FIDE rated
23/11	Rest day			
24/11	15:00	7 th round		
25/11	15:00	8 th round		
26/11	15:00	9 th round	21:30	Master class open for everyone
27/11	15:00	10 th round		
28/11	14:00	11 th round		
	20:30*	Closing ceremony and gala dinner with local menu		
29/11	Departure			

*The closing ceremony might be delayed depending on the end of the last round



12. TOURNAMENT PRESS RELEASES AND INFORMATION

Press releases, photos, highlight videos, a selection of games in pgn. format, and general information will be provided on a daily basis through the social media and official website.

13. PRIZES

13.1. 1-3 places in each category will receive a special designed trophies and gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively.

13.2. Prize fund is 42.500 Euro:

PLACE	OPEN SENIOR 50 +	OPEN SENIOR 65 +	WOMEN 50 +	WOMEN 65 +	75 + Special Prize
1	3000 €	3000 €	1500 €	1500 €	1000 €
2	2500 €	2500 €	1200 €	1200 €	500 €
3	2000 €	2000 €	800 €	800 €	300 €
4	1500 €	1500 €	400 €	400 €	
5	1000 €	1000 €	300 €	300 €	
6	900 €	900 €	300 €	300 €	
7	800 €	800 €			
8	700 €	700 €			
9	600 €	600 €			
10	500 €	500 €			
11	500 €	500 €			
12	500 €	500 €			
13	500 €	500 €			
14	500 €	500 €			



14. SIDE EVENTS

- 14.1. Master classes and other activities will be announced in due time at FIDE World Senior Championships official website.
- 14.2. Two blitz FIDE rated tournaments will be organized according to the tournament calendar.
- 14.3. Guests of the **4* Vila Baleira Hotel** will be able to enjoy free of charge all the sports amenities in the village (tennis and paddle courts, swimming pools inside and outside).
- 14.4. There will be an analyses room with snacks and drinks free of charge.

15. Transportation

- 15.1 There will be direct flights from Lisbon to Porto Santo and some other destinations from Europe (operated by Easyjet). Also, there are 2 daily direct flights from Funchal, Madeira Island to Porto Santo Island. As an alternative there is a Ferry from Funchal Madeira Island to Porto Santo.
- 15.2 Transfer from Porto Santo Airport and Ferry Port to Hotel and back will be provided.
- 15.3 There will be information about travel arrangement at official webpage and helpline by whatsapp to assist you with the best way to travel to Porto Santo island, Portugal.

16. CONTACT

Official website: <http://worldsenior2024.fide.com>

Email: worldsenior@fide.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldSenior2024/>

Helpline via WhatsApp to assist with information about **visas and travel arrangements: +35 193 724 55 07**
(in English, French, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese and other languages)

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