



FIDE World Cup 2025 in Composing Chess Problems

— Report to the WFCC —



The competition attracted a total of 279 problems and studies, with the break down for the various sections being

section	received	awarded		
		Pr	HM	Comm
twomovers	25	4	3	4
threemovers	28	3	3	2
moremovers	27	3	5	5
eg studies	43	5	5+2	3
helpmates	50	5	7	6+1
selfmates	26	4	3+1	3+1
heterodox	20	2	2	3
fairies	39	3+1	3	4
retros + pg	21	2	2	4
Σ	279	31+1	33+3	34+2

The original **schedule** was the following (with minor delays):

- closing date: 31 May 2025
- judges' awards to be sent to the director: 15 August 2025
- publication of preliminary awards: 31 August 2025
- deadline for claims: 30 September 2025
- publication of definite awards: 31 October 2025

During the **claims stage**, three problems were found to be unsound (one selfmate and two retros). One study that was deemed to be unsound by the judge was proved to be correct and was consequently included in the award. One helpmate and one retro turned out to be partially anticipated. The awards had been adjusted by the judges accordingly. Also, there were objections regarding the originality of the winner of the moremover section which the judge rejected as unjustified.

Sections/Judges/Winners:

section	judge	Gold medal	Silver medal	Bronze medal
twomovers	Guida	Gvozdják	Murashev	Vasylenko
threemovers	Reinhold	Shavyrin	Doukhan	Kusovkov
moremovers	Widlert	Banaszek	Shavyrin	Gavrilovski
eg studies	Hlinka	Pasman	Minski	Arestov
helpmates	Turevski	Klemanich	Gavryliv	Petković
selfmates	Soroka	Gvozdják	Oganesjan	Richter
heterodox	Crişan	Petković	Turevski	Linß
fairies	Maeder	Tribowski	Shankar Ram	Dyachuk
retros + pg	Dunn	Prentos	Hambros	Parrinello

Budget

assigned budget	3000 €
prizes and honoraria transferred by the director	1950 €
prizes transferred to Russian winners via WFCC president	360 €
prizes to be payed at the Magdeburg congress	280 €
honoraria open*	200 €
amount left (reserved for accidentals)	210 €

*despite repeated reminders two judges did not provide instructions for a transfer of the honorarium.