



WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION

Online Meeting

1st November 2025

AGENDA

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1. WFCC office in Fujairah – report from the opening ceremony (Aal Barket)
2. FIDE World Cup 2025 – final awards and report (Linß)
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14. Application for a Honorary Master of Chess Composition – Valeriu Petrovici (Nicula)

ANNEXES

Point 3

REPORT FROM WCCSC 2025 (Almaty, 25 September 2025)

Initiated in 2024 by the President of WFCC, Marjan Kovačević, the project of organizing the World Solving Championship for Youth has continued this year with the World Cadet Chess Solving Championship (8, 10, 12 years), held in Almaty (Kazakhstan) on 25th of September, in the free day of their World Championship for otb chess.

As selector of the problems was nominated Luc Palmans (Belgium), with me as director of competition (at the venue) and Sergey Smotrov (Kazakhstan) as assistant.

The long preliminary phase (one month) of registration was ensured by Duriya Sarsenbayeva (Kazakhstan) and I have periodically entered the participants on www.chess-results.com (using the WFCC license of Swiss Manager), in order to be checked by those interested.

Each category of age had an unique set of problems, same for open and for girls; the girls had the possibility to chose for participating at open, but none of them used it.

The structure of the problems was:

U8: 60 min. (5x2#, 1 eg);

U10, U12: 60 min. (4x2#, 1x3#, 1 eg).

The venue of the competition was Baluan Sholak Sports Palace, a large hall which allowed to host in a single series all the 192 participants (36 less than last year in Montesilvano, mainly due to an attractive and almost free excursion organized in the same morning at the Mountain Shymbulak). It was a huge effort for us to organize and keep under control a hall with almost 200 children and probably it would have been preferable to split them in two series, but the local staff has scheduled an open blitz tournament after midday, which put us a tight limit of time, determining to make in only one series the solving competition.

I want to underline that (common aspect with otb chess for youth) judging the solving competitions for children becomes more and more difficult, not especially due to the participants, but to the parents, which are involving themselves with personal opinions and requests, most of them not knowing even elementary rules of judging the otb and solving chess.

At the hall, I was assisted by Iulia-Ionela Ionica (Romania), Sergey Smotrov and two kazakh ladies from the organizing staff. The marking of the points was made by me, assisted by Sergey Smotrov. The president of the Appeal Committee was Marjan Kovačević (via email).

The new world cadet champions at solving were officialized the same day, at 21.30 hrs:

U8: Averkin Amvroisij (FID) 30 p. and Kudryashova Miya (FID) 25 p.

U10: Bashar Aikozha (KAZ) 30 p. and Khusnitdinova Husnorakhon (UZB) 30 p.

U12: Shevyakov Nikolai (FID) 30 p. and Tselmuun Ider (MGL) 29 p.

In the presence of FIDE President, Arkady Dvorkovich, the award ceremony for World Cadet Chess Solving Championship 2025 took place at Baluan Sholak Sports Palace on 30th of September, immediately after the prizegiving at the otb World Championship. The first three in the standings at solving have received medals, diplomas and prizes in objects. To the participants situated on the places 4-6, there were given diplomas after the ceremony.

The conditions provided by the organizers in Almaty were very good, they were doing all their best to respect the schedule (by ensuring the transportation from the hotels which were in various places of the city – almost 800 players, with their accompanying persons) and to offer a decent accomodation for all.

Dinu-loan Nicula

Director of WCCSC 2025

Almaty Gallery:

Winners in the U8 category



Dinu-loan Nicula in the solving hall

Playing hall in Almaty



Sergey Smotrov with helpers



Baluan Sholak Sports Pallace

WORLD FEDERATION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION (WFCC)



The World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC) promotes the artistic form of chess through its main activities: official international solving and composing tournaments and the publication of collections of the most beautiful chess compositions.

WFCC currently has 44 member countries. It began as the Permanent Commission of FIDE for Chess Composition (FIDE PCCC) on 15th May 1956 in Budapest. From 2010 on it has continued its work as an independent organization, affiliated to FIDE.

The goal of the WFCC's existence and work is the dissemination and encouragement of chess composition throughout the world.

The principal activities of the WFCC are derived from its goal; they include

- the formulation of [rules](#) and guidelines in all domains of chess composition
- the conduct of official international [composing](#) and [solving](#) competitions
- the initiation of the publication of collections of chess compositions of general interest
- the attribution of [titles](#) to particularly deserving persons active in chess composition.



An organization deemed by the WFCC to represent the residents of a country interested in chess composition (or a majority thereof) can be a **country member** of the WFCC. They are represented by a **delegate**. Other representatives are **individual members** (honorary presidents and honorary members).

The WFCC's organs are:

- WFCC [Meeting](#) (meeting of the representatives, ordinarily once a year)
- Presidium (President and three Vice-Presidents)
- Treasurer and Auditor
- [Delegates](#)
- [Committees](#)

<https://www.wfcc.ch/wfcc-about/>



WFCC and FIDE Relations

The history of chess composition is an essential part of the history of chess, starting from the earliest Arabic chess manuscripts with chess problems (mansūbāt), more than 1300 years ago.



World Federation for Chess Composition is the successor of the FIDE Permanent Commission for Chess Composition (FIDE PCCC) established in Budapest, on 15th May 1956.

In 2010, WFCC continued the work of the FIDE PCCC as an independent organization affiliated to the FIDE.

WFCC and FIDE cooperate in organizing official events in its two complementary branches:

Composing and Solving



Composing and Solving

WFCC has the two “families” under the same roof: Composers and Solvers, each with its needs and requirements to keep developing.

WFCC promotes FIDE through the names of all its official titles for composing and solving, as well as through the names of its official events, such as the FIDE World Cup in Composing, the FIDE World Cadet & Youth Chess Solving Championships, or the FIDE Album – collection of the best chess problems and studies published in a 3-year periods.

FIDE has been supporting WFCC with a yearly amount of 13,000 Euros, including 10,000 Euros for the FIDE Special Projects marked by the FIDE brand and logo. From its side, WFCC has been covering the vast majority of the expenses through a voluntary work of its members.



WFCC Present and Future

The sustainability of the work based on volunteers has been questioned during the last decades and the difficulties have been constantly growing. The generations of volunteers are aging, and the urgency to get younger people on board asks for material support.

During this decade WFCC has become more active to secure funding for new and more continuative projects beyond FIDE support. Notably, the new WFCC members (since 2019) from United Arab Emirates funded the regular yearly competitions for young composers from all over the world (YCCC) and the WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix 2025-26, a new series of solving competitions with a total prize fund of 71,000 Euros. The Grand Prix budget also included 10,000 Euros support to the organizers and 3,000 Euros prizes for composers of the problems in the final.

The role of Fujairah Chess & Culture Club



The Fujairah Chess & Culture Club took a pivotal role in strengthening ties between FIDE & WFCC. All Fujairah activities in WFCC are presented with the FIDE logo. On 31st October 2025 the highest officers of the FIDE will be invited to the opening ceremony of the new and luxuries building of the Fujairah Club and the new WFCC office in it. This will be the venue of the Grand Prix Final at the end of 2026, when the FIDE representatives will be invited as participants and guests.



The WFCC Fujairah Grand Prix is a 2-year cycle of solving competitions with the final in Fujairah





Application for FIDE Supported Projects in 2025

In a letter to the FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich, on 6th February 2025, WFCC suggested the list of FIDE supported projects in 2025, after the previous approval by the FIDE Executive Officer Victor Bologan. The total amount of support was the same as in 2024 – 13,000 Euros.

The list of the four suggested projects related to the key FIDE Orientations / Priorities:

<https://pdc.fide.com/wp-content/uploads/Forms/2025/2025-PDC-Funding-Guidelines.pdf>

1. The FIDE World Cup in Composing 2025



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FIDE Supported
Projects in 2025

A highly prestigious competition, founded in 2010, relevant to Priority 1.
Estimated costs: **3,000 Euros** for Prizes, Director and Judges.
The 12th FIDE Cup was announced on the WFCC website with the FIDE logo, the results will be presented on WFCC and the FIDE websites.

12th FIDE World Cup in Composing 2025

The sections are:

1. Twomovers (Marco Guida)
2. Threemovers (Frank Reinhold)
3. Moremovers (Kjell Widlert)
4. Endgame studies (Michal Hlinka)
5. Helpmates (Dmitri Turevski)
6. Selfmates (Ivan Soroka)
7. Heterodox problems (Vlaicu Crisan)
8. Fairies (Thomas Maeder)
9. Retros and proof games (Richard Dunn)



<https://www.wfcc.ch/12fide-world-cup-composing-2025-announcement>

2. Solving championships in the context of the FIDE Youth and Cadets Championships



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Projects in 2025

The inaugural events were organized during 2024 in Florianopolis (Brazil) and Montesilvano (Italy).

The project is relevant to FIDE Priority 1 and Orientation 3, and related to Orientation 1 for the chance given to girls to show they can be better than boys in solving the same tasks.

Estimated FIDE support: **4,000 Euros** for expenses of selectors, directors, helpers, media coverage, and the free online trainings. This is the most promising WFCC project for the future.

World Junior and Cadet Solving Championships: Girls prove their equality

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3. FIDE Album Project



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This anthology of around 2.000 selected chess compositions, presented and analyzed on more than 800 pages, is a basis for granting the FIDE titles in composing.

The selected works represent not only the highest quality over the 3 years period, but also draw the development path in chess composition during that period and pave the way for the future developments. In this respect they have a key relevance for Priority 8.

Estimated FIDE support: **3,000 Euros** for the work of Judges, Directors, Editors and Indexers (around 60 people involved during three years) as a symbolical compensation during each year of work.

FIDE Album 2022-2024 announcement

01/03/2025 FIDE ALBUMS



The World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC) invites composers to submit their highest-quality compositions for selection in the **2022-24 FIDE Album**.

See the **announcement** and the **instructions to directors and judges**.



<https://www.wfcc.ch/fide-album-2022-2024-announcement/>

4. Other Continuative Projects (ISC)



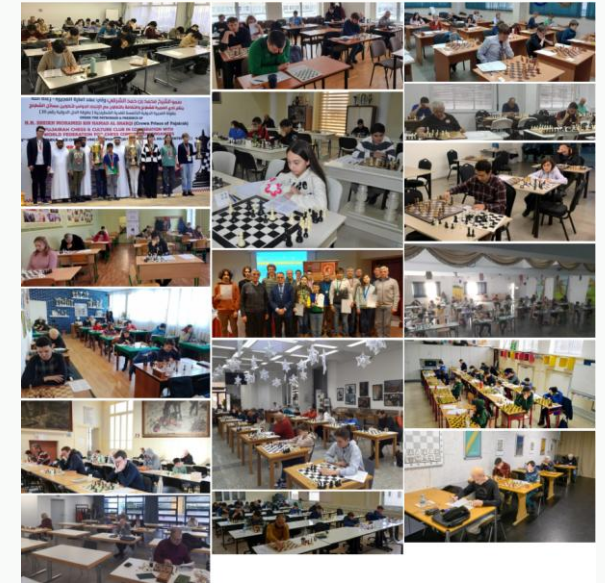
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Several other continuative WFCC activities have relevance to different Priorities of FIDE.

The yearly International Solving Contest (ISC) gives a completely free of charge opportunity to compete in three different categories and earn rating points (745 solvers in 2025).

The same opportunity is given to trainers and judges around the world, reaching the important social goals in the times when most competitions ask for participation fees.

This is relevant to the FIDE Priorities Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7.



"We had 46 tournaments in 28 countries and 741 solvers (15 unofficial solvers in cat-3) – 180 solvers in cat-1, 254 solvers in cat-2 and 292 solvers in cat-3. This year's participation reflects the growing interest and enthusiasm for the sport, and it is heartening to see such a diverse and passionate community of solvers from all around the world. Thank you to all local controllers for their excellent work and good cooperation and congratulations to the winners.

Special thanks to Borislav Gadjanski for his daily updates of the results on the MatPlus-website, as well as to others who supported and helped me during this event."

Arvydas Mockus, Central Controller of ISC 2025

4. Other Continuative Projects (YCCC)



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FIDE Supported
Projects in 2025

The yearly Youth Chess Composing Challenge is open to U23 participants around the world, again free of charge.

It consists of educative Workshop run by 13 experts in the field, and the competitions itself, thus relevant to Priorities 1, 5, 6 and 7.

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Unleash Your Chess Creativity: 9th Youth Chess Composing Challenge Awaits!

by Marjan Kovačević, Satanick Mukhuly - 08/03/2025

The World Federation for Chess Composition (WFCC) has officially launched the 9th edition of the Youth Chess Composing Challenge (YCCC), an individual competition aimed at fostering the next generation of chess composers. This event invites young talents from around the world to immerse themselves in the intricate and creative art of composing chess problems and studies, providing them with a platform to showcase their ingenuity, develop their skills, and contribute to the rich tradition of chess composition. In this article, we provide a comprehensive overview of the competition's rules and delve into the specific thematic conditions set for this year's edition, offering participants a clear understanding of the requirements and expectations.

WCCC 2025: 9.YCCC results

11/07/2025

WCCC/WCSC, YCCC



Congratulations to the participants of the
9th Youth Chess Composing Challenge!

THE RESULTS: Introduction and Participants

Award Section A | Award Section B & PGN: [download](#) / [view](#) | Award Section C

<https://chessbase.in/news/9th-Youth-Chess-Composing-Challenge-2025-Launched>
<https://www.wfcc.ch/wccc-2025-9-yccc-results/>

4. Other Continuative Projects (other)



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Other yearly events: European Chess Solving Championship 2025, World Chess Solving Championship 2025, World Congress of Chess Composition 2025, World Solving Cup 2024/25.

Competitions running in 3 years cycles: 12th World Chess Composing Tournament 2025-27, 10th World Composing Championship for Individuals 2025-27.

COMPOSING COMPETITIONS



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CHALLENGE

Calendar of Composing Tournaments

SOLVING COMPETITIONS

WORLD CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP (WCSC)

EUROPEAN CHESS SOLVING CHAMPIONSHIP (ECSC)

INTERNATIONAL SOLVING CONTEST (ISC)

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- Tournaments Calendar
- World Solving Cup Calendar
- Solving Tournament Manager (STM)
- Solving Norms
- Solving Rules
- Other solving tournaments
- Solvers' Rating

<https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/composing/>
<https://www.wfcc.ch/competitions/solving/>

4. Other Continuative Projects - notes



Application for
FIDE Supported
Projects in 2025

With 44 official member countries and tens of other countries using chance to take part in WFCC events, the WFCC is the biggest among organizations affiliated to FIDE.

WFCC has been giving services for free and without restrictions, thanks to volunteering of its members.

The WFCC social impact is strengthened by WFCC social media and the free online trainings such as five video sessions organized for 420 juniors in 2024.

Further plans are to organize courses for judges and trainers. All together this category of continuative WFCC activities/projects has relevance to the FIDE Priorities Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8.

Estimated FIDE support: **3,000 Euros** for the expenses that can't be avoided.

CONCLUSION (A)



When applying for the FIDE support of 13,000 Euros in total for 2025, it has to be noted that this sum exceeds 20% of the WFCC yearly budget. We will try to address this leveraging on some points:

a) Most of our continuative activities are supported by immaterial resources that work on a volunteering basis (or based on minimum money incentives far from actually “remunerating” their work for the value they actually deliver to our community). If we would have to pay them, we would incur in very significant costs! It automatically means that there are no paid functions in WFCC, and no paid expenses for the travelling or hotel costs. So, the money we are asking from the FIDE represents a small fraction of the total virtual costs of all the activities, covering essentially the live costs that cannot be covered by volunteering resources.

CONCLUSION (B)



b) As per FIDE Priority 4 (Sponsors/Partners engagement/ fundraising), and without asking money from FIDE, we have secured funding for new projects (YCCC and Grand Prix) through third-party sponsors. The yearly sum granted by the Fujairah Government for these concrete projects amounts to 40,000 Euros. This sum is not included in the “official” budget of WFCC, but the project it covers is under the coordination and supervision of WFCC and it leverages on WFCC resources. This is the strategy we intend to extend in the future, and any additional resources may be subscriptions from individual and other members.



CONCLUSION (C)

c) We believe that our traditionally modest approach, with the costs saving for the sake of the whole chess community, deserve a moral and financial support from the FIDE. It will help WFCC continuing and developing its generous mission of promoting the chess art; its history and its future.

THANK YOU

Marjan Kovačević
WFCC President

8th August 2025

Proposal for 68TH WORLD CONGRESS OF CHESS COMPOSITION Sant Vicent del Raspeig (Alicante, Costa blanca) – Spain August 1–8, 2026

The **Club de Ajedrez Dama Negra**, with the technical support of the Spanish Society of Chess Problemists (SEPA), would like to propose hosting the 68th World Congress of Chess Composition (WCCC) and the 49th World Chess Solving Championship (WCSC).

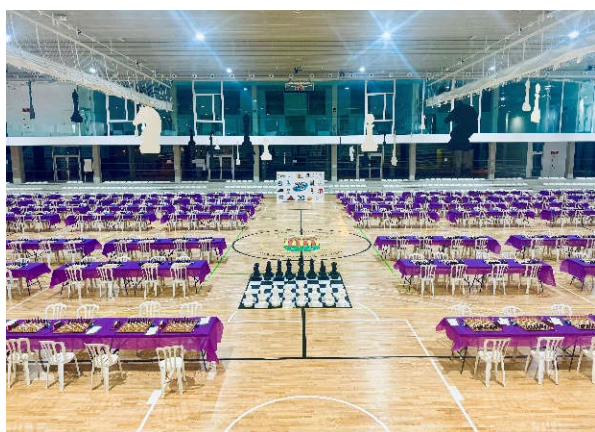
WCSC 2026 will be part of the WCCC Fujairah Grand Prix, featuring a prize fund of €12,000.

LOCATION: Nestled just minutes from the sparkling coast of Alicante, Sant Vicent del Raspeig seamlessly blends the charm of a traditional Spanish town with the energy of a university city. Known for its warm hospitality and Mediterranean spirit, it offers the perfect backdrop for both focused congress sessions and relaxed networking moments.

In August, the town enjoys long, sunny days with average temperatures around 30°C, creating the ideal setting for combining professional events with a taste of Mediterranean summer.

TRANSPORTATION: Sant Vicent del Raspeig is easily accessible from Alicante-Elche Airport, located just 10–15 minutes away by car. Regular public transport options, including buses and trams, also offer quick and convenient connections to the town.

Alicante-Elche Airport provides direct flights to major European hubs such as Madrid, Barcelona, London, Paris, and Frankfurt, making international travel straightforward. In addition, the region is well connected by high-speed trains and long-distance buses, ensuring smooth links to other key Spanish cities and destinations.



VENUE: Multi-Sports Center and Universa Hotel (meeting rooms) Alternative accommodation: Villa Universitaria (VU), student dormitory. See next pages for details.

<https://www.hotelvillauniversitaria.com/>

<https://www.villauniversitaria.com/>

Both accommodation options are conveniently located near the Multi-Sports Center, just a 4-minute walk away.

REGISTRATION FEE: €100 for active participants and €50 for accompanying persons, including a guided tour to Castillo de Santa Barbara (Thursday) and the final banquet (Friday).

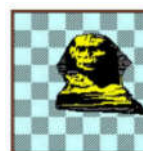
Registration deadline for the accommodation: July 25, 2026

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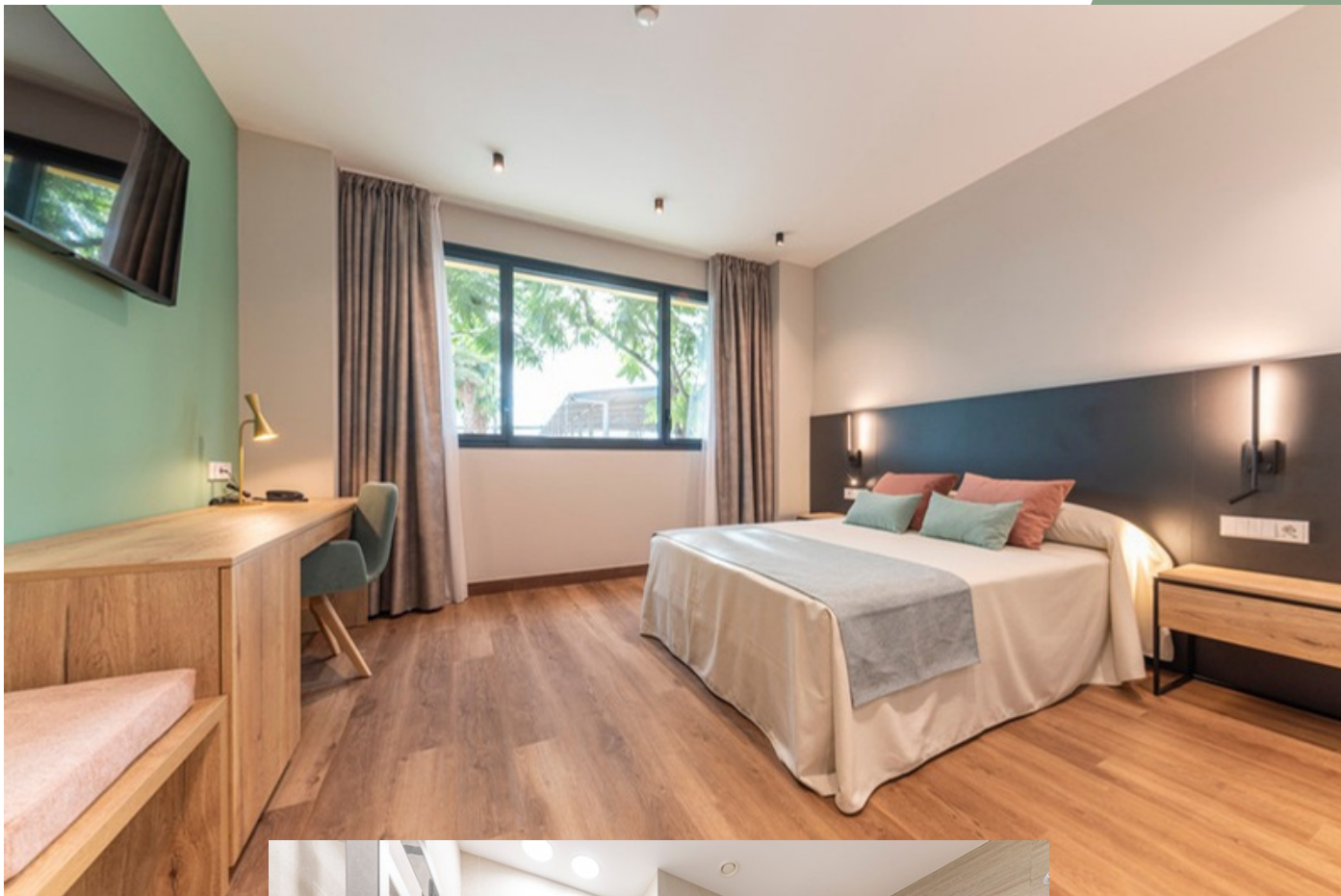


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Proposal to allow rating calculation for junior competitions (up to 21) in sanctioned countries

Proposal: Allow rating calculation for junior competitions (up to 21) in sanctioned countries.

Reason: FIDE Statement from 24.01.2025 (<https://www.fide.com/fide-statement-on-participation-of-neutral-athletes-from-vulnerable-groups-in-team-events/>).

Details: Age limit must be declared in the competition rules.

Georgy Evseev

Russian delegate in WFCC

PROPOSALS BY THE SOLVING COMMITTEE

1. Women's category in WCSC 2025

During the presentation of the WCSC results in Alba Iulia, an error occurred: the women's category was mistakenly marked as unofficial, despite meeting the required numbers set out in the rules. The Solving Committee therefore recommends correcting this error and officially recognizing the women's category.

2. Change of WCSC/ECSC rules

Point 2.2 of the rules should be changed. This point currently states:

"2.2. WCSC (ECSC) is open to all members of the FIDE. But solvers outside of the ECU are not considered for the team competition and also not for the individual European championship results, only for the overall individual results."

Proposed new version:

"2.2. WCSC (ECSC) is open to all members of WFCC or FIDE. At ECSC, only solvers from European countries — either geographically in Europe or Europe-affiliated in FIDE — are eligible for European titles, unless their FIDE-affiliated continent already organizes an official continental solving championship."

Reasons to change:

1. Adding WFCC in the first sentence ensures that solvers from Great Britain remain eligible.

2. Using FIDE's list of member federations and their continental affiliations, combined with geography, covers all traditional ECSC participants.

3. If another continent (e.g. Asia) establishes its own solving championship, solvers affiliated there should not be eligible for ECSC medals — their FIDE affiliation will determine where they can win continental titles.

Proposals regarding World Cup in Composing 2026

1. Proposal by Marko Klasinc

As I remember Mr. Selivanov started World Cup in composing since 2010 as a Selivanov/FIDE project. All credit to Mr. Selivanov for this project not connecting to the WFCC. But if a World Cup in composing is to be organized by WFCC my opinion is that it cannot be organized in the same way as before, by a single judge declaring the World Cup winner with only one original problem in each section. And, on the other hand, we already have a world championship for individuals (WCCI). Do we need another official world champion? And, do we have enough human resources to organize all those events on a decent level?

My proposal is to decide, do we need and shall we organize a World Cup at all?

In case of YES only then we could talk about a type of it and all other necessary details (a committee, director, number of judges in each section, selecting judges, timetable, etc.).

2. Proposal by Andrey Selivanov

Sections: 1. twomovers, 2. threemovers, 3. moremovers, 4. chess endgame studies, 5. helpmates, 6. selfmates, 7. proofgames, 8. fairies

1st prize – 300 euro

2nd prize -200 euro

3rd prize -100 euro

Total: $8 \times 600 = 4800$ euro

Director – 1000 euro

Total: $1 \times 1000 = 1000$ euro

Judge – 400 euro

Total : $8 \times 400 = 3200$ euro

Prize giving (cups, medals and diplomas)-1000 euro

Total: 10000 euro

Director: Alexey Oganesyan

I will select the judges and handle awards matters (cups, medals, diplomas).

In this case, WFCC is simply a safe deposit box through which funds from FIDE are channeled for the organization and hosting of the cup.

3. Proposal by Shankar Ram

The budget for the 2025 FIDE World Cup was **3000€** with allotment across 9 sections as:

- 1st Prizes: $9 \times 120 = 1080\text{€}$
- 2nd Prizes: $9 \times 60 = 540\text{€}$
- 3rd Prizes: $9 \times 30 = 270\text{€}$
- Judges: $9 \times 100 = 900\text{€}$ (assumed)
- Other expenses: $1 \times 210 = 210\text{€}$ (assumed)

Certificates to be presented but no budget for Cups, Medals and the printed Award Booklet.

This was felt to be too meagre for all concerned. Therefore, I present a revised proposal of **5900€** for 8 sections, which still retains 4100€ of the FIDE grant for other WFCC projects:

- 1st Prizes: $8 \times 200 = 1600\text{€}$
- 2nd Prizes: $8 \times 150 = 1200\text{€}$
- 3rd Prizes: $8 \times 100 = 800\text{€}$
- Judges: $8 \times 200 = 1600\text{€}$
- Director: $1 \times 500 = 500\text{€}$
- Certificates preparation ($3 \times 8 = 24$): $1 \times 200 = 200\text{€}$

Note:

- The terms “Gold, silver and bronze medal” will not be used. Judges will restrict prizes to 3 composers (1/2/3, 1/2-3, 1-2/3). No *ex aequo* beyond 3! If only 1 or 2 entries are awarded prizes, the entries with honourable mentions will **not** be eligible for the cash prizes. The unspent amount will be retained with the WFCC.
- No cups, medals or printed certificates will be presented. It was observed that in previous instances that these were unable to be presented to those winners (or their country delegates) who were absent at the annual WCCC meetings.
- The PDF certificates will be specially prepared in colour, with diagram and solution of the winning entry, FIDE and WFCC logos, scanned signatures of the FIDE and WFCC presidents and the director. These will be emailed to the prize winners (after the award is finalised) and can be printed out by them in any format of their liking: paper, parchment, acrylic, wood, etc.
- If the prize winners confirm their attendance at the next WCCC meeting, their certificates could be printed (paper only) by the WCCC organisers and presented to them at the meeting.
- The Director will be selected by the Presidium and the delegates from among any suitable and willing candidates, including the author of this proposal.

- The PDF certificates will be prepared by a competent person chosen by the Presidium. The design will be reviewed and approved by the Presidium.
- The distribution of the cash prizes to the winners will be made by a competent person authorised by the Presidium.
- The PDF of the awards booklet (both preliminary and final) will be prepared by the director and published on the WFCC website. No printed booklets will be made.

Point 11

A TITLE FOR YOUTH TRAINER/INSTRUCTOR/MENTOR IN SOLVING AND COMPOSING

During the WCCC 2025 Youth committee discussed and generally supported a proposal by Andrey Selivanov to introduce a title for qualified and successful youth trainer in composing and solving. The topic was later discussed by the assembly but no concrete decisions were made. Later on, a detailed version of the proposal was developed and discussed in an email group of around 20 problemists interested in the topic, including all members of the Youth committee.

The benefits of the new title were recognized in promotion of the most adequate mentors among new generations. Finding and developing new chess composition lovers is our most important mission, and the newly established FIDE & WFCC youth solving events will increase our chances.

Recognizing trainers/instructors/mentors will increase their incentive to teach, improve their methods, attract more students in the long term, and therefore support our most important mission.

Just like composing and solving titles fostered competition and participation, we think that the new title will grow the number of students.

To ensure that the title incentivises the behavior we want, we have tied it to student achievement.

We are realistic. Today, the demand for this title is primarily from former USSR but that is our largest pool of current talent. However, some other countries, like Romania and Brazil, are now on the rise, too, and India is a sleeping giant in which such a title may become attractive in the future. Then, perhaps one day it will become attractive in other countries too. This new title will benefit us by incentivising long term growth.

The technical qualification details listed below just address the potential risks in a thoughtful and careful manner. This applies to: title inflation, pedagogy, student safety, FIDE relations, and more.

Since we want the first title awarded in 2026 WCCC, we should vote on this now. If the need for the title gets support, then we should vote on the suggested criteria and the exact name of the title. A vote should be taken even if some details will be finalized later.

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POINT 11 – GENERAL CRITERIA

Following demands from the applicants are suggested:

- Having an international title in relevant area (composing or solving)
- Having adequate results with juniors U23, achieved from 2025 on (not from the past)
- A written paper with description of his/her work. The paper will stay in archive as an educational material.
- Only results in the WFCC strictly controlled competitions should be counted. In solving, these are currently: ECSC, ECSC-Open, WCSC, WCSC-Open, World Solving Cup (final standings), and FIDE & WFCC Cadets & Youth World Championships. In composing these are at the moment: YCCC, FIDE Album, and WCCI. Such a restriction should also serve as promotion of the WFCC official competitions.
- The applicant should present the results of at least two students (two results from each)
- All this should be checked and evaluated by the Qualifications committee

The overall impression of the working group is that the mentioned criteria are high enough to prevent inflation, and could be fulfilled by only a few candidates at the time of WCCC 2026, when the first titles should be announced.

- It remains to define the name of the title. FIDE uses the title Trainer as the highest level and the Instructor as the 2nd level. We should decide if the name Trainer may be suitable for mentors in composing. At the moment, we can't have more than one level. Next, we should clear if we are allowed to use the word FIDE as in our existing titles.

If the new title proves to be adequate, the next step could be forming an Instructors committee.

POINT 11 – SUGGESTED CONCRETE CRITERIA

WFCC/FIDE Trainer/Instructor/Mentor for Chess Solving

An applicant must have at least two qualified students.

A qualified student achieved two of the following norms (in any combination):

1. 2200+ rating performance in any WFCC official solving tournaments (WCSC, ECSC, WCCC Open, or ECSC Open)
2. Top 20 in any WFCC official solving tournaments (WCSC, ECSC, WCCC Open, or ECSC Open)
3. Top 50 in the final standings of the World Solving Cup
4. Medal in FIDE & WFCC World Cadet / Youth Solving Championships

The WFCC/FIDE Trainer/Instructor/Mentor for Chess Solving must:

- Hold an international solving title (GM/IM/FM).
- Write a short essay describing a personal experience from solving training delivery, including:
 - o The names of the students, the venues and the approximate date/time interval.
 - o The students' earlier [solving] instructors, if any.
 - o 4-6 chess diagrams illustrating some interesting cases.

WFCC/FIDE Trainer/Instructor/Mentor for Chess Composition

An instructor must have at least two qualified students.

A qualified student achieved two of the following norms (in any combination):

1. An individual composition selected in the FIDE Album
2. An individual composition receiving at least 6 points in WCCI or in FIDE Album selection
3. An individual composition classified in any FIDE World Cup section
4. An individual composition classified in the upper half of any YCCC section

The WFCC/FIDE Trainer/Instructor/Mentor for Chess Composition must:

- Hold an international composing title (GM/IM/FM).
- Write a short essay describing personal experience from composing training delivery, including:
 - o The names of the students, the venues and the approximate date/time interval.
 - o The students' earlier [composing] instructors, if any.
 - o 4-6 chess diagrams illustrating some interesting cases.

***The exact name is to be discussed**

Point 12

Members of the ISC Appeal committee

Upon suggestion of the Solving committee, WFCC Presidium Presidium appoints the following members of the ISC Appeal Committee:

- Jonathan Mestel

- Luc Palmans

- Axel Steinbrink

Reserve member:

- Marko Klasinc

Application for a Honorary Master of Chess Composition

Dear delegates at WFCC,

The Romanian Chess Federation is presenting to your approval the application of Mr **Valeriu Petrovici** for the title of **Honorary Master of Chess Composition**.

Here is summary of the activity of our distinguished composer, born at 9th of February 1932, in Bucharest:

- he has founded in 1971 the well-known Romanian magazine „BuletinProblemistic”, which appeared until 2007, under his editing;
- about 200 problems published in Romania or abroad, from which almost 60 were awarded, in an activity of over 75 years;
- several books published, some of them in collaboration with Dinu-loan Nicula or with Marian Stere;
- about 300 articles of chess composition (and its history in Romania) published in various magazines;
- International Judge for chess composition from 2001 (two-movers and selfmates);
- National solving judge;
- chess master in Romania;
- several times National champion at chess composition and at seniors' solving;
- member of the staff of the Romanian Committee for Chess Composition (body of Romanian Chess Federation) for more than 50 years (president 2003-2015); nowadays he is Secretary of this committee;
- mentor of many generations of Romanian composers and solvers, always opened for discussions with young people and, in general, with all who are interested in the art of chess problems.

In the year when celebrates its centenary, it will be a pride for the Romanian Chess Federation if the work of the whole life of Mr Valeriu Petrovici would be acknowledged by WFCC with the title of Honorary Master for Chess Composition.

Sincerely yours,

Dinu-loan Nicula

Delegate of Romania at WFCC