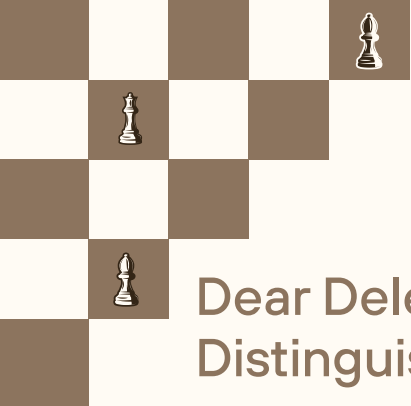


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Dear Delegates, Distinguished Participants and Guests,

On behalf of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation and the Organizing Committee of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, it is my great honor to invite you to the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, the 3rd FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities, and the FIDE Congress 2026, which will take place from September 10 to 30, 2026, in the historic city of Samarkand.

In Uzbekistan, chess is more than just a sport; it is a rich cultural legacy with profound historical roots. Archaeological discoveries confirm that chess has been played on our land for many centuries. At the Dalverzintepa site in the Surkhandarya region, Kushan-era chess pieces dating back to the 1st–2nd centuries AD were unearthed, while the ancient site of Afrosiyob in the Samarkand region revealed chess figures from the 7th–8th centuries. These findings demonstrate that since ancient times, chess has been an integral part of the intellectual and spiritual life of our people.

Today, Uzbek grandmasters such as Rustam Kasimdzhanov, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, Javokhir Sindarov, Gulrukhbegim Tokhirjonova, and Afruza Khamdamova bring global acclaim to our motherland. Their international achievements inspire our youth to reach new heights and serve to further popularize chess as a powerful tool for education, strategic thinking, and the fostering of international friendship.

We are convinced that chess unites people regardless of nationality, language, or cultural boundaries. This prestigious international event will not only be a magnificent celebration of sport but will also serve to further strengthen cooperation and mutual understanding between nations.

Welcome to Uzbekistan — a country where history and intellect harmonize, and where chess lives in the hearts of the people!

With sincere respect,

Abdulla Aripov

Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Chairman of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation





Dear chess friends and members of the Chess Family,

It is my honour and pleasure to invite you all to the 46th Chess Olympiad, the 3rd Olympiad for People with Disabilities and the FIDE Congress 2026 taking place this September in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

The ancient Silk Road city – home to the world-famous Afrasiab chessmen dating back to 700 CE – was one of the major corridors through which early chess spread westwards, after its emergence in South Asia. In more recent times, chess has returned to the region, with Samarkand having successfully hosted the 2023 World Rapid and Blitz and the 2025 Grand Swiss tournaments.

I continue to believe, even more strongly thanks to the successful organisation of events in The Year of Social Chess and the current Year of Chess in Education, that our sport is a powerful tool for social development and inclusion. From projects in prisons and refugee camps, to integrating chess in educational programmes in schools which we in FIDE have championed during my mandate, we are confident that chess can play a significant role in any society, provided there is the right approach and coordination between public institutions and organisations.

In recent years Uzbekistan has become one of the strongest global chess powers thanks to significant government support and the hard work of the chess community. It has put itself forward as a host of the most important international events, and a logical choice to host the Chess Olympiad – the crown jewel of global team chess events. Central Asia is no longer just producing players; it is now hosting the world chess elite, placing itself as a global long-term chess hub.

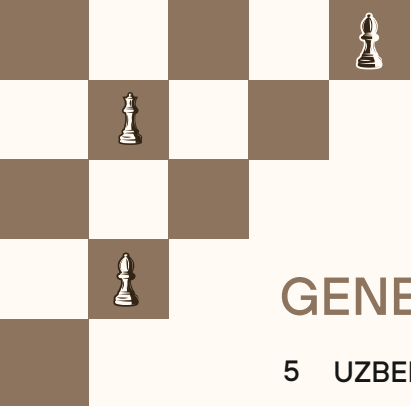
In a year of the Candidates tournaments and matches for the title of world champion in Open and Women's competitions, September will be one of the busiest months for chess. The third edition of the Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities – which I am proud to say was introduced by my team in 2023 and continues to grow in scope – will open the festivities from 10 to 17 September. Its final stages will coincide with the start of the 46th Chess Olympiad where more than 200 teams are expected to play in what will likely be one of the most fiercely contested team chess tournaments ever. Alongside the Chess Olympiad, FIDE will hold its Congress, where delegates will discuss crucial issues in chess and elect the leadership of our organisation for the next term.

Our previous experience, as well as outstanding relations with the government of Uzbekistan and the country's chess federation, give us confidence that Samarkand will provide the hospitality, playing and working conditions at the highest level.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the leadership of Uzbekistan and its chess federation, as well as the Organising Committee and the sponsors, staff on the ground and volunteers for their support in making this one of the most memorable and successful chess events in history.

Arkady Dvorkovich
FIDE President





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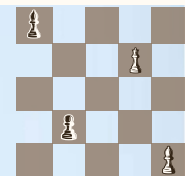
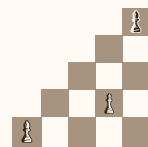
Uzbekistan is located in Central Asia, in the heart of the ancient Silk Road region. The country is bordered by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, and Turkmenistan. Two major rivers, the Amu Darya and Syr Darya, flow through the country and have historically supported agriculture and settlement.

The country's most important and largest city is Tashkent, the capital, with more than 3.1 million inhabitants. Other important cities in Uzbekistan include Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Namangan, Andijan, and Fergana. Many of these cities are famous for their historical monuments and were important centers along the Silk Road.

Uzbekistan's form of government is a republic. The population is about 38.2 million people, most of whom are Uzbeks. The official language is Uzbek, while Russian and English are also widely used, especially in business, tourism, and education. Uzbek cuisine has developed over centuries and reflects the traditions of Central Asian culture. The most famous national dish is plov (pilaf), made from rice, meat, carrots, and spices. Other popular dishes include shashlik (kebabs), manti (steamed dumplings), lagman noodles, and samsa pastries. Bread, called "non," is an essential part of every meal.

Historically, Uzbekistan was an important agricultural region, producing cotton, wheat, fruits, and vegetables. During the Soviet period, industry and large-scale agriculture were developed. After gaining independence in 1991, the country began building a new economic system. Today, Uzbekistan's economy is developing rapidly. Important industries include automobile manufacturing, textile production, mining, agriculture, and energy. At the same time, the service sector, tourism, information technology, and banking are becoming increasingly important in major cities.

Uzbekistan is home to many famous historical figures, scientists, and cultural leaders. Among them are the great scholar Al-Khwarizmi, the astronomer Ulugh Beg, and the physician Avicenna. The country also has a rich cultural heritage in literature, music, and architecture, with historic cities like Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva recognized as important centers of world history and culture.



UZBEKISTAN, THE CULTURAL CAPITAL

IMAM AL-BUKHARI COMPLEX (SAMARKAND)

The Imam al-Bukhari Complex is located near Samarkand and is dedicated to the famous Islamic scholar Imam al-Bukhari (810–870).

The complex was originally established after Uzbekistan gained independence, but it was reconstructed and significantly expanded in 2018–2025 on the initiative of the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

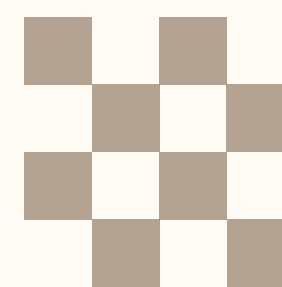
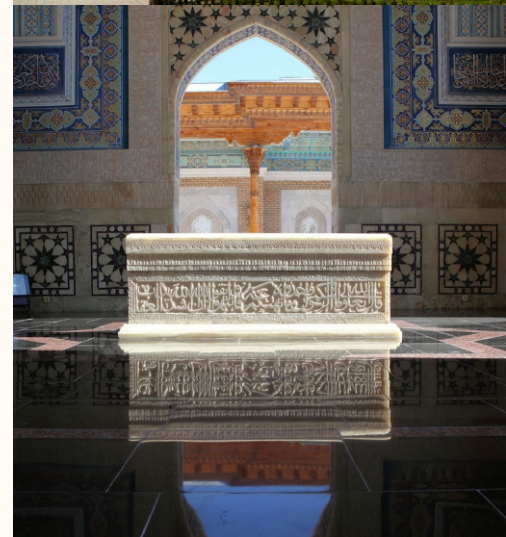
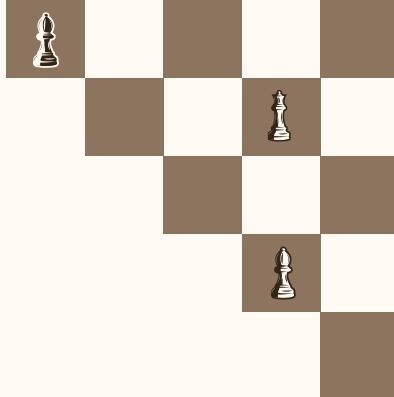
The Imam Bukhari Memorial Complex serves as a sanctuary of spiritual power, attraction, and inspiration for thousands of pilgrims from across the globe.

The revitalized ensemble seamlessly integrates the rich heritage of Islamic scholarship with modern infrastructure, fostering a unique atmosphere of reverence, tranquility, and grandeur.

On March 19, 2026, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, inaugurated the newly reconstructed Imam Bukhari Memorial Complex.

Spanning 45 hectares, the complex represents a harmonious blend of spirituality, tradition, and contemporary architecture. The grounds feature a magnificent mosque with a capacity for 10,000 worshippers, an administrative building, and a majestic national-style ayvan (vaulted hall) supported by 154 intricately carved columns.

Note on Capacity: Prior to the reconstruction, the Imam Bukhari complex hosted an annual average of 60,000 foreign and 127,000 domestic tourists. Following the expansion, the facility now has the capacity to serve 65,000 pilgrims per day.



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CENTER OF ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION (TASHKENT)

The Center of Islamic Civilization in Tashkent was established to preserve and promote the rich scientific, cultural, and spiritual heritage of Islam in Uzbekistan.

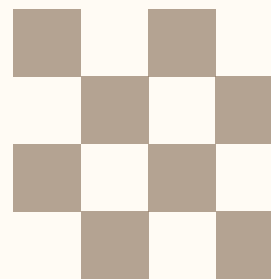
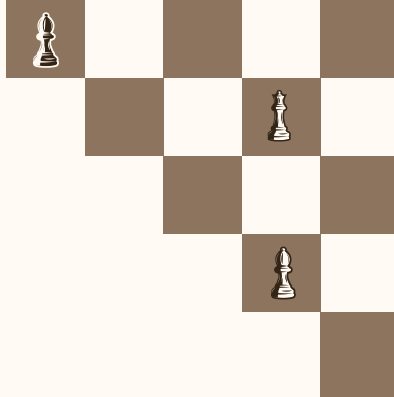
It was founded by a Presidential Decree in 2017 by the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The project reflects the country's policy of studying and presenting the legacy of great Islamic scholars to the world.

The center was built to:

- Showcase Uzbekistan's contribution to Islamic civilization
- Preserve rare manuscripts and historical artifacts
- Develop Islamic research and education
- Promote cultural and religious tourism

The complex is a modern scientific and cultural center, which includes a museum, library, research departments, and conference halls. It also houses unique exhibits such as ancient manuscripts and the Uthman Quran.

Today, it serves as an important platform for international cooperation, academic research, and cultural exchange.

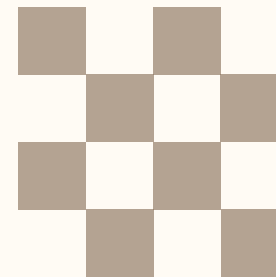
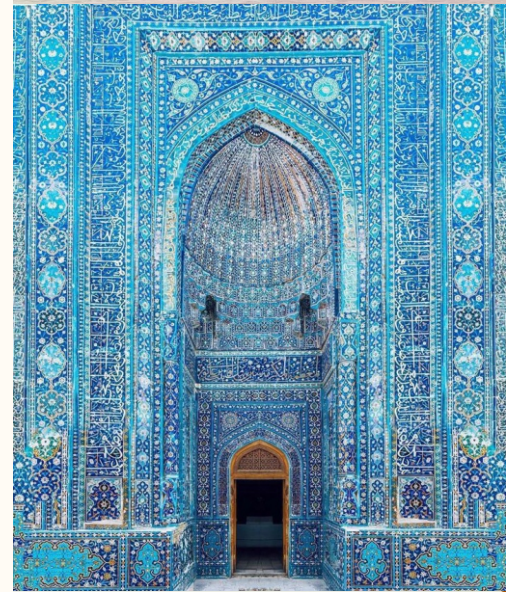
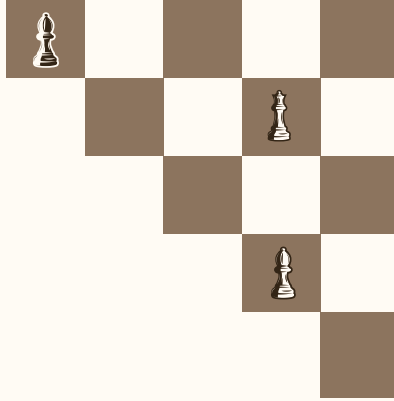


SAMARKAND, THE CULTURAL CAPITAL

Samarkand is one of the most famous and historic cities in Uzbekistan and is often considered the cultural capital of Central Asia. The city has been an important center of trade, science, and culture for more than two thousand years. Located on the ancient Silk Road, Samarkand connected the civilizations of Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Today, the city attracts thousands of visitors every year who come to see its historical monuments, museums, and unique architecture.

Samarkand is known for its magnificent historical architecture and rich heritage. The heart of the city is Registan Square, one of the most beautiful squares in the world. It is surrounded by three famous madrasas: Ulugh Beg Madrasa, Sher-Dor Madrasa, and Tilla-Kori Madrasa. Another important monument is the Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum, the burial place of the great ruler Amir Temur (Tamerlane).

The city is also home to the Shah-i-Zinda complex, a unique ensemble of mausoleums decorated with colorful blue tiles, and the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, one of the largest and most impressive mosques in Central Asia.



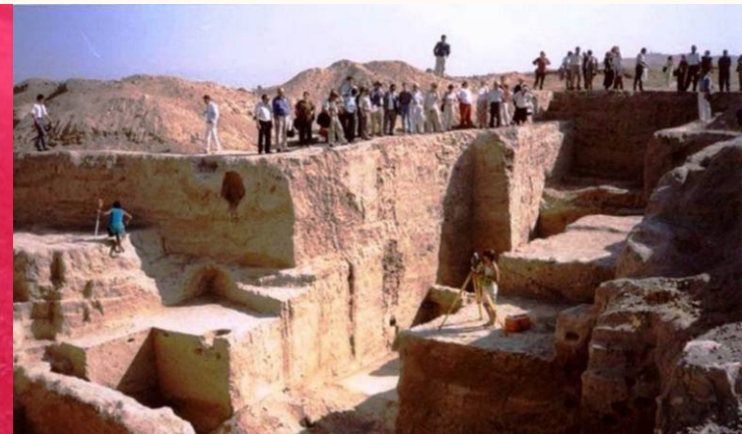


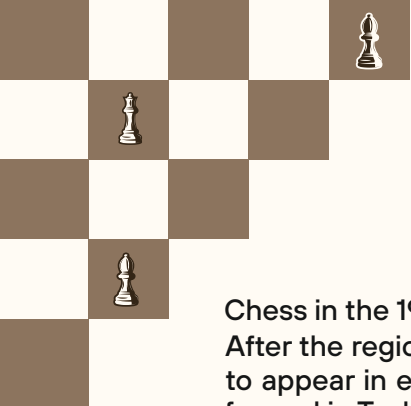
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Among the monuments of the Kushan Empire period (1st–4th centuries AD), the ancient settlement of Dalverzintepa holds a special place. It is located about 60 km from Termez, in the Sho'rchi district of Surkhandarya region. The detailed study of this site began in 1967 by historians Galina Pugachenkova and M. E. Masson. In the northern part of the ancient city, a temple of the Bactrian goddess and unique wall paintings were discovered. In this area, the ruins of a Buddhist temple built at the beginning of the 1st century BC were also found, which is considered the oldest Buddhist structure in Uzbekistan. During the Kushan Empire, cities, districts, and residential areas flourished in this region.

In 1972, while studying the streets of the ancient settlement, archaeologists discovered a treasure of gold items weighing 36 kg in a building believed to have been a house. In terms of its scientific significance, the Dalverzin treasure is comparable to the famous Oxus Treasure preserved in the British Museum. During the excavations carried out at this site, various objects made of ivory were also discovered. Among them are the oldest chess pieces in the world (1st–2nd centuries AD), jewelry made of precious stones, coins, and delicate ceramic artifacts from the Greco-Bactrian period.

The history of chess in the territory of modern Uzbekistan began more than one thousand years ago. The game reached the region through the Great Silk Road from India through Persia in the form of shatranj, an early version of chess. As early as the 9th–10th centuries, archaeologists found chess pieces made of bone and clay in major cultural centers of Mawarannahr, such as Samarkand, Bukhara, and Khiva. During the period of the Samanids (9th–10th centuries) and later under the Karakhanids, chess became an important part of intellectual culture. The game was popular among theologians, poets, and scholars. It was considered a way to develop strategic thinking and wisdom. Chess occupied a special place during the reign of Amir Temur (Tamerlane) in the 14th century. According to historical sources, he was interested in more complex versions of the game, such as "great chess" with an expanded board. During the Timurid period, chess became an essential part of court culture.





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Chess in the 19th – Early 20th Century

After the region became part of the Russian Empire in the 19th century, the European version of chess spread more widely. Chess clubs began to appear in educational institutions and officers' assemblies. By the beginning of the 20th century, the first organized chess community was formed in Tashkent. Local tournaments were held, and chess problems began to be published in newspapers.

The 1980s During the 1980s, Uzbek chess players started to make their mark on the international stage. The level of tournament organization improved, and international competitions were held in the republic.

Independence and a New Stage (since 1991) After gaining independence in 1991, Uzbekistan began to develop its own chess policy. A national chess federation was established, and the country actively integrated into the international FIDE system.

Historic Breakthrough – 2004 A major achievement was the victory of Rustam Kasimdzhanov. In 2004, he won the FIDE World Chess Championship, becoming the first Uzbek world chess champion. This event significantly increased the prestige of chess in the country.

The “Golden Generation” of the 21st Century In the 2010s, a new generation of grandmasters emerged in Uzbekistan. One of the most notable players is Nodirbek Abdusattorov: In 2021, he became the World Rapid Chess Champion. In 2022, he became one of the leaders of the national team.

Triumph on the World Stage – 2022 At the Chess Olympiad, the national team of Uzbekistan sensationally won gold medals. The team consisted of very young players, which symbolized the bright future of Uzbek chess.

This victory confirmed Uzbekistan's status as one of the strongest chess nations in the world.

Recent Achievements Javokhir Sindarov emerged victorious, claiming the World Cup title and bringing it back to Uzbekistan 21 years after Rustam Kasimdzhanov's historic triumph in 2004





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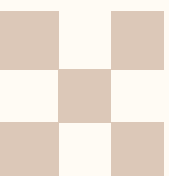
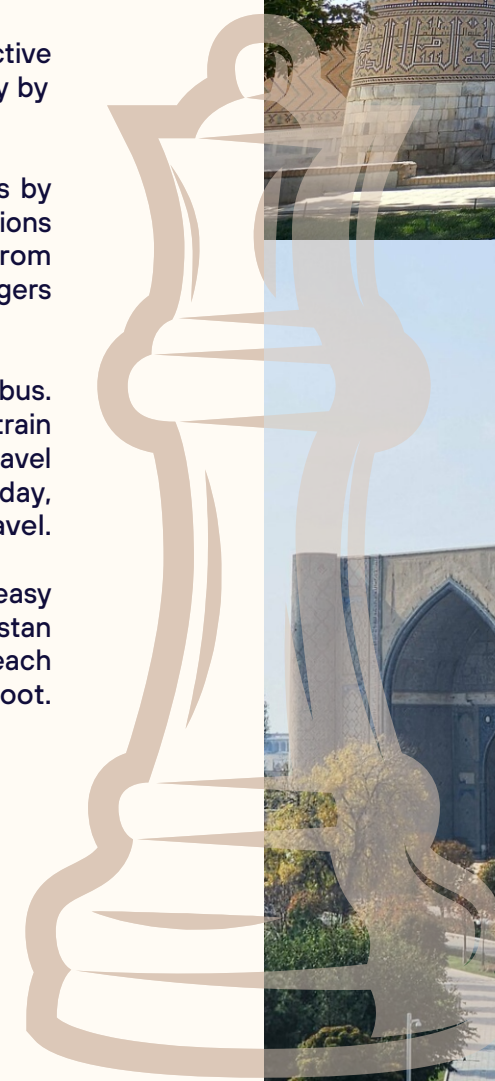
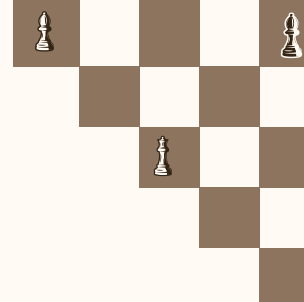
Samarkand is one of the most important transport centers in Uzbekistan and an attractive destination for tourists. The city is well connected with other major cities in the country by modern highways and railway lines.

The most convenient way to reach Samarkand, especially for international travelers, is by plane. Samarkand International Airport connects the city with a wide network of destinations across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. More than 20 airlines operate flights from Samarkand to around 30 destinations, while the airport handles over 1.5 million passengers annually.

The airport is located close to the city center and can be easily reached by taxi or bus. Another comfortable option is rail transport. The modern Afrosiyob high-speed train connects Samarkand with Tashkent, Bukhara, and Qarshi, allowing passengers to travel quickly and conveniently between major cities. Trains operate multiple times per day, making them a reliable choice for domestic travel.

Public transport in Samarkand includes city buses, minibuses, and taxis, making it easy to travel around the city. Many of the main tourist attractions, such as Registan Square, Bibi-Khanym Mosque, and Shah-i-Zinda, are located relatively close to each other, allowing visitors to explore the historic center on foot.

Transfers will be provided for participating team members within the city of Samarkand.



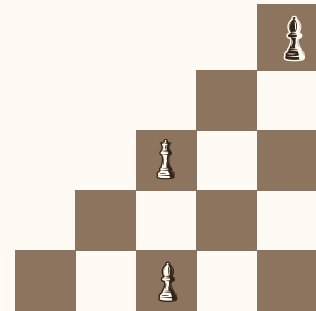
TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for all participants of the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, 3rd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities and FIDE Congress 2026 to and from Samarkand International Airport, railway and bus station shall be provided free of charge by the Organising Committee, including transportation for participants on wheel-chairs. While the Organising Committee shall provide sufficient transportation capacities from Tashkent to Samarkand, transportation costs from Tashkent to Samarkand shall be the responsibility of participants. Participants are kindly requested to submit their arrival details through the official registration portal.

Information desks will be available in the airport arrivals area and at the railway station, where event participants can receive assistance and guidance from the organisers if needed.

Please note that the Organising Committee does not bear responsibility for lost luggage. Participants travelling on connecting flights are advised to carry essential items in their cabin luggage in case of delays or loss. In the event of lost luggage, Congress participants should inform the organisers at the Airport Help Desk so that arrangements can be made to deliver the luggage to the hotel once it arrives.

Daily transportation between the official hotels and playing and Congress venue, as well as to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, will be provided by the Organising Committee. The transportation schedule will be available at the information desk in each hotel and at the playing and Congress venue.





TRAVEL SUBSIDIES – ELIGIBILITY

FIDE will subsidize travel to Samarkand, Uzbekistan for eligible federations as follows.

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Development Levels 3, 4 and 5 federations are eligible for travel subsidies up to the following limits:

- for federations in Africa – 1,200 euros per person (14,400 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Americas – 1,800 euros per person (21,600 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Asia – 700 euros per person (8,400 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Europe – 900 euros per person (10,800 euros for full team*)
- for federations in Oceania – 1,800 euros per person (21,600 euros for full team*)

FIDE Treasurer may at her sole discretion decide to increase the amount of travel subsidy for certain federations taking into account their particular circumstances.

* Note: Full teams means 12 persons – Open and Women teams each comprised 5 players and a captain.

In exceptional circumstances, Development Level 1 and 2 federations may apply for travel subsidies. Valid reasons for such applications may be remote location (and therefore very expensive tickets), poor economic situation in a country (as evidenced by per capita GDP significantly lower than the world's average and other relevant economic indicators), etc. FIDE Treasurer will review such applications on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration particular circumstances of the federations in question, and decide on the amount of travel subsidy (if any) at her sole discretion.

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All invited teams are eligible for travel subsidies. Each team comprises up to 7 invited participants (4 players, 1 reserve player / captain and up to 2 accompanying persons). The limits per person by continents are the same as stipulated in paragraph 1 of the "Olympiad – Main Competition" section.

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Delegates of FIDE Congress are eligible for travel subsidy on the same principles as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the "Olympiad – Main Competition" section.





TRAVEL SUBSIDIES – PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Expenses covered by travel subsidy: economy class air tickets and other essential expenses related to international travel (visas, etc.). Discretionary expenses (including meals) will not be reimbursed.

FIDE may buy tickets for eligible national chess federations in lieu of paying travel subsidy. Prior to making any travel arrangements, national chess federations shall consult with FIDE.

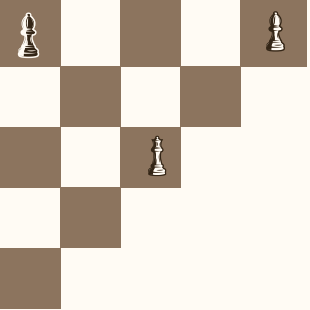
If FIDE advises that national chess federations make travel arrangements on their own, requests for the travel subsidy payments together with relevant supporting documents (tickets / receipts / invoices / etc.) shall be sent to FIDE Office no later than 31 October 2026. Applications for travel subsidy received by FIDE Office after 31 October 2026 will not be accepted.

Travel subsidy will be paid within 6 weeks after the Olympiad completion taking into account the actual number of persons who attended the Olympiad. Expenses incurred with respect to persons who did not attend the Olympiad will not be reimbursed. For the avoidance of doubt, if actual travel expenses are lower than the limits stated above, only actual expenses will be reimbursed.

In exceptional cases, federations may apply to receive travel subsidy prior to the event. FIDE Treasurer will review such applications and decide on the amount of prepayment (if any) on a case-by-case basis.

All communications on this matter (applications for travel subsidies, expense reports, etc.) shall be sent to the FIDE Office email.





VISA INFORMATION

Uzbekistan has simplified visa procedures for many foreign visitors in recent years. Citizens of several countries can enter Uzbekistan visa-free for a certain period. Foreign visitors who require a visa can apply at Uzbek embassies and consulates in their home countries or through the official Uzbekistan e-visa portal:



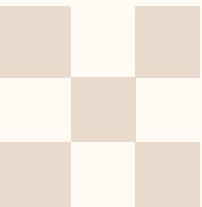
The e-visa is usually issued for short-term stays of up to 30 days. All visitors are required to have a valid passport (over 6 months) and comply with the immigration regulations of the Republic of Uzbekistan during their stay.

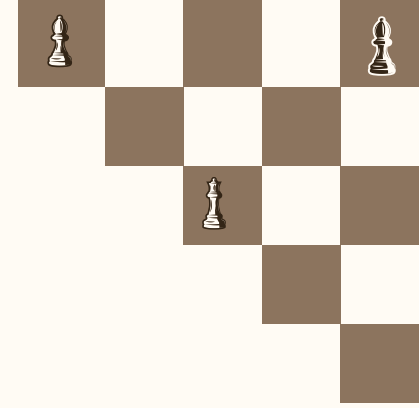
For the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, the 3rd FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities and FIDE Congress 2026, participants shall receive an official invitation letter from the Organising Committee upon their registration through the official registration system. This invitation can be used to support the visa application at the nearest Uzbekistan embassy, consulate or online.

Citizens of countries without an Uzbekistan embassy may obtain a visa on arrival at the airport. To do so, you should complete the required application at least 15 days in advance via the following QR code link:



Having completed the application, please send the issued file to the following email: visas@fide.com. In case of any question regarding the visa procedures, please contact the visa support team of the Organising Committee via the same email. For further information, please scan the QR code:

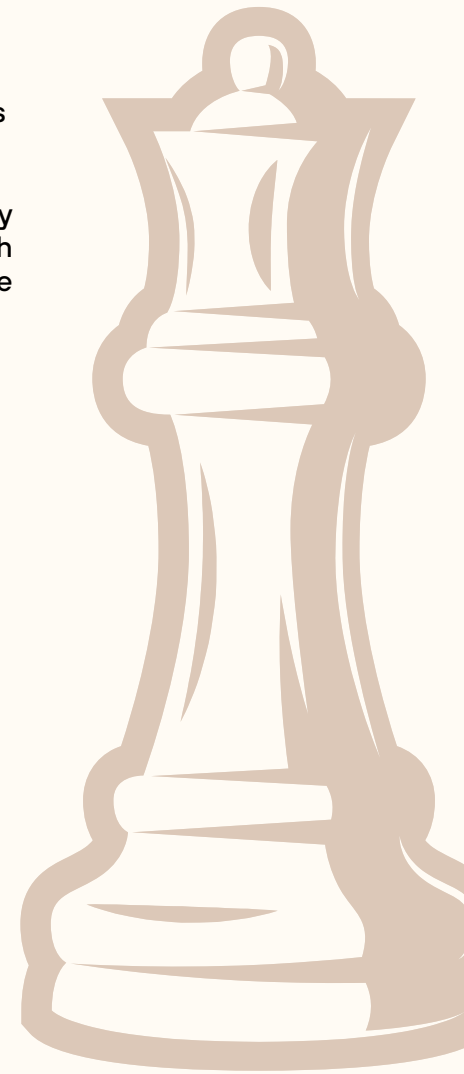
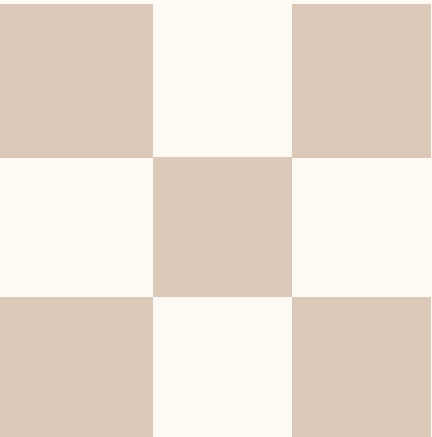




MEDICAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, 3rd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2026, and FIDE Congress 2026 participants are strongly advised to obtain travel insurance covering the travel and entire duration of the event.

The Organizers shall provide permanent medical emergency service at the event's venue and ensure that a due emergency medical care is taken for the all participants during the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, 3rd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2026, and FIDE Congress 2026 (including a proper insurance policy that is effective in the host country shall be provided if necessary for the emergency medical care provision).





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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

CLIMATE

Samarkand is located in the central part of Uzbekistan and has a continental climate, characterized by hot summers and cold winters. In summer, temperatures often rise above 35°C, and the weather is typically dry and sunny.

In autumn, the climate becomes milder and more comfortable. September is one of the best months to visit the city, with average daytime temperatures ranging from about 22°C to 28°C and cooler evenings around 11–15°C. The weather is generally dry, with very little rainfall and plenty of sunshine, making it ideal for tourism.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Uzbekistan is the som (UZS). Card payments are widely accepted throughout the country, especially in major cities. Banknotes currently in circulation include 200,000 UZS, 100,000 UZS, 50,000 UZS, 20,000 UZS, 10,000 UZS, 5,000 UZS, and 1,000 UZS. As of recent exchange rates, 1 euro is approximately 14,000 UZS, and 1 US dollar is about 12,100 UZS. Exchange rates may vary slightly depending on the provider and date.



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MOBILE CONNECTION

The international dialing code for Uzbekistan is +998. The main mobile service providers in the country are Ucell, Beeline, Uzmobil, and Mobiuz.

SIM cards can be purchased at mobile operator offices, shopping centers, official dealers, as well as at the airport, railway stations, and service centers.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance: 103

Fire service: 101

Police: 102

Emergency medical assistance is available to all visitors in Uzbekistan. In case of an emergency, you can also call the universal emergency number 112.

ELECTRICITY

In Uzbekistan, the standard voltage is 220 volts, and the frequency is 50 hertz. Power plugs and sockets are of Type C and Type F, which are commonly used in many European countries.

Visitors from countries that use different plug types (such as the UK, USA, or Australia) should bring a suitable travel adapter. It is also advisable to check whether your devices support 220V to avoid potential damage.

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THE SCHEDULE OF THE 46TH FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD

Day	Date	Event
Day 1	15.09.2026	Arrivals, Opening Ceremony
Day 2	16.09.2026	Round-1
Day 3	17.09.2026	Round-2
Day 4	18.09.2026	Round-3
Day 5	19.09.2026	Round-4
Day 6	20.09.2026	Round-5
Day 7	21.09.2026	Round-6
Day 8	22.09.2026	Free day
Day 9	23.09.2026	Round-7
Day 10	24.09.2026	Round-8
Day 11	25.09.2026	Round-9
Day 12	26.09.2026	Round-10
Day 13	27.09.2026	Round-11, Closing Ceremony
Day 14	28.09.2026	Departures

* Early arrivals and late departures shall be consulted and approved by FIDE.



ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

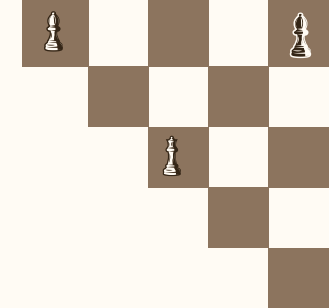
The FIDE Olympiad 2026 is open to all national federations affiliated with FIDE. Each federation may nominate one team for the Open section and one team for the Women's section. Affiliated members that are representing an autonomous territory which is contained within no more than one federation have right to participate upon FIDE Council's approval. According to FIDE Council's decision, a refugee team shall be eligible to participate at FIDE Olympiad 2026 Open and Women's section.

Each team consists of four players, one reserve, and one captain. The captain may, but is not required to, be one of the players or the reserve. Additionally, each delegation may nominate one Chief of delegation.

All participants in the FIDE Olympiad 2026 must be registered by the designated delegation administrator of their national federation. The federation shall receive a registration link with user names and passwords. The accompanying persons of the teams may be registered by the designated administrators only. Accompanying persons are required to pay a total of 100 EUR fee to the LOC upon finalizing the registration, prior to arrival. By payment of the registration fee accompanying persons will have access to event transport services (including from the point of arrival - Samarkand airport, train and bus station - to official hotels and back, from official hotels to the playing venue and venues of ceremonies) and will receive accreditation allowing access to the Fan Zone / Expo area. All further costs associated with Accompanying persons will need to be considered on a self-paid basis (accommodation, catering services, etc.).

Please see below the schedule of the registration process:

Date	Action
17th April 2026	Invitation letter is sent out to all national federations
20th April 2026	Launch of the FIDE Olympiad 2026 registration process
15th May 2026	Each federation intending to participate in the FIDE Olympiad 2026 shall confirm its participation to the Organising Committee
15th July 2026	Every participating federation shall register its team(s) providing the Organising Committee with the following details: Full name of the Chief of delegation; Full name of the Captain(s) and his/her/their FIDE IDs; Full names of all players and their FIDE IDs; Full names of all accompanying persons; All required information related to visas.
15th July 2026	Every participating federation shall inform the Organising Committee about the number of additional rooms for accompanying persons, as well as upgrades of the rooms (from double to single rooms or for higher categories of rooms)
15th August 2026	Late registrations of new delegation members (or/and substitution of registered members) shall be subject to a fee of one hundred (100) euros per person paid to the Organising Committee or a legal entity appointed by the Organising Committee
15th August 2026	Every participating federation shall pay the Organising Committee or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser the full amount due for accommodation of all delegation members (accompanying persons, guests) whose accommodation expenses are not taken in charge by the Organising Committee





ACCOMMODATION

All participants of the FIDE Olympiad 2026 will be accommodated in 4- and 5-star hotels located in Samarkand. Teams will be allocated to hotels by FIDE based on their performance in the previous Olympiad. Teams will be informed of their designated hotels within two weeks after the close of registration.

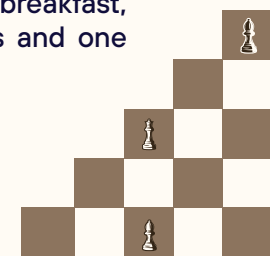
Each team (five players and one captain) will receive two standard double rooms and two standard single rooms with full board. The Chief of delegation will be provided with a standard single room with full board. The Open and Women's teams, along with their Captains and Chief of delegation from the same federation, will be accommodated in the same hotel.

If delegations wish to upgrade to single rooms or higher room categories, this will be possible subject to hotel availability and payment of an additional fee in advance, according to the price list of the respective hotel. Delegations shall indicate their upgrade wishes at the moment of registration of the team, i.e., by 15 July 2026.

Please note that cash payments will only be accepted in exceptional cases with prior agreement between the federation and Organising Committee. During the check-in procedure, a bank card must be provided as a deposit.

Accompanying persons who need extra rooms will be accommodated in the same hotels as the teams, subject to availability. If a team wishes to arrive earlier or stay beyond the official dates of the FIDE Olympiad 2026, federations are advised to contact the Organising Committee. Additional fees will apply for extra nights. Due to high demand, availability cannot be guaranteed.

The Organising Committee will cover the cost of accommodation (single or double rooms, as arranged) with full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for up to thirteen participants per federation (five players and one captain in Open team, five players and one captain in Women's team and one Chief of delegation), from arrival to departure dates.





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ACCREDITATION

All participants and accompanying persons are kindly requested to complete their registration through the official registration system in order to take part in the FIDE Olympiad 2026. Please note that accreditation can only be issued to those who have successfully completed this process. For visa and security reasons, the Organising Committee kindly asks all federations to respect the registration deadline of 15 August 2026. Registrations submitted after this date cannot be accepted.

Following the close of registration, federations will receive their accreditation confirmation, along with details of the hotel allocated to their teams and accompanying persons, within two weeks.

All participants are required to obtain accreditation and are kindly asked to wear their accreditation badges at all times when present at the playing venue, official hotels and other official venues.

Federations are requested to upload an identity photograph for each participant in the registration system (maximum size: 2 MB; vertical orientation; 768×1024 resolution; strictly official-style portrait). Please note that registrations without a suitable photograph cannot be approved. In case of any issues related to accreditation during the FIDE Olympiad 2026, participants are advised to visit the accreditation center at the playing venue for assistance.



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THE VENUE

EXPO Center

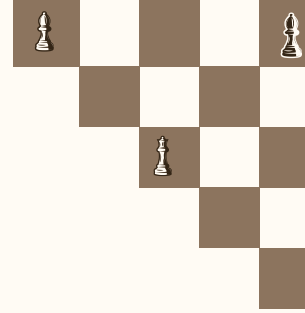
The FIDE Olympiad 2026 will take place at the modern in the EXPO Centre, located in the Silk Road Complex, Samarkand. This state-of-the-art venue is designed to host large-scale international events and offers excellent facilities for players, officials, and guests. Its contemporary infrastructure, spacious halls, and advanced technical equipment ensure comfortable conditions for competition and organization. The EXPO Center is conveniently located and easily accessible, making it an ideal setting for one of the world's most prestigious chess events.

DRESS CODE

Participants are strongly encouraged to wear the national team's uniforms, but in general shall dress neatly.

FREE DAY

On the free day, there will be a basketball football match and a sightseeing trip in Samarkand, arranged for the participants. Prior registration on arrival with the Organising Committee at the respective hotel information desk is required for the rest day activities. Bermuda Party will take place before the free day.





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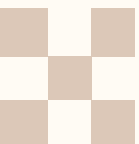
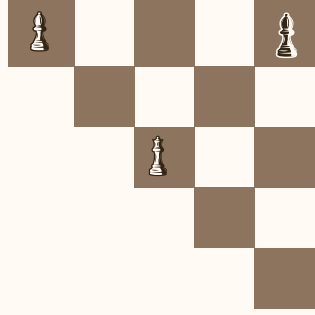
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OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All the necessary information about the Olympiad is available on the Official website of the FIDE Olympiad 2026: <https://chessolympiad2026.fide.com>. We kindly ask you to check the website regularly, and if you have any doubts consult the appropriate sections. They may contain the information you were looking for.

CONTACTS

You may also reach the Organising Committee by the following email address: olympiad2026@fide.com.



THE SCHEDULE OF THE 3RD FIDE OLYMPIAD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Olympiad for PwD)

Day	Date	Event
Day 1	10.09.2026	Arrivals
Day 2	11.09.2026	Opening Ceremony, Round-1
Day 3	12.09.2026	Round-2
Day 4	13.09.2026	Round-3
Day 5	14.09.2026	Round-4
Day 6	15.09.2026	Round-5
Day 7	16.09.2026	Round-6
Day 8	17.09.2026	Round-7, Closing Ceremony
Day 9	18.09.2026	Departures

* Early arrivals and late departures shall be consulted and approved by FIDE.



REGULATIONS

Please read carefully the Olympiad for PwD Regulations by the following link <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/Olympiad2026CompetitionForDisabled.pdf>
[References to the Regulations shall be given in this document.](#)

ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Olympiad for PwD is a team competition. FIDE federation members can present only one team, excluding the hosting federation. The expected number of teams the organizer is to host is up to 40:

The top 3 teams of the previous Olympiad for people with disabilities will be qualified and invited in the 3rd Olympiad for people with disabilities. Based on the top 5 rated players with disabilities average ratings, 4 federation teams with higher average rating from each continent shall be selected to Chess Olympiad for PwD – in total 16 teams. If any player with disability from any federation is not rated, he/she shall be given a provisional rating of 1400. In case of a tie, the decision shall be based on the top 6 rated players' average ratings and so on. (Only chess players listed in the FIDE Chess Players with disabilities list (<https://dis.fide.com/disabled-chess-players-list/>) shall be taken into consideration when calculating the federations average ratings).

Additionally, the continental 12 quota places shall be distributed based on the continental rating:

I rated continent shall get the right to present 5 additional teams.

II rated continent shall get the right to present 4 additional teams.

III rated continent shall get the right to present 2 additional teams.

IV rated continent shall get the right to present 1 additional team.

(Continental ratings shall be calculated based on the sum of the top 5 rated players with disability average ratings from all of the federations. In case of a tie, the decision shall be based on the top 6 rated players' average rating and so on).

FIDE has the right to add 3 teams from the FIDE affiliated members – International Associations of Players with Disabilities: International Braille Chess Association IBCA, International Chess Committee of the Deaf ICCD and International Physically Disabled Chess Association IPCA).

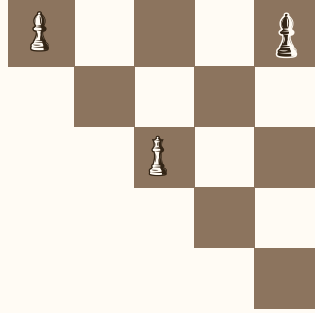
FIDE President can nominate up to 2 teams.

FIDE DIS can nominate up to 2 teams

A maximum of 2 additional teams from the hosting federation are eligible to participate.

April 2026 FIDE Rating List shall be considered when making the final list of participating teams. The qualified federations shall receive a registration link with user names and passwords.

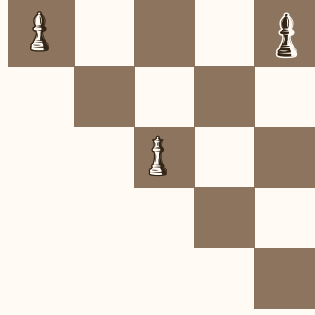




Schedule of the registration process

Date	Action
17th April 2026	Invitation letter is sent out to all national federations
20th April 2026	A final call to the National Federations to provide the lists of players with disabilities is sent out
25th April 2026	National federations provide FIDE DIS with their lists of disabled players to be added to the DIS list for calculating the average rating. 5th May 2026 Preliminary list of eligible teams as per rating average (clause 2D, 2E of the regulations) as well as teams as per 2C, 2F of the regulations is published.
20th May 2026	Each federation which is 1. entitled as per regulations or 2. intend to participate in the Olympiad for PwD on its own cost shall confirm its participation to the Organiser.
25th May 2026	Final list of eligible teams as well as teams on their own cost is published. Start of the registration for the Olympiad for PwD eligible teams as well as teams intending to participate on their own cost.
15th July 2026	Every participating federation shall register its team(s) providing the Organiser with the following details: a. Full name of the Chief of delegation if any; b. Full name of the Captain(s) and his/her/their FIDE IDs; c. Full names of all players and their FIDE IDs; d. Certificates of disabilities and medical insurance of all players e. Full names of all invited and additional accompanying persons; f. All required information related to visas. g. Travel information
15th July 2026	FIDE President, FIDE DIS shall nominate their wild card teams. The Organiser shall use its right to appoint 1-2 additional teams as per 2.I of the regulations.
15th August 2026	Late registrations of the teams participating on their own cost shall be a subject to a consideration of FIDE and the Organizer.
15th August 2026	Every participating federation shall pay the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser the full amount due for accommodation of 1. additional accompanying persons if any; 2. all team members (players, accompanying persons, federation's officials) whose accommodation expenses are not taken in charge by the Organiser





TEAM COMPOSITION

4 players (at least one player of each gender) and 1 captain (representing the same federation)/reserve player:

- At least 2 rated players in a team.
- At least one player of each gender from each team must play in at least 5 rounds.
- The teams may consist of any number of the three categories of disability: with hearing impairments, visual impairment, physical disability.
- Participation of the players with other disabilities is to be approved by the DIS after consultation with the Organizing Committee and would depend on the players' health condition.

2 invited accompanying persons are members of the teams as well. Thus, a total of 7 people is considered as "invited participants" – 4 players, 1 captain/reserve player and 2 accompanying persons.

Important:

All players shall provide official document issued by the national health authority for every team member to certify their disability upon registration (scanned). The original document proving the eligibility shall be provided at the Technical Meeting to the Chess Olympiad for PwD Classification Committee.

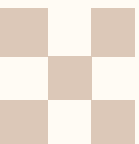
In case of severe disability of the players in a team that requires one more accompanying person being an "invited participant", such case is at the decision of the Technical Delegate after the consultation with the Chess Olympiad for PwD Classification Committee Chairperson. Each team can have any number of accompanying persons at the expenses of its federation.

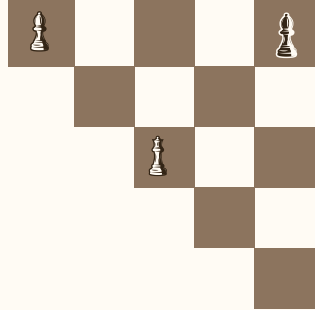
Each federation may be represented by a Chief of Delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this function, or entrust this role to the team captain, or one of the players, or the reserve player, or the accompanying person (from the "invited participants").

Chief of Delegation can be an additional team member (not within "invited participants"), and his expenses are to be covered by its federation in this case.

The roles of a Captain and a Chief of Delegation is described in in FIDE Handbook, article C10:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>.





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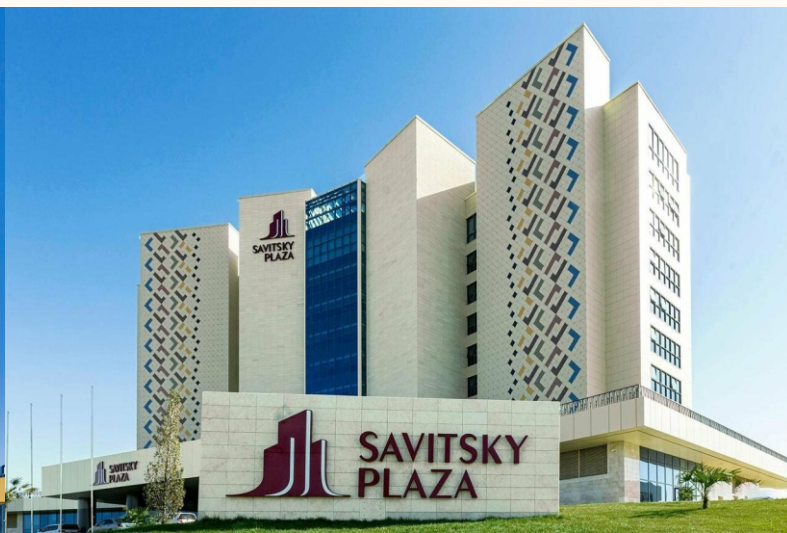
ACCOMMODATION

Each team is entitled for free single or double (matter of arrangement) minimum 4-star hotel accommodation with free FB – breakfast, lunch and dinner for a total of 7 people – “invited participants” from arrival day (September 10th) to departure day (September 18th). Soft drinks, tea/ coffee is included in the FB offer.

If delegations wish to upgrade to higher room categories, this will be a subject to hotel availability and payment of an additional fee in advance, according to the price list of the hotel.

Please note that cash payments will be accepted only in exceptional cases when pre-agreed with Organizing Committee. During the check-in procedure, a bank card must be provided as a deposit.

If a team wishes to arrival earlier or stay beyond the official dates of the Olympiad for PwD, federations are advised to contact the Organising Committee before the registration deadline of 15 July 2026. Additional fees will apply for extra nights. Due to high demand, availability cannot be guaranteed.



ADDITIONAL ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Extra delegation members shall bear their travel and accommodation expenses.

The official hotel rates shall be shared with the participating teams at the registration stage.

Additional accompanying persons who need extra rooms will be accommodated in the same hotel with their teams subject of hotel availability and prior request / approval by FIDE and the Organising Committee.

ACCREDITATION

All participants and accompanying persons are kindly requested to complete their registration through the official registration system in order to take part in the FIDE Olympiad 2026. Please note that accreditation can only be issued to those who have successfully completed this process. For visa and security reasons, the Organising Committee kindly asks all federations to respect the registration deadline of 15 August 2026. Registrations submitted after this date cannot be accepted.

Following the close of registration, federations will receive their accreditation confirmation, along with details of the hotel allocated to their teams and accompanying persons, within two weeks.

All participants are required to obtain accreditation and are kindly asked to wear their accreditation badges at all times when present at the playing venue, official hotels and other official venues.

Federations are requested to upload an identity photograph for each participant in the registration system (maximum size: 2 MB; vertical orientation; 768x1024 resolution; official-style portrait). Please note that registrations without a suitable photograph cannot be approved.

In case of any issues related to accreditation during the FIDE Olympiad 2026, participants are advised to visit the accreditation center at the playing venue for assistance.

VENUE

The 3rd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2026 will take place in Silk Road by Minyoun Hotel, Samarkand. The hotel provides all facilities to organise the competition for chess players with disabilities as well as the hotel rooms for all participants from all 40 teams, including adjusted rooms for the players with physical disabilities.

Address: Konigil massivi street, 140319, Samarkand, Uzbekistan.





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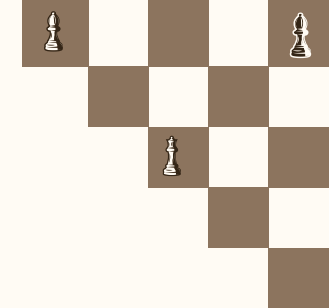
Participants are strongly encouraged to wear the national team's uniforms, but in general shall dress neatly.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

The official website of the 3rd FIDE Chess Olympiad for People with Disabilities is <https://dis-olympiad2026.fide.com/>. Pairings and results, interviews and news shall be published on the official website of the Olympiad for PwD.

CONTACTS

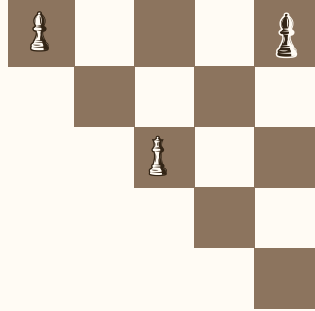
You may reach the Organising Committee by the following e-mail address: olympiadpwd2026@fide.com.



THE SCHEDULE OF THE FIDE CONGRESS 2026

Day	Date	Event
Day 1	20.09.2026	FIDE Management Board Meeting FIDE Advisory Board Meeting FIDE Commissions' Meetings
Day 2	21.09.2026	FIDE Council Meeting FIDE Commissions' Meetings
Day 3	22.09.2026	FIDE Commissions' Meetings
Day 4	23.09.2026	FIDE Zonal Council Meeting FIDE Commissions' Meeting
Day 5	24.09.2026	Continental Meetings FIDE Education Summit FIDE Commissions' Meetings
Day 6	25.09.2026	FIDE Zonal Meetings & Elections FIDE Commissions' Meetings
Day 7	26.09.2026	FIDE General Assembly & Elections
Day 8	27.09.2026	FIDE General Assembly





REGISTRATION

All participants in the Congress are required to register through an online registration system, using the necessary link provided by the Organiser. The FIDE will conduct a review of the registration. If any adjustments are necessary, these will be addressed to the person who submitted the registration. If no issues are found during the review, the FIDE will approve the registration.

FIDE Delegates must register through their national federation. Please note that confirmation of the delegate registration does not validate a voting right. The list of persons eligible to vote will be published on the FIDE Congress website according to the deadlines specified in the FIDE Electoral Rules.

Please see below the schedule of the registration process:

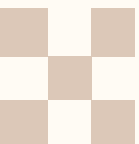
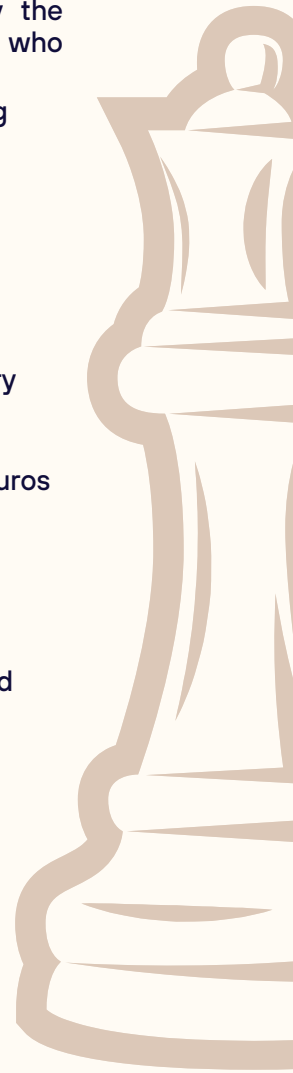
Date	Action
17th April 2026	Invitation letter is sent out to all national federations
20th April 2026	Launch of the FIDE Congress 2026 registration process
15th July 2026	Every Congress participant shall register through an online registration system and provide the organiser with the necessary information.
15th August 2026	Late registration conditions of Congress participants will be at the FIDE's discretion. Late registration of accompanying persons of the Congress participants shall be subject to a fee of one hundred (100) euros per person paid to the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser. The exception is applied to the late registration of the FIDE Congress Delegates when eligible.
15th August 2026	FIDE Congress participants who are not eligible for free accommodation, as well as accompanying persons shall pay the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser the full amount due for accommodation and service.

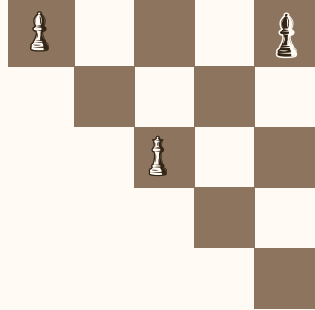
Thus, the registration shall be open from 15 April until 15 July 2026. Late registration from 15 July until 15 August, 2026 shall be at FIDE and the Organiser's discretion.

The exception is applied to the late registration of FIDE Delegate when eligible.

Late registration is a subject of a late registration fee of 100 EUR per person.

Late registration fee shall not be applied to Reverse Delegate.





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ACCOMMODATION

Delegates and other participants of the FIDE Congress entitled to free accommodation will be accommodated in Official Congress hotels on a full board basis, free of charge in single rooms for the period determined by FIDE. The allocation to the hotels shall be done by FIDE.

Delegates and other participants of the FIDE Congress entitled to free accommodation who have an official role in the Olympiad 2026 or the Olympiad for People with Disabilities 2026, may be allocated to the official hotel(s) for these events, subject to availability. No transmission from one hotel to another within the period of the Olympiads and Congress is possible.

If Delegates or other participants of the FIDE Congress entitled to free accommodation wish to upgrade to higher room categories, this will be possible subject to hotel availability and payment of an additional fee in advance, according to the price list of the respective hotel. The request shall be indicated at the moment of the registration.

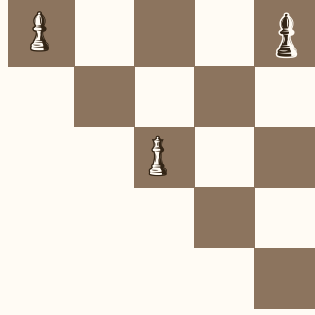
If Delegates or other participants of the FIDE Congress wish to arrive earlier or stay beyond the eligible dates determined by FIDE, a participant is advised to contact the Organising Committee before the registration deadline of 15 July 2026. Additional fees will apply for extra nights. Due to high demand, room availability cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that cash payments will only be accepted in exceptional cases with a prior agreement with the Organizing Committee. During the check-in procedure, a bank card must be provided as a deposit.

FIDE Delegates are entitled for free accommodation as per the above conditions for 8 (eight) days of the Congress, from 19th (arrival) till 28th (departure) September 2026.

Other FIDE Congress participants, if they are not part of an Olympiad team, or have another function not entitling them to a free accommodation, should cover their accommodation costs themselves. Payment should be made in advance to the Organiser or a legal entity appointed by the Organiser via bank transfer taking into account the payment deadline highlighted in invoice.





ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The FIDE Congress participants' accompanying persons may be registered by the Congress participants only and will be considered on a self-pay basis (accommodation, catering service, etc.). Accompanying persons are required to pay a total of 100 EUR fee to the Organiser upon finalizing the registration, prior to arrival. By payment of the registration fee accompanying persons shall have access to event transport services from the airport/train station to the official hotels as well as from the official hotels to the Congress venue. Accompanying persons shall receive accreditation badges allowing access to the Fan Zone / Expo area of the Olympiad 2026.

Accompanying persons who need extra room will be accommodated in the same hotels as Congress participants, subject to availability.

ACCREDITATION

All Congress participants and accompanying persons are kindly requested to complete their registration through the official registration system in order to take part in the FIDE Congress 2026. Please note that accreditation can only be issued to those who have successfully completed this process.

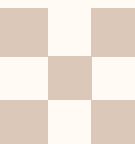
For visa and security reasons, the Organising Committee kindly asks all Congress participants to respect the registration deadline of 15 July 2026. Registrations submitted after this date is at the discretion of FIDE and the Organiser. Registrations after 15 August 2026 shall not be accepted. The exception is applied to the late registration of the FIDE Congress Delegates when eligible.

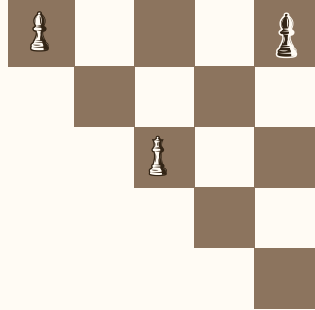
Following the closure and approval of registration, Congress participants will receive their accreditation confirmation, along with details of the hotel allocated to them and accompanying persons.

All Congress participants are required to obtain accreditation and are kindly asked to wear their accreditation badges at all times when present at the Congress venue, official hotels and other official venues.

Congress participants are requested to upload an identity photograph in the registration system (maximum size: 2 MB; vertical orientation; 768×1024 resolution; official-style portrait). Please note that registrations without a suitable photograph cannot be approved.

In case of any issues related to accreditation during the FIDE Congress 2026, participants are advised to visit the accreditation center at the Congress venue for assistance.





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VENUE

The FIDE Congress 2026 will be located in the Congress Center "Silk Road Complex", Samarkand.

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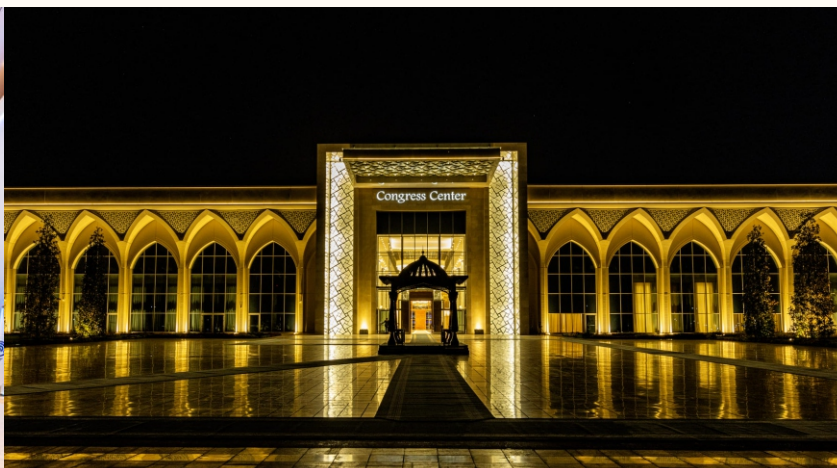
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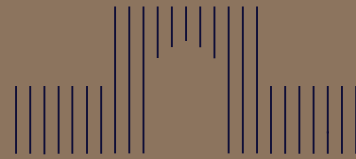
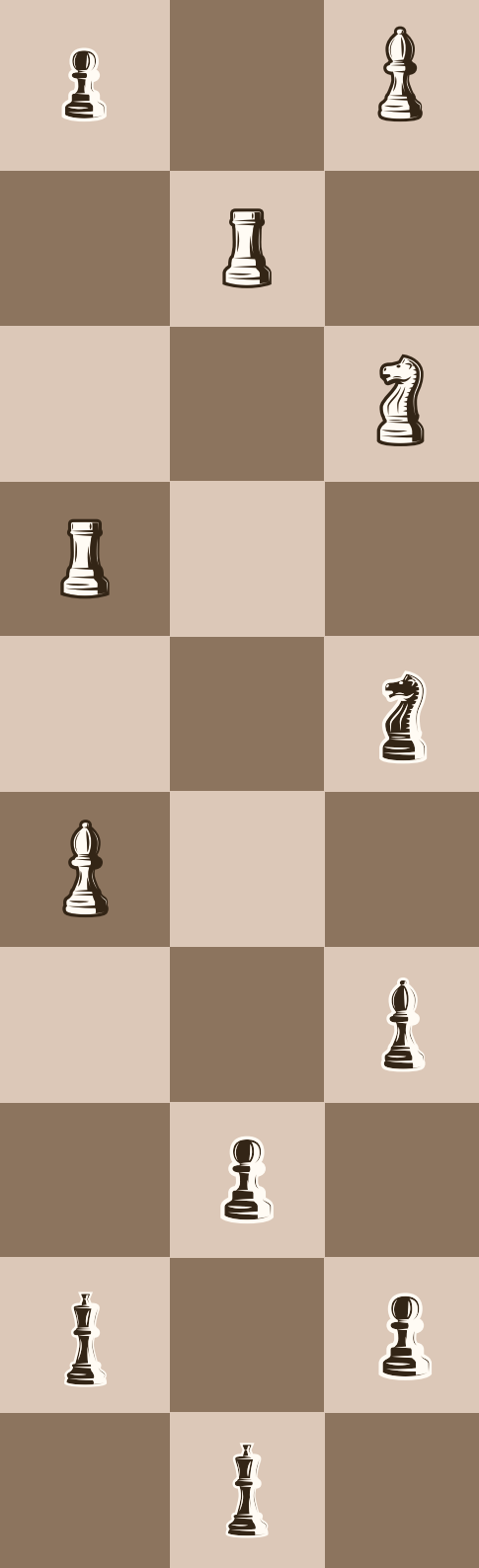
OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All the necessary information about the FIDE Congress is available on the Official website of the FIDE Congress 2026: <https://congress.fide.com>. We kindly ask you to check the website regularly, and if you have any doubts consult the appropriate sections. They may contain the information you were looking for.

CONTACTS

In case of any questions regarding Congress, please contact organizing committee via the following e-mail: congress2026@fide.com, copied to FIDE Office at: office@fide.com





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