

2026 FIDE ELECTIONS TIMELINE

| Date | | Reference |
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| June 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of the electoral period and electoral campaign and promotion of the candidates. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.7.1 |
| July 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidacies for the Presidential ticket to reach the FIDE Offices by 6 pm CET. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.5 |
| July 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of Member Federations having right to vote and a separate list of suspended Member Federations, if any, together with the names of the Presidents and FIDE Delegates, specifying who is deputed to exercise the right to vote is sent to all member Federations and published on the FIDE website. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.6 |
| July 28 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The list of valid candidacies for the election of the FIDE President and Deputy President shall be published on the FIDE website and made visible and accessible to all Member Federations and to all voters, following a proper examination by the Electoral Commission. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.8 |
| August 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for any complaint related to the contested list of persons entitled to exercise the right to vote, by 6.00 PM CET time. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.8 |
| August 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for any complaint regarding the eligibility of a candidate for the position of President or Deputy President addressed to the Electoral Commission in writing. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.9 |
| August 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for candidacies for the position of elected Vice President by 6.00 PM, CET time. Deadline for candidacies for the position of Zonal Presidents by 6.00 PM, CET time. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.22.3&Art.26.2 |
| August 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for information (received from Member Federation) about any election or nomination, of a different FIDE Delegate or President in member Federations. Communications received after this date will not be taken into account for the purposes of the legitimacy to exercise the right the vote. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.6 |
| September 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for nomination of 3 Scrutineers and 3 substitutes by the Council, for an open vote election of them at the General Assembly. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.13.1 |

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| September 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for information (received from Member Federation) about replacement the FIDE Delegate of a Member Federation by the President of that Federation, or the President by the FIDE Delegate. Only in case of proven impossibility of the person entitled to exercise the right to vote, communicated no later than fifteen (15) days before the elections, and only if their names were already included in the above-mentioned list (list published on July 28th). Deadline for making a decision on complaints regarding the eligibility of a candidate and the right to be voted and to be elected. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.6 & Art.4.4 |
| September 14 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for publication of the final version of the list of those who are entitled to vote on the FIDE website, following the verification by the Electoral Commission, by 6.00 PM CET time. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.6 |
| September 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for any complaint related to the contested list of persons entitled to exercise the right to vote, by 6.00 PM CET time. | FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.8 |
| September 26 | GENERAL ASSEMBLY/ELECTIONS | |

| ADDITIONAL NOTES | Reference |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Member Federations must communicate the name of their President and of their FIDE Delegate, that can also be the same President. In accordance with art. 11 of the FIDE Charter, Member Federations must regularly inform FIDE Offices regarding any change of their President and FIDE Delegate, exclusively using their official email address, previously communicated to FIDE Offices. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.3.3</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every person has the right to stand as a candidate in FIDE elections, but to be eligible for FIDE elections, a candidate must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the candidate must have reached the age of 18 no later than by the date of the meeting during which the election takes place; the candidate must not be deprived of his or her civil rights, as an additional sanction related to the commission of a crime, as a result of an enforceable judgment of a national or international judicial authority; the candidate must not have incurred any sanction of ineligibility, ban or exclusion from office, in relation to any violation of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code, following a final decision of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission or of the Electoral Commission enforceable at the date of the meeting during which the election takes place; the candidate must meet all the nominations and nominee requirements as set out by the FIDE Charter and by the FIDE Electoral Rules; the candidate should be able to communicate effectively in the FIDE official working language. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.4.1</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All complaints regarding the eligibility of a candidate and the right to be voted and to be elected must be brought before and shall be decided by the Electoral Commission. All complaints must be addressed to the competent Commission, through the e-mail address office@fide.com, in writing, within two weeks following the event which gives rise to them. The Electoral Commission shall decide on these complaints in the shortest possible period, communicating a final decision not later than fifteen (15) days before elections. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.4.4</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every person who intends to present his or her candidacy in FIDE elections shall submit an application form or personally to FIDE Offices or writing to the e-mail address office@fide.com. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.5.1</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections can be held only if inserted as a specific point in the agenda of the meeting, communicated to the Member Federations at the latest three months prior to the opening date of the electoral meeting, in accordance with the modalities established by the FIDE Charter. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.10.1</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The election of the FIDE President and Deputy President shall be held prior to all other elections, after the vote on the suspension or expulsion of a Member Federation, if in agenda, immediately after the consideration of the reports submitted by the President, the Treasurer and the Verification Commission and after the discharge of the Treasurer. In the years of Presidential elections, the report of the President shall be limited to 15 minutes, covering past activities. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.4</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each ticket must be endorsed by nominations from at least five Member Federations, among them at least one from each of the four FIDE Continents, but by no more than eight Member Federations in total. Each Member Federation is entitled to endorse only one Presidential ticket. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.7</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case the candidate of a Presidential ticket for the position of Deputy President becomes incapable to run for the election (death, illness or similar serious reasons to be judged by the Electoral Commission), he/she can be replaced on the Presidential ticket within twenty (20) days after the unexpected event, but at the latest five (5) days before the elections. <p>In case the Presidential Candidate becomes incapable to run for the election, the respective Presidential ticket shall not participate in the elections. Deadline for the replacements on the Presidential ticket of any member, except for Presidential candidate.</p> | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.10</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Votes on elections for the Presidential ticket must be made by secret ballot. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.21.13</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The election of four (4) Vice Presidents will follow the election of the Presidential ticket. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.22.1</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each candidacy for the position of elected Vice President must be endorsed by nominations from at least three (3) Member Federations. Each Member Federation is entitled to endorse only one candidacy for the position of elected Vice President. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.22.4</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A defeated candidate from a Presidential ticket may accept nominations for the position of elected Vice President, submitting his or her candidacy before the beginning of the procedures for these elections. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.22.5</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Votes on election of four (4) Vice Presidents must be made by secret ballot. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.22.7</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the elections of the Presidential ticket and of four Vice Presidents, the newly elected President shall nominate one person for the position of the Treasurer, three (3) persons for the position of Vice Presidents proposed by the elected President and one person for the position of the Secretary of the Council. The General Assembly, by secret vote and by majority, will confirm or not each one of the nominations by the President. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.23.1 & Art 23.4</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elections for Zonal President shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly. These elections shall be organised directly by the Member Federations belonging to the respective Zones. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.26.1 & Art.26.3</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The elections for Zonal Presidents shall be made by secret ballot, except when there are no more candidates than positions to be filled. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.26.4</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIDE Continental elections shall take place during the FIDE Congress, on a quadrennial basis. These elections must be organised and concluded before the opening of the electoral meeting of the General Assembly. An earlier schedule for Continental Elections may be approved by the FIDE Council, provided that all fundamental FIDE electoral principles are upheld and the date of the elections should be made public not later than 6 months before such announcement. These elections shall be organised directly by the FIDE Continents, in accordance with their internal rules. | <p>FIDE Electoral Rules Art.27.1 & Art.27.2</p> |