



FIDE WORLD SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025
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INVITATION LETTER

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Playing Venue 4stars Grand Hotel Costa Brada, also available for disabled players

1. INVITATION

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations of FIDE to participate.

The organizers invite all senior Ladies and Gentlemen throughout the world to participate at the 33rd FIDE World Senior Chess Championships (50+ 65+), which is to be held in Gallipoli – Puglia, from 20th October (arrival day) till 02nd November (departure day).

The registration period ends on 1st September 2025.

2. PARTICIPATION & PRIZE FUND

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

2.1.1 Open 50+, open to all players who are 50 or older in 2025.

2.1.2 Open 65+, open to all players who are 65 or older in 2025.

2.1.3 Women 50+, open to all women who are 50 or older in 2025.

2.1.4 Women 65+, open to all women who are 65 or older in 2025.

The Championship are open tournaments for players registered by their Federation, FIDE member Federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

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

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

2.4. The top 3 players from each category of the previous year of FIDE World Senior Individual Chess Championships shall have personal rights to participate and their places cannot be substituted. In addition, the top 3 players from each category of the previous year of Continental Senior Individual Chess Championships are qualified with personal right and their places cannot be substituted.

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

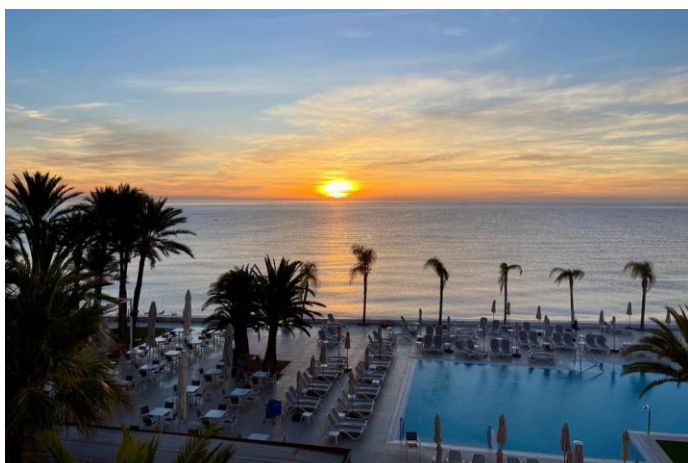
2.6. In order to provide appropriate tournament conditions, players must complete carefully the official registration form and submit to the Organizers by 1st September 2025. Further participations may not be accepted, or an additional fee of 70 € euros may be requested according to the FIDE regulations.

PRIZE FUND €43.000.-

	Open Senior 50+	Women 50+	Open Senior 65+	Women 65+	Premi speciali / Special Prize (non cumulabili - nicht kumulierbar) Open Senior 75+
1.	€ 3.000,00.- trophy and Gold medal	€ 1.500,00.- trophy and Gold medal	€ 3.000,00.- trophy and Gold medal	€ 1.500,00.- trophy and Gold medal	1. € 700,00
2.	€ 2.500,00.- Silver medal	€ 1.200,00.- Silver medal	€ 2.500,00.- Silver medal	€ 1.200,00.- Silver medal	2. € 500,00
3.	€ 2.000,00.- Bronze medal	€ 1.000,00.- Bronze medal	€ 2.000,00.- Bronze medal	€ 1.000,00.- Bronze medal	3. € 300,00
4.	€ 1.500,00.-	€ 700,00.-	€ 1.500,00.-	€ 700,00.-	Women Senior 75+
5.	€ 1.300,00.-		€ 1.300,00.-		1. € 400,00
6.	€ 1.000,00.-		€ 1.000,00.-		
7.	€ 850,00.-		€ 850,00.-		
8.	€ 800,00.-		€ 800,00.-		
9.	€ 750,00.-		€ 750,00.-		
10.	€ 650,00.-		€ 650,00.-		
11.	€ 600,00.-		€ 600,00.-		
12.	€ 500,00.-		€ 500,00.-		
13.	€ 400,00.-		€ 400,00.-		
14.	€ 300,00.-		€ 300,00.-		

Special Prize

The winner in each category will receive the free participation and free hotel in the open tournament 3th Cap Negret Senior Open 50+ 65+ from 08 till 16 November 2025 in Altea – Alicante Spain.



Hotel Cap Negret Altea

3. Tournament Schedule

October, 20 th	15:00-19:00	Arrival day Registration	21.30 Opening Ceremony with Concert
October, 21 st	10:00	end of registration	Technical Meeting
	14:30	Opening	
	15:00	Round 1	
October, 22 nd	15:00	Round 2	
October, 23 rd	15:00	Round 3	21:30 Blitz Fide Rated
October, 24 th	15:00	Round 4	
October, 25 th	15:00	Round 5	
October, 26 th	15:00	Round 6	21:30 Blitz Fide Rated
October, 27 th	rest day - giorno di riposo - Ruhetag / Gita excursion / Ausflug		
October, 28 th	15:00	Round 7	
October, 29 th	15:00	Round 8	
October, 30 th	15:00	Round 9	
October, 31 st	15:00	Round 10	
November, 01 st	14:00	Round 11	21:30 Closing Ceremony Price awards with concert
November, 02 nd		Departures	

4. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

4.1. The Championship shall be played in 11 rounds of the Swiss System. The Time Control will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Default time at the start of all 11 rounds is 30 minutes.

4.2. Tie break criteria:

- a) Result of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- b) Buchholz cut 1,
- c) Buchholz,
- d) the greater number of games played with black,
- e) the greater number of wins.



The title of “Grandmaster” will be conferred to the winner of the 33rd FIDE World Senior Chess Championship 2025 (50+ and 65+) who will receive Trophy and gold medal. The second place will receive a silver medal, the third place is awarded a bronze medal. The same rules for the medals award are applied to the participating women players, who play separately within their own championship.

4.3. Direct titles available to winners subject to rating criteria. Direct Titles are awarded according to <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2017> FIDE regulations in force.

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

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

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

5. APPEALS & APPEALS COMMITTEE

5.1. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of € 200,00 as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit may be forfeited to FIDE.

5.2. Appeals Committee will be announced in due time

6. FIDE TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

6.1. The Chief Arbiter will be announced in a due time.

6.2. FIDE Technical Delegate and FIDE Officials will be announced in due time.

7. OTHER REGULATIONS

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

8. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

8.1. Each player (Invited or Additional) or accompanying person should pay to the Organizers the amount of €120,00 at the moment of their registration by 1st September 2025. This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation otherwise a registration will be invalid and will not be accepted. There will be no FIDE fee.

8.2. All players and accompanying persons will receive accreditation and badges and free transfer in the official arrival and departure days from Brindisi Airport. Transfers for all players and accompanying



persons on the official arrival and departure days from Brindisi airport and Lecce railway station is free of charge. Transfers for all players and accompanying persons on the official arrival and departure days from Bari will be charged according to volume of players on shuttle bus arranged. Average cost is approx. from € 50,00 (multiple person transfer) € 200,00 (single person transfer) each.

8.3. The deadline for registration is 1st September 2025. After this date, Organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations or, if there is availability, a penalty of € 70,00 for each late registration will be charged to participants.

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

8.5. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or by their national federation.

9. PAYMENTS

9.1. Entries must be submitted through the registration forms by 1st September 2025.

9.2. When registering (by 1st September 2025), the registration fee of €120,00 euro + deposit for accommodation € 400,00 euro shall be paid through the organizer bank account given. All entries shall be confirmed by the Tournament Director and rooms will be booked after the deposit of payment arrived.

The remain balance shall be paid upon arrival and no later than the start of the 2nd round.

The amount of 520,00 euro must be transferred (free of bank charge) to the following Bank Account:

Account Holder: Comitato Org. Manifestazioni Scacchistiche Pernici Rigo Cristina

Account holder address: via Venezia 3/c Arco Italy

Bank name: Cassa Rurale Alto Garda Arco

Bank address: viale Magnolie 1 Arco Italy

EU IBAN: IT74O 08016 34310 000000 300235 (all fee loading to order).

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

9.3.1 Late registration after the registration deadline – the Registration fee will be € 190,00 (see Article 8.3). The organiser is not required to accept registrations made after the deadline. After the late registration no invited/personal right players shall be accepted with FB accommodation. The mentioned participants will be considered as additional players.

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

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



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

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

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

9.4. Confirmed registrations will then appear on the official website and on Chess-Results, where players ‘status may be checked on a daily basis.

10. ACCOMMODATION: VENUE, OFFICIAL HOTEL: BOARD & LODGING

10.1 The venue of the event is 4*s Grand Hotel Costa Brada, Gallipoli (Lecce), Italy. The official hotels of the event and rates are with full board including water open buffet, 3 meals/ day, breakfast, lunch, dinner. Price is per person per day.

Special attention for Muslims, vegetarians, vegans, and other participants ‘diets

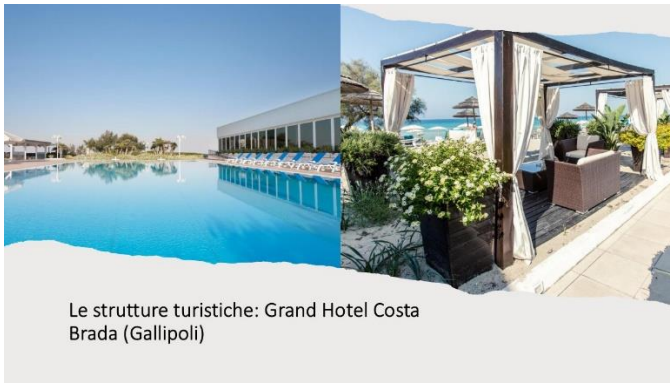
Type of room	4*s Grand Hotel Costa Brada Play Venue
Single room standard (double room, single occupancy)	€ 144,00
Single room suite (suite double room, single occupancy)	€ 195,00
Double room standard	€ 124,00
Double room suite	€ 170,00

Type of room	3*s Ecoresort Le Sirenè
Single room standard (double room, single occupancy)	€ 110,00
Single room suite (suite double room, single occupancy)	€ 130,00
Double room standard	€ 95,00
Double room suite	€ 115,00
Triple and four room standard occupancy:	20% discount on third and fourth person

Type of room	3* Joly Hotel
Single room standard (double room, single occupancy)	€ 100,00
Single room suite (suite double room, single occupancy)	€ 120,00
Double room standard	€ 85,00
Double room suite	€ 110,00
Triple and four room standard occupancy	20% discount on third and fourth person

The playing venue is in the Grand Hotel Costa Brada, also available for disabled players.





Le strutture turistiche: Grand Hotel Costa Brada (Gallipoli)



Le strutture turistiche: Ecoresort Le Sirenè (Gallipoli)

Ecoresort Le Sirenè' and Grand Hotel Costa Brada are located side by side in the same green oasis and distance is approx 100m. Joly Hotel is located in city center of Gallipoli.

Organizers will arrange free daily transfers from Joly Hotel to Grand Hotel Costa Brada and return. Transfer average time is approx 30 minutes.

10.2 Invited players, as per FIDE regulations, are offered FREE full board accommodation in a double room single occupancy (if not asked differently to share room with another player) at Ecoresort Le Sirenè or Joly Hotel from the dinner of 20th October (arrival day) to 2nd November (departure day) and they cannot substitute.

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

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

10.5 If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms will be decided by the Organizing Committee (organizers and hotel management)

10.6 The above-mentioned prices are also understood to be valid on the two days before and 2 days after the event to ensure the same conditions for participants and their companions. Special requests to anticipate or extend stay at official hotels are possible if submitted in advance to get a reply from organizers.

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

11. SIDE EVENTS

11.1. Master classes and other activities will be announced in due time at FIDE World Senior Individual Chess Championships official website.

11.2. Two blitz FIDE rated tournaments will be organized according to the tournament calendar.



11.3. Guests of the Grand Hotel Costa Brada, Ecoresort Le Sirenè and Joly Hotel will be able to enjoy free of charge all the sports amenities in the village (tennis and paddle courts, swimming pools inside and outside and beach).

11.4. There will be one analysis room in all official's hotels.

12. TRANSPORTATION

12.1 Transfers from Brindisi airport (76km) will be arranged according to volume requests on free basis. Single transfers can be arranged on customized hour and charged.

12.2 Transfers for all players and accompanying persons on the official arrival and departure days from Bari airport (190km) will be charged according to volume of players on shuttle bus arranged. Average cost is approx. from € 50,00 (multiple person transfer) € 200,00 (single person transfer) each. From Roma airport (631km) single transfers can be arranged on customized hour and charged.

12.3 Transfers from Lecce railway station will be arranged according to volume requests on free basis. Single transfers can be arranged on customized hour and charged.

12.4 There will be information about travel arrangement at official webpage and helpline by WhatsApp to assist you with the best way to travel to reach Gallipoli.

13. INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS <https://www.esteri.it>

13.1. Those who need visas must submit their data by 20th August 2025

13.2. To proceed with the visa application, each federation/player must:

- a. Request the registration form by e-mail from the Organizing committee
- b. fills it out and email it to the Organizing committee via national federation along with pdf scans of the participants' passports, which must be valid for more than six months
- c. proceeds with the payment of the registration fee as communicated by the Organizing committee
- d. at the same time as registering for the tournament, proceed with the reservation and payment of the hotel stay (if there are fees)

13.3. The Organizers will provide VISA assistance according to National laws only after all pre-payments are made.

13.4. The Organizers are not responsible in case the Italian Consular authorities decline to issue visa due to public order and/or failing to meet all the requirements to obtain the Italian VISA.

Countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement of short-stay visas (sport competitions),

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14. CONTACTS

Official website: <https://worldsenior2025.fide.com>

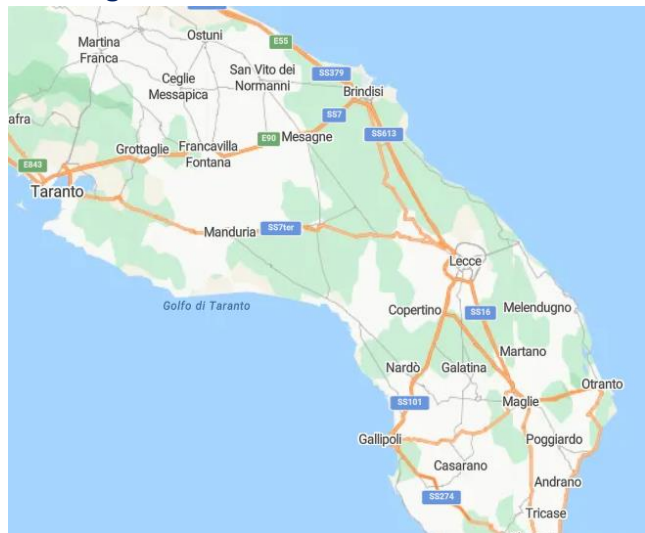
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Helpline via WhatsApp to assist with information about visas and travel arrangements: **TO BE DEFINED**
(in English and Italian)

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