



# INVITATION

45TH FIDE CHESS OLYMPIAD AND THE 2024 FIDE CONGRESS, BUDAPEST

45<sup>th</sup> FIDE  
Chess Olympiad



**BUDAPEST**  
**2024**



**Dear FIDE Principals and Congress Participants,  
Dear Federation Presidents and Dignitaries,  
Dear National Teams and Captains,  
Dear Arbiters, Trainers and all Chess Professionals,  
Dear Chess Lovers and Potential Visitors,  
Honoured Chess Community,**

On behalf of the Hungarian Chess Federation and the Local Organizing Committee of the 2024 Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress, it is my pleasure to invite all FIDE Members and Affiliated Organisations to Budapest, Hungary, on the occasion of the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad and the 95th FIDE Congress to be held in mid-September 2024.

Hungary gave home to the first unofficial Chess Olympiad for teams in 1926 and won the first two official editions in 1927 and 1928, respectively. We were there at the beginning, and now we are back to celebrate FIDE's 100th anniversary at the centenary FIDE Congress during the Olympiad.

In the recent years, the sports policy of our Government brought a couple of major sport events to Hungary from FINA World Championships through UEFA Europa League Final to the World Athletics Championships. It is an honour for us to host all the nations, and to repeatedly be a meeting point for the international world of sports.

But chess is even more than this. Chess is more than just international. It is global, as we have a common language. This is of exceptional value. Let us capitalise on this and make it a wonderful event for all of us! We'll try to do our best, looking forward to seeing you in Budapest, Hungary, from 10 to 23 September at the 2024 Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress!

**dr. Zoltán Polyánszky**

**President**

**Hungarian Chess Federation**







## Dear Chess Friends,

It is my honor and pleasure to invite you to the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad and the FIDE Congress 2024, scheduled for September of this year in Budapest, Hungary.

Chess Olympiads stand as the pinnacle celebration of our sport, bringing together players from countries and territories worldwide. They showcase the best and most promising talent in chess and shine a light on the future of our beloved game.

FIDE Congress 2024 is the most important gathering and decision-making format of 201 member federations of the International Chess Federation.

In this centenary year of our great organization, it is fitting that this Olympiad will be hosted in Hungary – the country of the winners of the first chess Olympiad.

Hungary is a country which has given and continues to give so much to chess. Géza Maróczy, Andor Lilienthal, Laszlo Szabo, Lajos Portisch, Andras Adorjan, Zoltan Ribli, Peter Leko, and, of course, the Hungarian chess wonders – the Polgar sisters – are among the many jewels in Caissa’s chess crown that this great country has produced. FIDE is grateful to the Hungarian government and the Hungarian Chess Federation for hosting and supporting chess. With a strong chess tradition and experience in organizing major events, Budapest will undoubtedly make an excellent host and, truly show that “Chess is at home in Hungary” - as the motto for this Olympiad goes.

This Chess Olympiad will be unique for many things, but I would specifically like to mention that – for the first time – we will have a team of Refugees playing in the event. No matter the place or the circumstances, all chess players are members of the same Family and they belong together. For this Olympiad we are hopeful to see an increased number of teams in the Women’s event, showcasing our commitment to promoting gender equality in the sport.

As we look toward FIDE entering its second century, it is with hope and excitement that we look towards Budapest. May the 45th Chess Olympiad be a magical experience for everyone!

**Arkady Dvorkovich**  
FIDE President





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## HUNGARY

Hungary is located in the heart of Europe, in the Carpathian Basin. The country is bisected by Europe's longest river, the Danube, and its tributary, the Tisza. To the west of the Danube is Europe's largest freshwater lake, the picturesque Balaton.

The country's most important and largest city is Budapest, the capital with 1.7 million inhabitants, located on both banks of the Danube. Other important cities in Hungary are Debrecen, Miskolc, Pécs, Szeged, Sopron and Győr.

Hungary's form of government is a republic. Its population is 9.7 million people, most of whom are Hungarian. The official language is Hungarian, with English and German widely used as second languages.

The roots of today's Hungarian cuisine go back to the time of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, and combine Balkan and Turkish influences from the south, German from the west and Slavic gastronomic traditions from the east. The best-known Hungarian dishes are goulash soup made from beef, stew with dumplings, cottage-cheese strudel and fried dough topped with garlic. Hungary has a long tradition of cooking with pork: you can eat excellent sausages, bacon and salami, and choose from a wide selection of pickles.

Hungary was basically an agricultural country – animal husbandry and grain cultivation provided the majority of its income. During the years of the industrial revolution, mills, distilleries, transport and machine manufacturing became the important branches of industry.

During the decades of Communism, further industrialisation took place, the focus of which was heavy industry.

During the régime change in 1989, the country's economy had to be put on a completely new footing. Today, the most significant industry is car manufacturing, the main crop is wheat, but at the same time, the service industry, IT and the banking sector play an ever-increasing role in the big cities.

Compared to its population, Hungary has given the world an exceptionally large number of famous artists and Nobel laureates: the writer Imre Kertész was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, and this year the biochemist Katalin Karikó received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for her discoveries in the field of mRNA-based vaccines. The number of world-famous Hungarian inventors is also extremely high – the most famous discoveries include the safety match, the ballpoint pen, the helicopter and the color television.

Music lovers will be familiar with Franz Liszt and Béla Bartók, sports fans Ferenc Puskás and Nándor Hidegkuti. Those interested in film will recognise Michael Curtiz, director of Casablanca, and Béla Lugosi, who played the first Dracula. In 2016, director László Nemes won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language film with Son of Saul, and Ildikó Enyedi's Body and Soul took home the main prize at the 67th Berlin International Film Festival.





## Chess has a rich history in Hungary.

Eight glass chess pieces were found in a 9th-10th century cemetery, this was our first known connection to this sport. A chess piece made of deer antlers from the late 14th century was found during the excavation of Diósgyőr castle, and according to authentic historical sources, King Charles Robert presented King John of Bohemia with a chess set during the Visegrád negotiations in 1355.

Chess literature in Hungary started in 1758 with the title “Sách, or rules and regulations tailored for a royal game”. One of our first known chess players was Ferenc Batthyány, and from the 17th century, we must mention our writer-general Miklós Zrínyi, who so aptly compares valour to chess in his work “The Valiant Lieutenant” that it is a proof beyond doubt that he was a competent player. It is well known that Prince Ferenc Rákóczi II enjoyed playing chess both as a young man and during his exile.

Farkas Kempelen’s chess machine, the Turk, is one of the greatest mysteries of the history of chess. Kempelen started building the chess machine on the orders of Maria Theresa in 1769, and in early 1770, he presented it to the court. Its structure, consisting of a cupboard with a table and several cogs, and a puppet holding a pipe in one hand, resembling a Turkish magician in a turban, amazed the public from the very sight of it.

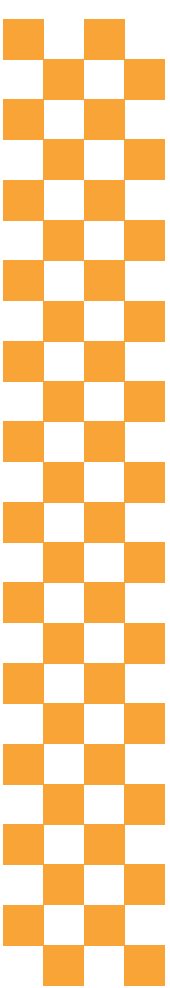
Among 19th-century politicians and prominent personalities, István Széchenyi must be mentioned, who did not abandon playing the game even during his years in Döbling. Lajos Kossuth, Artúr Görgei and György Klapka also played chess. Among the writers and poets of the 20th century, we can find several passionate players, such as Frigyes Karinthy, Lajos Nagy and Attila József.

Our scientists must not to be left out either: the Nobel Prize winner Albert Szent-Györgyi, who was chairman of the Szeged Chess Club, and the former president of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Szilveszter Vizi E., who also competed as a student.

The Hungarian Chess Federation was founded in 1911, with Géza Maróczy and Dániel Huber as its presidents. As for Hungary’s achievements in chess, the first two official chess Olympiads were won by Hungary in 1927 and 1928.

We can proudly state that Hungary belongs to the group of the most successful countries in both the men’s and women’s Chess Olympiads.

Hungary’s gold medals:



- Open:**  
**1927 London:** Géza Maróczy, dr. Géza Nagy, dr. Árpád Vajda, Endre Steiner, Kornél Havasi  
**1928 The Hague:** dr. Géza Nagy, Endre Steiner, dr. Árpád Vajda, Kornél Havasi  
**1936 Munich (unscheduled, 8-board Olympics):** Géza Maróczy, Lajos Steiner, Endre Steiner, Kornél Havasi, László Szabó, Gedeon Barcza, dr. Árpád Vajda, Ernő Gereben, dr. János Balogh, Imre Keresztély Kóródy  
**1978 Buenos Aires:** Lajos Portisch, Zoltán Ribli, Gyula Sax, András Adorján, István Csom, László Vadász
- Women:**  
**1988 Thessaloniki:** Zsuzsa Polgár, Judit Polgár, Ildikó Mádl, Zsófia Polgár  
**1990 Novi Sad:** Zsuzsa Polgár, Judit Polgár, Zsófia Polgár, Ildikó Mádl

Hungary has won 7 silver and 2 bronze medals in the open category, and 5 silver and 2 bronze medals in the women category, too.



# BUDAPEST

## Budapest, the sports capital

Alongside the fact that Budapest can be considered the capital of Hungarian sports life, thanks to the stadiums and indoor arenas built over the last decade, it has become a destination of choice for international sports enthusiasts. Every year, hundreds of thousands of fans from all over the world come to the Hungarian capital to see qualifying games and finals live.

## Budapest, the historic city

Buda and Pest lie on either side of Europe's longest river, the Danube. The city's stunningly beautiful skyline, with Gellért Hill rising over the river, topped by the signature Statue of Lady Liberty, is an unforgettable sight. On the right bank stands Buda Castle, which served as the seat of Hungarian kings from the Middle Ages onwards.

Strolling around Buda's Castle District, you'll become familiar with the architectural monuments of the Hungarian Middle Ages, its road pattern still characterized by narrow streets lined with colorful old medieval houses.

Considered a sleepy little town until the 19th century, following the industrial revolution and the national awakening, Pest began to develop rapidly. The city's golden age began in 1873, with the unification of Pest, Buda and Óbuda. It was then that Budapest, a European metropolis to compete with Vienna and Paris, was born. The concept of unified urban planning concept, the Nagykörút ring road and the system of boulevards crossing, can also be dated to this time.

The cityscape of Budapest is still defined by the architectural style of this era: historicism. All styles of storied European art history are represented on the façades of the capital's buildings. The most beautiful example is Parliament, built in neo-Gothic style and capped with a Renaissance dome.

## Budapest, the youthful city

Budapest's vibrant urban culture offers much by way of excitement for the younger generation. In addition to the numerous museums and cultural sites, plenty of entertainment options await visitors. A well-known concert venue is the A38 Boat stationed at the foot of Petőfi Bridge in Buda, while in the party district, the famed Szimpla Kert, creator of the ruin bar genre, is one of the most popular attractions.

The capital is also graced with better and better cafés and restaurants. In addition to a diverse range of international cuisines, you can sample typical Hungarian dishes such as goulash soup or chicken paprikash. Hungarian wines can be found on the menus of elegant bistros, and in pubs, in addition to traditional Hungarian lagers, many domestic craft beers are available on tap.

Budapest is also famous for its festivals. Óbudai Island hosts Sziget, which developed out of a gathering of friends to Europe's largest music festival in 30 years. Every year, hundreds of thousands of young people come from all over the world to see international stars such as the Foo Fighters, Rihanna and Billie Eilish.





## Chess history of Budapest

The first Hungarian chess association, the Chess Club of Pest (the predecessor of the Hungarian Chess Association), was founded in the 19th century, according to some opinions in 1839. Its founders were the best-known Hungarian chess players of the time, József Szén, Vince Grimm and János Jakab Löwenthal. In 1849, the chess club was disbanded, and its re-establishment was only permitted in 1864, with Count Ödön Széchenyi as its chairman and patron, and the world famous music composer and enthusiastic chess player Ferenc Erkel as its vice-chairman, who later held the title from 1865 to 1893 until his death.

The first (unofficial) team Olympiad was hosted by Budapest in 1926. Encouraged by Paris 1924 experience, the authorities of FIDE decided to hold a great chess event. There were a number of individual tournaments ran: the masters, the open, and the women's tournament. The team competition was held too, and six teams applied. The player attitude was appropriate to the conditions of the time, e.g. Árpád Vajda, who worked as a police officer, went to the afternoon rounds from his workplace. The older players played card games after the tournament games.

Budapest is the city of culture, sport, traditions, and games. Chess symbolizes all of these: a traditional game and sport with culture-forming potential. Playing chess is part of bathing in Budapest, spending free time in the parks or cafés, and it's present in almost every school of the City.







### CURRENCY

The official currency of Hungary is the forint, whose code is HUF and whose symbol is Ft. The use of payment by card is widespread. Banknotes in circulation are HUF 20,000, HUF 10,000, HUF 5,000, HUF 2,000, HUF 1,000 and HUF 500. Coins in circulation are HUF 200, HUF 100, HUF 50, HUF 20, HUF 10 and HUF 5. The current value of 1 euro is HUF 389 and 1 USD HUF 361.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The international dialing code for Hungary is +36. Its main mobile service providers are Telekom, Yettel and Vodafone. You can buy SIM cards at main post offices, newsagents and petrol stations.

#### Emergency numbers

Ambulance: **104**

Emergency management: **105**

Police: **107**

All persons residing in Hungary are entitled to emergency medical care. **Call 112.**

### ELECTRICITY

In Hungary, the standard voltage is 230 volts and the standard frequency 50 hertz. Plugs are F-type, earthed on both sides.

### TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN BUDAPEST

Taxis in Budapest share the same fare structure and appearance. Cars are yellow, their left front door saying ‘certified Budapest taxi’, their number plates are yellow, and the dashboard and the two rear doors show a tariff table containing the fixed official taxi prices. The official price is the same at all times of the day and for all service providers. In taxis, you can pay in cash, as well as by card and contactless. There are countless car-rental options to choose from around town, and you can also use communal car-sharing services. It should also be stressed that public transport in Budapest is excellent – in addition to its four metro lines, numerous trams, buses and even boat services ensure a safe journey. In addition, the size of the city makes it easy to get around by bike or on foot. The main sights are within walking distance of each other, while the bridges connecting the Buda and Pest sides can be crossed in no time.

### CLIMATE

Hungary is located in Central Europe, in the Carpathian Basin, at the junction of three major European climate areas: Continental, Oceanic and Mediterranean. The climate of the country is Continental, the summers hot and dry, and temperatures above 30 degrees Celsius are not uncommon. During the autumn season the average temperature in September is between 13-17 degrees Celsius.



## GETTING HERE

Budapest is Hungary's number one transport hub. All roads lead to Budapest, where motorways and railway lines converge. At the end of the 19th century, the continent's first underground railway, forerunner of the metro, was built in Pest, running under Andrásy út, the city's most venerable boulevard. The public transport system in the capital is excellent: four metro lines help you get from one end of the city to the other. A dense bus network also extends to hard-to-reach areas of town, and the outskirts are linked to the city by HÉV suburban railway. The signature visual elements of the city centre are the yellow trams, the most famous of which are the numbers 4 and 6. Budapest has the country's largest airport, Liszt Ferenc International, conveniently connected to the city centre by Airport Express bus. A special cogwheel railway takes you up to the Buda hills, and you can climb up to Buda Castle by funicular, an industrial monument.

## VISA INFORMATION

Hungary has been a full member of the Schengen area since December 21, 2007. Visas and residence permits issued by Schengen member states are also valid for Hungary, as well as uniform Schengen visas issued by Hungarian embassies and residence permits issued by Hungarian authorities are also valid in the entire Schengen area. Schengen visa and entry rules apply to short-term stays of no more than 90 days. The rules for stays exceeding 90 days are determined by the national legislation of each member state. In case you are coming from a visa obliged country, after the registration of your country's delegation, as soon as FIDE approves your participation at the Chess Olympiad and Congress, we will send you a visa specific invitation letter, which will be essential for your visa application at your local consulate.

For detailed visa information please download the document from the link below:

[https://chessolympiad2024.fide.com/documents/45th\\_Chess\\_Olympiad\\_VISA\\_info\\_EN.pdf](https://chessolympiad2024.fide.com/documents/45th_Chess_Olympiad_VISA_info_EN.pdf)

[Contact of Hungarian Embassies and Consulates for visa related questions](#)

[Contact of third countries Embassies and Consulates where Schengen state issues visas on behalf of Hungary](#)



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## THE VENUE

### BOK Hall

Address: Hungary, Budapest, Dózsa György út 1, 1146

Located in the center of Budapest, BOK hall is a prestigious event venue with a long history of welcoming world wide global events. The venue will be serving as the central location of the event with functions of, playing venue, accreditation center, Expo and fan zone area.

## PARTICIPATION

The Chess Olympiad is open to all National Federations affiliated to FIDE, each of which can nominate one team for the open section and one for the women's section. Each team consists of four players, one reserve and one captain. The captain may be, but not necessarily, one of the players or the reserve. Additionally, each delegation can nominate one head of delegation and one delegate for the FIDE Congress.

In a groundbreaking decision aimed at promoting inclusivity and support for displaced persons, a team representing refugees will take part in the 45th Chess Olympiad set to take place in Budapest, Hungary, in 2024. The move follows a request made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to the FIDE Council, which has now been officially approved.

The team of refugees will be carefully selected through a supervised process and endorsed by the UNHCR to compete in both the Open section and the Women's section of the most prestigious team chess tournament.

## TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

The Tournament regulations are in accordance with FIDE Handbook:

1. <https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/Olympiad2024.pdf>
2. <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/OlympiadPairingRules2022>

## DRESS CODE

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

## PAIRINGS AND RESULTS

The pairings and results will be available on the official website: [chessolympiad2024.fide.com](https://chessolympiad2024.fide.com) and on [chess-results.com](https://chess-results.com).

Once the deadline for registering players has passed, the Technical Administration Panel (TAP) will process the data received, and communicate all of the relevant information needed for captains to submit their team composition for each round online via the Chess-Results website. This information will include instructions and deadlines for submitting the fixed board order, and team compositions for each round.



# TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR PARTICIPANTS OF OLYMPIAD AND DELEGATES OF FIDE CONGRESS 2024

FIDE will subsidize travel to Budapest for eligible federations as follows.

- 1** Development Level 3, 4 and 5 federations will have their travel to Budapest subsidized up to the following limits:
- for federations in Africa – 1,000 euros per person (*12,000 euros for full team\**)
  - for federations in Americas – 1,500 euros per person (*18,000 euros for full team\**)
  - for federations in Asia – 1000 euros per person (*12,000 euros for full team\**)
  - for federations in Europe – 300 euros per person (*3,600 euros for full team\**)
  - for federations in Oceania – 1,500 euros per person (*18,000 euros for full team\**)

FIDE Treasurer may at her own 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 captain.*

- 2** 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. Such applications will be reviewed and decided by FIDE Treasurer on a case-by-case basis. As a general rule, the travel subsidy limits for Development Level 1 and 2 federations are 50% of the limits stipulated in paragraph 1 for the respective continents. FIDE Treasurer at her own discretion may decide to provide lower or higher subsidies depending on particular circumstances of the federations in question.
- 3** 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.

- 4** National chess federations shall make travel arrangements on their own and send requests for the travel subsidy together with relevant supporting documents (tickets / receipts / invoices / etc.) to FIDE Office. Travel subsidy will be paid within 4 weeks after the Olympiad completion taking into account the actual number of persons who arrived to the Olympiad. Expenses incurred with respect to persons who did not arrive to the Olympiad will not be reimbursed. For the avoidance of doubt, if actual travel expenses are lower than the above limits, only actual expenses will be reimbursed.


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

- 6** Delegates of FIDE Congress are eligible for travel subsidy on the same principles as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

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

- 8** 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 regarding the procedure. If FIDE advises that national chess federations shall make travel arrangements on their own, requests for the travel subsidy together with relevant supporting documents (tickets / receipts / invoices / etc.) shall be sent to FIDE Office. Travel subsidy will be paid within 4 weeks after the Olympiad completion taking into account the actual number of persons who arrived to the Olympiad. Expenses incurred with respect to persons who did not arrive to the Olympiad will not be reimbursed. For the avoidance of doubt, if actual travel expenses are lower than the above limits, only actual expenses will be reimbursed.





# SCHEDULE OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> CHESS OLYMPIAD

DATE	TIME	OLYMPIAD	CEREMONIES
September 10	All Day	Arrival Day	Opening Ceremony
	18:00		
	19:15	Captains Meeting	
September 11	9:00	Arbiters Meeting	
	15:00	Round 1	
September 12	15:00	Round 2	
September 13	15:00	Round 3	
September 14	15:00	Round 4	
September 15	15:00	Round 5	
September 16	15:00	Round 6	Bermuda Party
	21:00		
September 17	All Day	Free Day	
September 18	15:00	Round 7	
September 19	15:00	Round 8	
September 20	15:00	Round 9	
September 21	15:00	Round 10	
September 22	11:00	Round 11	Closing Ceremony
	20:00		
September 23	All Day	Departure Day	





## REGISTRATION

All participants of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress have to be registered by the assigned delegation administrator of the National Federation. Accompanying persons of the FIDE Olympiad and Congress will be required to pay a registration fee of 100 EUR total to the Local Organizing Committee upon finalizing the registration. Payment has to be finalized prior to arrival via bank transfer.

Note that payment of the registration fee is required to receive accreditation to the playing venue.

The registration is open from 18th of April to 10th of July 2024.

Please note, that after this date and until 10th of August, the registration of the federations will be at the organizer's discretion and subject to a penalty fee of 100 EUR per person (late registration penalty). The changes made in the team composition or new registrations made between 18th of April to 10th of July will be accepted without any penalty.

After 10th of August no new registrations will be accepted but changes in the delegations and teams' composition implying registrations of new participants (substitutions) will be accepted until 5th of September.

In those countries where a Reverse delegate has been appointed, it is him/her who is eligible to register the teams/delegation. The penalty fees for late registration will not be applied in those countries where a Reverse Delegate has been appointed.

The organizers have elaborated a special on-line system for the participants of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress. The link to the registration system and detailed explanations is available on the following link: [chessolympiad2024registration.fide.com](https://chessolympiad2024registration.fide.com)

## REGISTRATION OF THE ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

The accompanying persons of the teams may be registered by the Federations or the appointed FIDE Reverse Delegates 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 from official hotel to Olympiad event side and will receive accreditation to the Fan Zone / Expo area. The matches will be viewable from the stands on the first floor of the playing venue. All further costs associated with Accompanying persons will need to be considered on a self-paid basis (hotel room, catering services, etc.)

## REGISTRATION OF CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS

Registration of the FIDE Congress participants is the same as for the teams. The FIDE Congress participants may register from 18th of April to 10th of July 2024 through the official registration system of the Olympiad. As for the Delegates, change of the delegate name is eligible if the Delegate has been changed according to the Article 3.6 of the Electoral Rules.

The questions regarding the registration to the Congress should be addressed to the Organizing Committee at:

[olympiad2024@chess.hu](mailto:olympiad2024@chess.hu) and to FIDE Office at: [office@fide.com](mailto:office@fide.com).

To make the contact between the organizers and the federations easier, the Organizing Committee asks the Federations to nominate only one person in charge of the registration procedure, who will register all the federation's participants, their accompanying persons and FIDE Congress participants.



## IMPORTANT REMARKS

No participants, accompanying persons, delegates will be accepted to the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress without having passed the registration through the official system. No accreditation will be given to them as well.

Please note that the Organizers won't accept any registrations after 10th of August 2024 for visas and security reasons. The exception is applied to the late registration of the FIDE Congress Delegates when eligible.

The Federations will receive their Accreditation Confirmation, as well as the name of the Hotel allocated to them and their accompanying persons within a week after the registration being closed.

## ACCREDITATION

All participants to the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress must be accredited and wear their accreditations when in the venues (Olympiad and the Congress). The federations must send to the organizers an identity picture (2 MB size, vertical oriented portrait, 768x1024 resolution) of each participant that can be used for accreditation via the registration system. Please note that without an identity picture, the accreditation is not valid.

If there is any problem with accreditation during the Olympiad, the participants should go to the accreditation center at the Venue. The FIDE Congress participants should address the FIDE Congress Accreditation Center located in the FIDE Congress Hotel.

## ACCOMMODATION

All participants of the Olympiad will be accommodated in 5- and 4-star hotels located in Budapest. The teams will be allocated to

hotels according to the decision of the Budapest Chess Olympiad Organizing Committee, based on the teams' performance in the previous Olympiad. Teams will be informed regarding their designated hotels within a week after the registration being closed. All teams (6 persons) will get two free standard double rooms and two free standard single rooms with full board. The Chief of Delegation is provided with a standard single room with full board. As per Regulations, each federation pays the accommodation expenses of its Chief of Delegation and accompanying persons.

If the delegations wish to upgrade their rooms to single rooms or to a higher category, it will be possible subject to the hotel availability with a fee paid before the Olympiad, according to the price list of the relevant hotel. Please note that no cash payment will be accepted, and during the check in procedure a bank card should be granted for deposit. The accompanying persons of the teams will be accommodated with the teams according to the possibilities of the hotel.

If a team wishes to stay longer than the official dates of the Olympiad or arrive earlier, Federations should contact the Organizing Committee. Extra fees for the additional days will apply. Please note that because of the high demand the Organizing Committee can't guarantee the availability.

After the confirmation of the registration, if you need changes or have wishes regarding the accommodation (room upgrades etc.), please notify the organizers as soon as possible so that they will have higher chance to help you.

In case of any questions regarding accommodation please contact our accommodation team via the following e-mail:

[olympiad.accommodation@chess.hu](mailto:olympiad.accommodation@chess.hu)





## CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS' ACCOMMODATION

The delegates to the FIDE Congress and other Congress participants that have another function entitling them to a free accommodation will be accommodated in any of the official congress hotels on a full board basis free of charge in single rooms, or in their teams' hotels upon their request (for additional information please refer to the FIDE Congress section) Other FIDE Congress participants, if they are not part of a team, or have another function not entitling them to a free accommodation, should cover their accommodation costs for themselves. Payment should be made in advance via bank transfer taking into account the payment deadline highlighted on your future invoice. In case of any questions regarding accommodation, please contact our accommodation team via the following e-mail:

[olympiad.accommodation@chess.hu](mailto:olympiad.accommodation@chess.hu), copied to FIDE Office at: [office@fide.com](mailto:office@fide.com)

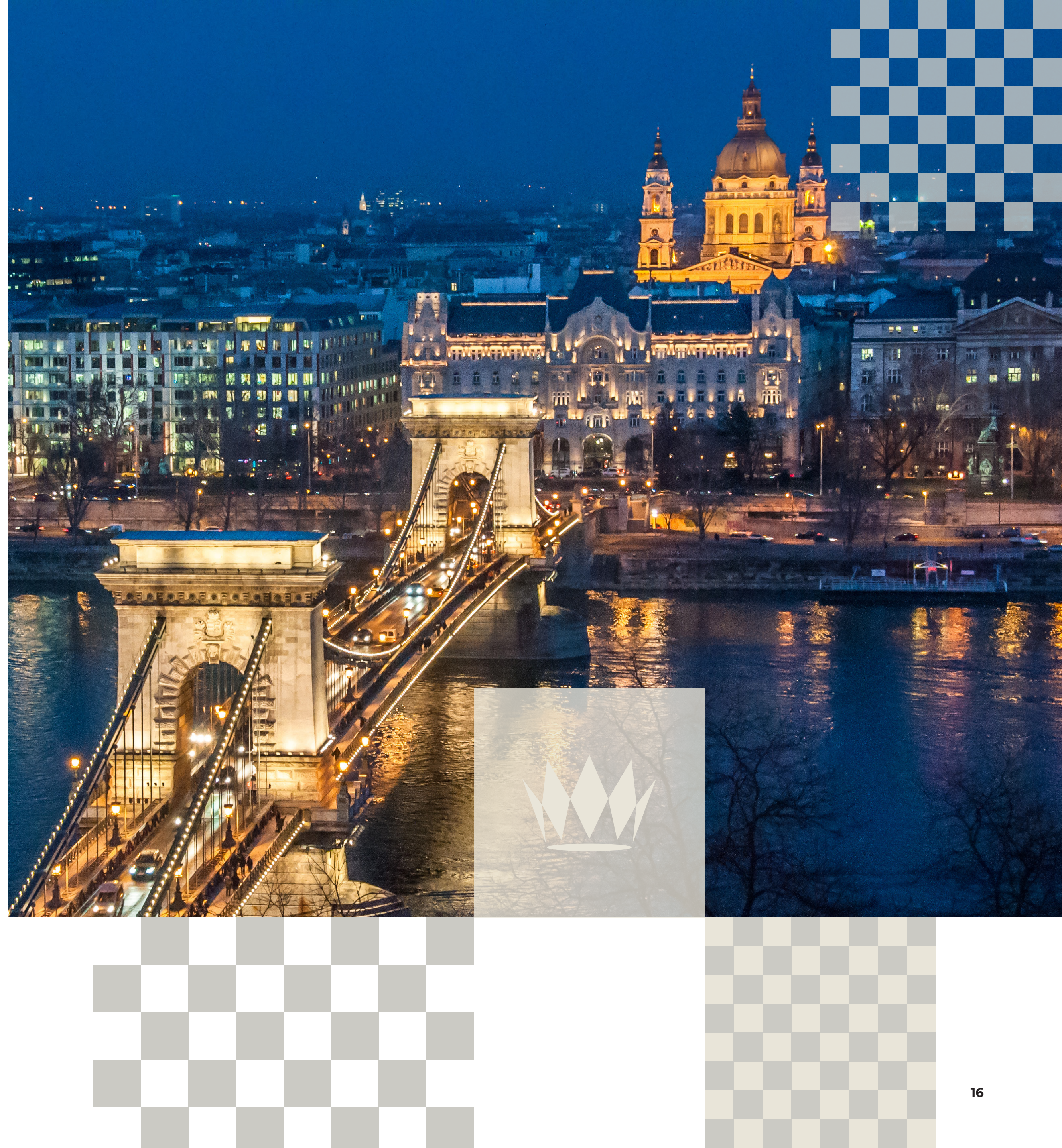
In each hotel there will be an Information desk for the participants, where they will be able to get their accreditation badges, the Information Bulletin (containing all the useful information, program, and schedule) and gifts from the organizers.

The organizers ask the team captain only to check in and out the team and approach the information desk at the Hotel to take the accreditation badges and the gifts for the team. If the captain of the team is missing on the arrival day, the team should select one of their members to do the check-in and take the gifts for the whole team, so as to avoid crowds in front of the help desks. The participants may visit the help desk to get any information or help. To check the help desk working hours, please refer to the Information Bulletin that will be given to you upon arrival at the hotel.

In all hotels, the participants will benefit from a free Wi-Fi service. The meals will be served as a buffet, taking into account basic food sensitivities.

## HOTELS LIST AND PRICES

Details of hotels and prices will be available at the official website of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress.







## TRANSPORTATION

The transportation of the Olympiad and FIDE Congress participants from and to the Budapest International Airport will be provided free of charge by the Organizing Committee. Please provide us the arrival details in the registration system of the Olympiad and the FIDE Congress through the official registration portal:

<https://chessolympiad2024registration.fide.com/>

Our information desks will be located at the airport arrival area, where the participants can get the information and assistance from the Organizers in case of necessity.

Please note that the organizers don't bear any responsibility for lost luggage. Participants taking connecting flights should foresee the possibility of lost luggage and take some belongings in their cabin luggage. Participants should nevertheless inform the organizers at the Airport Help Desk about lost luggage to allow them to bring the luggage to the hotels once it arrives. The daily transportation between the hotels and the playing Hall venue, to and from the Opening and Closing Ceremonies is provided by the organizers. The transportation schedule will be available at the Info desk of each hotel, and the event venue.

## MEDICAL AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All the delegation members arriving for the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad and Congress will be medically insured by the organizers.

The participants of the Chess Olympiad and FIDE Congress must have adequate passenger and accident insurance for the entire duration of the Events. The Organizers shall take out adequate general liability insurance at their own expense with a recognized and financially sound insurance company that covers the risks associated with the planning and execution of the Events, designating the Organizers as insured parties.



## EXPO

There will be an expo area available at Olympiad venue. Those who are interested to have their own pavilion at the expo area are requested to contact the organizing committee at [olympiad2024@chess.hu](mailto:olympiad2024@chess.hu) for further details.

The Expo and the Fan Zone will be located in a common area at the competition venue, where a broad scale of programs, presentations and activities will be available free of charge for those who are interested.

## FREE DAY

On the free day, there will be a football match and sightseeing trip in Budapest, arranged for the participants. Prior registration on arrival with the Organizing Committee at the respective hotel information desk is required for the rest day activities. Bermuda Party will take place before the free day, according to the Olympiad schedule mentioned in the previous chapter.

## PAYMENTS TO THE ORGANIZERS

Accompanying persons of the FIDE Olympiad and the Congress will be required to pay a registration fee of 100 EUR total to the LOC upon finalizing the registration. Payment will need to be finalized prior to arrival, taking into account the payment deadline highlighted on your future invoice.

Note that payment of the registration fee is required to receive accreditation to the playing venue.

This fee covers the accreditation and transportation costs during the whole Olympiad in Budapest.

Please note that the payment to the organizers has to be done via bank transfer. Bank details and deadlines will be communicated to the Federations through the invoices, received from the Organizers. Accommodation: The upgrade fees and the accompanying persons' accommodation fees payment must be made directly to the official travel agency of the Chess Olympiad via a bank transfer, according to the price list of the relevant hotel.

### *Penalty fees:*

Late registration: 100 Euro per person

No show: equal to one-night price.

The total sums to be paid by the Federation will be calculated after their Registration. The bank details for the transfers will be communicated to the Federations in the Invoices that they will get from the Organizers.

The Federations are considered responsible by the Organizing Committee for their accommodation reservations. In case of no shows or problems regarding the payments, the organizers will address the Federations for financial regularizations.

## OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All the necessary information about the Olympiad is available on the Official website of the Olympiad:

<https://chessolympiad2024.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.







## THE FIDE CONGRESS 2024

All FIDE Congress participants must be registered through the Olympiad's official registration system. The FIDE Congress participants will be able to obtain their accreditation cards in the Accreditation Center located in the Hotel assigned for the FIDE Congress.

Except if they demand to the organizers to be accommodated in a different Hotel, the FIDE Congress participants will be accommodated in the Hotel assigned for the FIDE Congress, subject to availability.

The Organizers offer the FIDE Congress delegates (and other Congress participants that have another function entitling them to a free accommodation) free accommodation in single rooms, with a full board. FIDE Congress participants who are not eligible for free accommodation should pay for it themselves according to the rates indicated in the section "Accommodation" at the Official Website.

The additional cost for a double occupancy or upgrade and food supplement should be covered by the FIDE Congress participants if they are coming with an accompanying person. Please note that for Congress participants who register for the FIDE Congress for particular dates, and then change their participation dates without informing the organizers, the accommodation won't be guaranteed.

## THE „FIDE 100” EVENT

Along with the Olympiad, FIDE will celebrate its 100 years anniversary, with various side activities and FIDE Torch Ceremony integrated into the opening & closing ceremony of the Olympiad. Detailed program of the side events will be published on the official Olympiad website and the dedicated FIDE100 website: [100.fide.com](https://100.fide.com).

## THE BUDAPEST CHESS OLYMPIAD ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT

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