

OFFICIAL INVITATION & REGULATIONS

FIDE World Junior U20 Championships 2026

Open & Girls · Greater Caracas, Venezuela

OFFICIAL ARRIVAL	COMPETITION	OFFICIAL DEPARTURE
17 November	**18 – 27 November**	**28 November**

Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas — official 5-star hotel and playing venue
Final Calle La Guairita, Urb. Chuao, Municipality of Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda, Venezuela

Updated version — key changes

- **Version 4:** suite rate updated to **€350 per night** (full board) and prorated rates for invited players upgrading from the free double room: single €105, suite €290 per night (see 5.4–5.5).
- **Version 3: second hotel, Hotel Tamanaco**, with round-trip transfer to the playing hall (see 5.7).
- **Registration deadline extended to 30 October 2026** (including visa-support requests), by agreement between FIDE and the Venezuelan organisers. Payment deadline also 30 October 2026.
- **Schedule:** Technical Meeting on 17 November at 22:00 (after arrival and accreditation); Opening Ceremony on 18 November at 10:00.
- **Suites** added to the accommodation packages (subject to availability).
- **Online registration portal** for National Federations (see 4.2).

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Version 4 — 2 November 2026. This version replaces the previous ones.

1. Invitation

1.1 This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations to participate in the FIDE World Junior U20 Championships 2026 (Open & Girls), to be held at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas, Municipality of Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda. The event will run from 17 to 28 November 2026, with official arrival on 17 November, competition from 18 to 27 November, and official departure on 28 November 2026.

1.2 The Championships are organised by the Venezuelan Chess Federation, in cooperation with the Ministry of People's Power for Sport and under the auspices of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1.3 Any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in this invitation shall be referred to the FIDE Events Commission (EVE). Any amendment or special arrangement is subject to the corresponding FIDE authorisation procedure, including authorisation by the FIDE President where required.

2. Participation

2.1 Each National Federation may register one (1) player in the Open category and one (1) player in the Girls category — two (2) invited players in total — subject to the FIDE age requirement: players must not have reached the age of 20 before 1 January 2026 (i.e. born on or after 1 January 2006).

2.2 Players holding personal participation rights under the applicable FIDE Regulations are also eligible, provided they meet the age requirement for their category:

- a) the top three players of the World Junior Championships 2025;
- b) the Continental Junior Champions of 2025;
- c) the top six (6) U20 players in the Open category and the top four (4) U20 players in the Girls category of the FIDE Rating List of 1 January 2026;
- d) the World Youth U18 and U16 Champions of 2025.

2.3 FIDE member federations may register additional players at their own expense.

2.4 All registrations — invited players, players with personal rights, additional players and accompanying persons — must be submitted through the corresponding National Federation no later than **30 October 2026**. This single deadline also applies to participants requiring visa support. Late registrations are subject to the applicable FIDE Regulations and approval procedures.

3. Fees

3.1 In accordance with FIDE Regulations, the FIDE entry fee is €70 for the first player in each category from each National Federation and €140 for each additional player.

3.2 FIDE entry fees are paid directly to FIDE or charged to the corresponding Federation's account. The Organising Committee does not collect these fees.

3.3 Organisation fee: €120 for each player and each accompanying person.

3.4 All Championship amounts are expressed in euros (€).

4. Registration and payment

4.1 Registration is submitted by each National Federation using the official FIDE registration form, sent to the official Championship e-mail **worldjunior@fide.com** no later than **30 October 2026**, for all categories, including accompanying persons and participants requiring visa support.

4.2 **Online registration portal.** Once the registration form has been received, the Organising Committee sends each National Federation a private link to its delegation's page on the official online registration portal. Through this link the Federation can complete and update its delegation's details at any time — members, accreditation photographs, passport copies, flights, room requirements, diet and allergies — and is informed by e-mail of any missing information and of the status of its registration. The link is valid for the whole Championship; if it is lost, a new one can be requested on the portal. The portal is accessed through the official website, **worldjunior2026.fide.com**, which FIDE redirects to the Organising Committee's registration system.

4.3 Each registration must include: full name, FIDE ID, date of birth, nationality, passport details, participant category, accommodation and room requirements, visa requirements, arrival and departure flight details, accreditation photograph and Head of Delegation contact details.

4.4 No later than **30 October 2026**, all applicable fees and an advance payment of 50% of the total accommodation cost must have been paid. The remaining 50% must be paid before arrival, by the date communicated by the Organising Committee.

4.5 Other payment methods. In addition to bank transfer, payments through PayPal or Binance may be authorised. The participant or Federation must first request the official payment instructions from the Organising Committee at worldjunior@fide.com. The amount due remains denominated in euros (€), and any commission, conversion or platform charge is borne by the sender.

4.6 Registration, late-registration, withdrawal and non-attendance fees are charged in accordance with the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions, art. 3.9: handbook.fide.com/chapter/D0401202312.

4.7 All bank, correspondent-bank and payment-platform charges are borne by the sender. Reservations are confirmed only after the funds have been received and verified. No direct payments to the hotel will be accepted.

Bank information — official EUR account	
Beneficiary	Consorcio Geo Corp
Beneficiary address	120 North Compass Way, Apt 523, Dania Beach, FL 33004, USA
Bank	JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.
Account / IBAN	2911562032
Routing / ABA for wire transfers	021000021
Routing / ABA for ACH	267084131
Payment receipts	worldjunior@fide.com

4.8 Players under 18 years of age travelling without a parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a responsible adult duly authorised in accordance with the applicable regulations.

5. Accommodation and meals

5.1 Accommodation with full board is offered at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas, the official five-star hotel and playing venue, in Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda. The complex offers hotel and convention facilities, restaurants, a Business Centre, swimming pools, a gym and extensive event spaces, so accommodation, meals, competition and organisational services are concentrated in one location. Full-board meals for Championship participants are served as an open buffet during the established meal periods, with meal times coordinated with the playing schedule and subject to the hotel's normal service rules and reasonable-use controls.

5.2 Championship accommodation is offered in standard rooms (single or double occupancy) and, subject to availability, in suites. Rooms are allocated by the Organising Committee according to registration requirements, hotel availability and the applicable occupancy conditions; roommate preferences indicated at registration will be taken into account where possible.

5.3 Official hotel website: hoteleuro.com/es/hotel/caracas (also eurobuilding.com.ve). Delegations may consult the hotel's current public rates there. The Championship rates are preferential group conditions and include full board, Wi-Fi, official transfers and organisational assistance.

5.4 Officially invited players entitled to accommodation receive free accommodation in a double room for 11 nights, from 17 to 28 November 2026, with full board from lunch on 17 November to breakfast on 28 November, subject to the hotel's normal service rules and reasonable-use controls. Invited players who prefer another room type pay only a prorated charge per night, with full board and subject to availability: **single room €105 per night** (€1,155 for 11 nights) and **suite €290 per night** (€3,190 for 11 nights).

5.5 Official all-inclusive packages (price per person):

	Double room	Single room	Suite*
Package, 11 nights	**€1,375**	**€1,925**	**€3,850**
Reference daily rate	€125	€175	€350
Stay	17 – 28 November 2026 · 11 nights		
Meals	17 Nov: lunch and dinner · 18–27 Nov: breakfast, lunch and dinner · 28 Nov: breakfast		
Included	Open-buffet meals, Wi-Fi, airport reception, official transfers and organisational assistance		

* Suites are limited and allocated in order of confirmed payment.

5.6 On double-round days, breakfast will be available before the 10:00 round, lunch will be served between rounds and dinner will be available after the 17:00 round.

5.7 Second hotel: in addition to Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas, the Championships offer a second hotel, **Hotel Tamanaco** (Caracas). Package per person for the whole tournament, in a double room:

Hotel Tamanaco	Package per person
Double room with breakfast	**€750**
Double room with all meals	**€1,100**

Round-trip transfer included (Hotel ⇆ Playing Hall ⇆ Hotel). The competition venue, Eurobuilding (main hotel), is just 5 minutes away.

6. Schedule

6.1 The official playing halls are located at Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas. All times are local (Caracas, UTC−4).

Activity	Day	Date	Time
Official arrival · Accreditation	Tuesday	17 Nov	All day
Technical Meeting	Tuesday	17 Nov	22:00
Opening Ceremony	Wednesday	18 Nov	10:00
Round 1	Wednesday	18 Nov	16:00
Round 2	Thursday	19 Nov	15:00
Round 3	Friday	20 Nov	15:00
Round 4	Saturday	21 Nov	10:00
Round 5	Saturday	21 Nov	17:00
Round 6	Sunday	22 Nov	15:00
Free day	Monday	23 Nov	All day
Round 7	Tuesday	24 Nov	10:00
Round 8	Tuesday	24 Nov	17:00
Round 9	Wednesday	25 Nov	15:00
Round 10	Thursday	26 Nov	15:00
Round 11	Friday	27 Nov	10:00
Closing Ceremony & Prize-Giving	Friday	27 Nov	16:00
Official departure	Saturday	28 Nov	All day

The Technical Meeting is for Heads of Delegation and coaches; the room will be announced at accreditation.

7. Tournament regulations

7.1 The tournament is played according to the Swiss System over 11 rounds.

7.2 Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

7.3 Default time: a player who arrives at the chessboard more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the round loses the game, subject to the applicable FIDE regulations.

7.4 Draw offers are not permitted before move 30 without the consent of the arbiter.

7.5 Tie-breaks, in order of priority: (1) direct encounter, where applicable; (2) Buchholz Cut 1; (3) Buchholz; (4) greater number of games played with Black; (5) greater number of wins; (6) drawing of lots, if a tie remains after all the listed criteria — in accordance with the FIDE Tie-Break and Play-Off Regulations in force from 1 March 2026.

7.6 FIDE titles and norms are awarded in accordance with the applicable regulations.

7.7 The FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and guidelines apply throughout the Championships.

8. Prizes

8.1 The preliminary prize fund is €12,750:

Place	Open	Girls
1st	€3,500 + trophy + gold medal	€2,500 + trophy + gold medal
2nd	€2,500 + trophy + silver medal	€2,000 + trophy + silver medal
3rd	€1,250 + trophy + bronze medal	€1,000 + trophy + bronze medal

8.2 All participants receive an official participation certificate. The top three players in each category also receive an official diploma.

9. Appeals

9.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or the assistant arbiters must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Appeals Committee within 60 minutes after the end of the game concerned.

9.2 Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit of €200, returned if the appeal is upheld and retained if it is rejected, in accordance with the applicable procedure.

9.3 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced later.

10. FIDE technical officials

10.1 Chief Arbiter: to be confirmed.

10.2 FIDE Technical Delegate: to be confirmed.

11. Visa information

11.1 Federations and participants requiring a visa must inform the Organising Committee as early as possible and submit the required information to worldjunior@fide.com no later than **30 October 2026**.

11.2 Applications under the VISA PRO-V 90 procedure are processed through the Cancillería Digital portal of the Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs.

> **Official portal to start the visa application**
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> Cancillería Digital — Ministry of People's Power for Foreign Affairs: cancilleriadigital.mppre.gob.ve/login
> First-time users must create an account and complete the consular registration as a foreign natural person before starting the visa request. Official manuals and guidance: mppre.gob.ve/cancilleria-digital

11.3 Applicants should prepare: a passport valid for at least six months; a passport-style photograph with a white background; the application form; proof of financial means; the invitation letter; and any other documents required by the Venezuelan authorities.

11.4 The Venezuelan Chess Federation will provide the corresponding institutional support documents, including the invitation letter. Visa approval is the exclusive responsibility of the competent Venezuelan authorities.

12. Transport

12.1 The organisers provide official transfers between Simón Bolívar International Airport (Maiquetía / La Guaira), the main international airport serving Greater Caracas, and Eurobuilding Hotel & Suites Caracas for registered participants travelling on the official dates. The round trip is included in the official hospitality package.

12.2 Special transfers (round trip, per person):

Airport	Distance from Caracas	Price
Arturo Michelena International Airport (Valencia)	approx. 200 km	€120
G/D José Antonio Anzoátegui International Airport (Barcelona)	approx. 300 km	€160

12.3 Arrival and departure flight details must be included in the registration (see 4.2–4.3) so that airport reception and transfers can be arranged.

13. Electricity

13.1 In Venezuela the electrical grid operates at 120 V and 60 Hz. Plug types A and B are commonly used.

14. Currency and exchange

14.1 The official currency of Venezuela is the bolívar. All Championship prices, rates, fees and financial obligations are set in euros (€). Where an authorised payment method processes another currency or asset, the participant must pay the equivalent of the amount invoiced in euros, following the Organising Committee's instructions.

15. Other regulations

15.1 Chess clocks: the Organising Committee provides FIDE-approved chess clocks.

15.2 Mobile phones, electronic devices and wristwatches are prohibited in the playing hall, in accordance with FIDE regulations.

15.3 Excursions and free-day activities (23 November) will be announced by the Organising Committee.

16. Reports and contact

Organising Committee	Venezuelan Chess Federation (Federación Venezolana de Ajedrez)
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Official e-mail	worldjunior@fide.com
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