



Chess Olympiad Selection Criteria

2026 Olympiad in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

September 1-13, 2026

1 General

- 1.1 The Chess Olympiad is the principal team contest organized by FIDE.
- 1.2 The Olympiad is held at two-year intervals of even-numbered years (2026, 2028, 2030 etc.).
- 1.3 The 2026 Olympiad will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from September 1-13.
- 1.4 The Olympiad consists of an Open Section and a Women's Section.
- 1.5 The national teams of federations affiliated to FIDE shall select its teams as follows:
 - Open Section: 4 players, 1 reserve.
 - Women's Section: 4 players, 1 reserve.
- 1.6 Each team shall have a captain (coach), who may also be one of the players (or reserve). The captain's duties will be to lead the team's matches and be the liaison with the Chief Arbiter.
- 1.7 The organizing federation shall send the invitation in its final form to all federations affiliated with FIDE no later than six months before the start of the Olympiad.
- 1.8 Not later than four months before the start of the tournament, every federation that intends to participate must inform the organizing federation of its acceptance of the invitation.
- 1.9 At the same time, the federation concerned must pay FIDE the requisite entry fee, failing which the federation shall not be allowed to participate in the Olympiad.

1.10 Not later than two months before the start of the tournament, every Federation that has entered must notify the following details to the Administrator:

- a) Full name of the Chief of Delegation
- b) Full name and FIDE ID of the team captain
- c) Full name and FIDE ID of each team member
- d) Full names of all accompanying persons
- e) Any information required in connection with visas.

1.11 Not later than 1 month before the start of the tournament, every participating federation shall pay the Organizer, or a legal entity appointed by the Organizer the full amount due for the accommodation of all delegation members (accompanying persons, guests). In case of delay, accommodation cannot be guaranteed to the respective delegation members.

2 Criteria

Selection by the Barbados Chess Federation (BCF) of a person to represent Barbados at the 2026 Chess Olympiad shall be but is not limited to the following:

- a. The person must be a financial member of the BCF in good financial standing.
- b. The person must have played a minimum of 15 FIDE-rated games under standard time control locally, regionally, or internationally during 2025. A FIDE-rated game is any game in any tournament submitted to FIDE for rating and does not consider if the opponent has a FIDE rating.
- c. Any persons representing Barbados shall be a citizen or permanent resident of Barbados and satisfy FIDE rules for eligibility of players as stated in Section B. 04 of the FIDE Handbook.
- d. Where the person to be selected is a Junior Member, the parent/guardian must give written consent for him or her to participate.
- e. A person's passport must be valid for at least six months after the official departure date of the Olympiad.

3 Selection

3.1 The 2025 National Champions (Open and Ladies) shall receive an invitation to join the Barbados team for the 2026 Olympiad.

3.2 The remaining four players on both squads (Open and Women) will be picked by

a Selection Committee which shall be established by the Executive Board of the BCF. The Selection Committee shall be comprised of five (5) persons. The BCF Executive Board shall also nominate the chairman.

3.3 The Selection Committee shall also pick two Alternates (ranked 1 and 2) for both squads (Open and Women).

3.4 If a 2025 National Champion (Open and Ladies) declines the invitation to join the Barbados team for the 2026 Olympiad, the Selection Committee will be required to pick five persons for the applicable squad/s.

3.5 The Selection Committee shall be provided with the following:

- a. Tournament charts in which a Barbadian registered player has played in during 2025.
- b. FIDE Rating List as at January 1st 2025.
- c. All prior Olympiad performances by Barbados teams.
- d. List of players under disciplinary action.

3.6 The 2nd Vice-President, Tournaments, Ratings Officer, and the General Secretary of the BCF shall assist the Selection Committee by furnishing all necessary information and other administrative assistance but shall not form part of the committee.

3.7 In the event of a tie within the Selection Committee, the Chairman shall cast an additional deciding vote. The deliberations of the selection committee are confidential. Three (3) members of the Selection Committee shall form a quorum.

3.8 Having concluded its deliberations, the Selection Committee shall present its recommendations to the BCF Executive Board no later than the end of June 2026. The Executive Board shall then ratify the selection of the teams.

4 Performance Indicators

4.1 In reviewing the performance of players during 2025, the Selection Committee shall consider the following (and any other performance indicator it considers relevant):

- a. Podium Finishes
- b. Final Standing in events
- c. Best individual results – top 5 opponents defeated and top 5 draws in the period based on opponents' FIDE rating
- d. Worst individual results – against only FIDE-rated players

- e. Players' top tournament performance rating under standard time control – the player must not have defaulted on any games.
- f. Players' FIDE ratings as of January 1st, 2026
- g. Results at previous Olympiads

4.2 The preceding performance indicators are not listed in any order of priority.

5. Code of Conduct

Selection to the Barbados Olympiad team is subject to the player signing and agreeing to the BCF's Code of Conduct for international events which covers teamwork and other behavioural requirements and making a deposit of 20% of the cost of the air ticket to cover any expenses incurred by the BCF should they withdraw from the team.

In an event where the player is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian is required to sign the Code of Conduct.

6. Accompanying Persons

6.1 For Players Under 18:

- a. A parent or guardian must accompany players under 18 years old.
- b. The parent or guardian is responsible for the player's safety, nutrition, sleep, promptness, focus, and general care.

6.2 For Players 18 and Over:

Players who are 18 years or older are considered adults and do not require an accompanying person.

6.3 Travel Expenses:

- a. Parents accompanying the team are responsible for their registration fee and travel expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and meals.
- b. The BCF will cover the costs for the players only.

6.4 Exceptions:

- a. At the discretion of the BCF's 1st Vice-President and the Head of Delegation, exceptions may be made to allow an alternative adult to act as a guardian for a player under 18 years of age.

- b. The BCF's Child Travel Consent form must be completed and signed by all adult parties for unaccompanied players under 18 years old.

6.5 For Adult Players with Accompanying Persons:

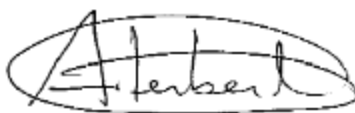
Adult players wishing to have an accompanying person on tour are responsible for the accompanying person's registration fee and travel expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and meals.

7. BOA Insurance

The BCF, through the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA), maintains a personal injury insurance policy that covers injury during competition and training for competition. All players representing Barbados are required to be enrolled in the BOA's Personal Injury Policy unless proof is provided of existing medical and travel insurance for the period of travel. Accompanying persons are advised to purchase travel insurance.

8. Letters

Events that occur during school terms or university semesters will require permission of school and university authorities. Persons employed in both the private and public sectors might also require time off from work to attend the Olympiad. The BCF's General Secretary will provide a letter to each team member confirming their selection to the Barbados Olympiad team and the required absence from school/college/university or workplace for this event.



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