



Association  
Internationale  
Des Echecs  
Francophones

## **Official Competitions Listed on the AIDEF Calendar**

### **Specifications**

Following the reception of applications, their examination and evaluation by its Board, Francophone Chess Association (AIDEF) will delegate, under the conditions outlined in this specifications document, the organization and management of official competitions listed on its annual calendar.

#### **1. Participation:**

Participation in competitions and events organized by AIDEF or in partnership with it is exclusively reserved for players with a national FIDE code from one of its members. The list of AIDEF members is published on the association's website.

#### **2. Applications:**

Any member federation, league, club, association, private or public enterprise, or individual may apply to host an official AIDEF competition, if they provide the necessary guarantees for its preparation and smooth execution.

For this purpose, a convention outlining the respective commitments of AIDEF and the organizer will be signed between the two parties upon selection.

### **3. Playing Conditions:**

Organizers must provide a playing hall with sufficient space to comfortably accommodate the competition and the audience (2m<sup>2</sup> per player).

The playing hall must be well-lit, ventilated, easily accessible, have an adequate number of toilets, and be in close proximity to the accommodation venue. An analysis room must also be made available to participants, with enough space for approximately ten games.

For slow-paced competitions, water, coffee, and tea should be made available to players during games. Some dry biscuits would also be appreciated.

### **4. Accommodation:**

The hotel or residence chosen by the organizer must meet comfort criteria equivalent to a minimum 3\*NN category and adhere to international safety standards.

The travel duration from the nearest airport to the tournament venue should not exceed a one-hour drive.

The organizer is responsible for assisting participants with administrative procedures and visa applications.

The meals served must be of high quality and ideally offered at the same location as the accommodation venue.

Internet access must be free in both rooms and common areas.

### **5. Organization:**

The venue, dates, and times of the competition will be chosen by the organizer in agreement with AIDEF.

All competitions must be approved for FIDE international Elo rating, whether it be standard, rapid, or blitz time controls.

The chief arbiter will be designated by the organizer in agreement with AIDEF. An appeals committee consisting of 5 individuals of different nationalities will be established before the start of the first round: 1 member from AIDEF, 1 member from the organization, and 3 players.

The organizer must have an adequate number of chess sets, boards, and clocks, as well as score sheets that meet the international standards set by FIDE.

The organizing committee must arrange the playing hall with "riders" displaying the name, title, and country of each participant, as well as display boards indicating the schedule and times, the list of participants, prize lists, pairings, results, and rankings.

Titled players (FIDE Masters, International Masters, Grandmasters) do not pay entry fees for the tournaments.

The list of cash prizes will be determined in mutual agreement between AIDEF and the organizer. The organizer will guarantee the prizes and provide trophies, medals, souvenirs, etc.

Promotion of the event, as well as national and international media coverage, should be as extensive as possible and handled by both AIDEF and the local organization.

Representation costs for opening and closing ceremonies will be

borne by the organizing committee. During the closing ceremony, a cocktail or dinner reception will be organized in the presence of local officials and invited national and international chess authorities.

Depending on its means, possibilities, and partnerships, AIDEF will provide financial assistance to the organizer.

Additional considerations include press conferences and journalist invitations, tournament bulletins, articles published in print media and daily online coverage, live broadcasting of games on the internet, tourist outings and recreational activities, pleasant lodging conditions, democratic participation and accommodation requirements, and positive references regarding the organizers' experience in this field.

List of Competitions:

- International Francophone Chess Meetings
- Individual Men's and Women's Standard Cadence Championships.
- Individual Open Rapid Chess Championship.
- Individual Open Blitz Chess Championship.

International Francophone Chess Meetings:

The "International Francophone Chess Meetings" are the major event that AIDEF must organize annually, preferably in a different country each year.

They should enable all Francophone chess players who wish to do so to meet and participate in competitions, tourist visits, workshops, symposiums, training sessions, arbitration, etc.

As part of these meetings, the candidate for organization can take on the simultaneous organization of several competitions listed on

the AIDEF official list, suggest others, and propose additional activities and events.

### Individual Men's and Women's Standard Cadence Championships:

Players will participate in a mixed tournament consisting of 9 rounds, following the Swiss system, and using one of the official standard FIDE time controls.

A separate ranking designating the AIDEF champion and championess will be established.

The tournament will last for a minimum of 7 days with only 2 double rounds, but preference will be given to an organizer who offers a single game per day.

Guaranteed minimum prizes will be 8000 euros: 6000 euros for the general ranking, 1000 euros for women, and 1000 euros for seniors and veterans.

Prizes for different ELO categories will be provided in the distribution.

This distribution, the tie-break system, and the prize calculation system will be determined in mutual agreement between the organizer, AIDEF, and the chief arbiter.

The entry fee for the tournament cannot exceed 50 euros for adults and 25 euros for players under 20 years old.

The organizer will invite and cover the expenses of at least 30 players designated by AIDEF based on responses to invitations sent to all members and specific requests. Selection will be made to ensure the representation of as many countries as possible.

The organizer will also invite and cover the expenses of the previous edition's winner and championess, as well as three members of the AIDEF Board.

The invitation will include full board accommodation in double rooms (single for Grandmasters), airport transfers, excursions, tournament participation, and closing ceremonies. Preference will be given to an organizer offering single rooms to all guests.

Travel costs will be the responsibility of the invited player or their federation. If the budget allows, the organizer will provide financial assistance to federations with limited resources. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Individual Open Rapid Chess Championship:

Players will participate in a tournament with a minimum of 13 rounds, following the Swiss system and using one of the official FIDE time controls for rapid chess (e.g., 15 minutes + 5 seconds per move).

The tournament will take place over 2 consecutive days, preferably on a weekend, when organized separately.

If the tournament is organized as part of the International Francophone Chess Meetings, it may consist of 9 rounds in a single day.

The guaranteed minimum prizes will be 4000 euros.

Prizes for different ELO categories will be provided in the distribution, as well as prizes for women, juniors, seniors, and veterans.

The distribution, tie-break system, and prize calculation system will be determined in mutual agreement between the organizer and AIDEF.

The entry fee for the tournament cannot exceed 25 euros for adults and 15 euros for players under 20 years old.

#### Individual Open Blitz Chess Championship:

Players will participate in a tournament with a minimum of 11 rounds, following the Swiss system and using one of the official FIDE time controls for blitz chess (e.g., 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move).

The guaranteed prizes will be at least 2000 euros.

Prizes for different ELO categories and a women's prize will be provided in the distribution.

The distribution, tie-break system, and prize calculation system will

be determined in mutual agreement between the organizer and AIDEF.

The entry fee for the tournament cannot exceed 10 euros for adults and 5 euros for players under 20 years old.