



FIDE Endorsed International Children and Youth Festival «ChessYes» U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 ONLINE (October 09 – November 07, 2021)

FIDE Endorsed International Children and Youth Festival «ChessYes» consists of two separate events: online (October 09 – November 07, 2021) and offline (October 27 – November 02, 2021) tournaments. Festival is an official side event to the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss and Women's Grand Swiss 2021 held in Riga (October 25 – November 08, 2021).

1. Goals and Tasks

- Promoting chess sports among children and youth;
- Advancing youth national teams and other participants;
- Increasing the level of sportsmanship and qualifications of the participants;
- Creating and developing the knowledge capital of youth;
- Strengthening of interregional and international sports relations.

2. Organizers

The International Chess Federation (FIDE), Latvian Chess Federation, Public organization "KIS", the non-governmental organization "Rudaga Plus" with the support of Children and Youth School of Education and Creativity "Rudaga" (Jurmala, Latvia), chess club "KAISSA" (Riga, Latvia).



3. Platform and Schedule

The tournaments will be played on www.lichess.org

This will take place according to the below table:

Event	Date	Age group	Style	Duration	Time
1.	9 OCT 2021	U 8 (G & O)	Swiss-Q1	9 rounds	09:00 UTC
2.	9 Oct 2021	U 8 (G & O)	Swiss-Q2	9 rounds	15:00 UTC
3.	10 Oct 2021	U 10 (G & O)	Swiss- Q1	9 rounds	09:00 UTC
4.	10 Oct 2021	U 10 (G & O)	Swiss-Q2	9 rounds	15:00 UTC
5.	17 OCT 2021	U 12 (G & O)	Swiss-Q1	9 rounds	09:00 UTC
6.	17 OCT 2021	U 12 (G & O)	Swiss-Q2	9 rounds	15:00 UTC
7.	23 OCT 2021	U 14 (G & O)	Swiss-Q1	9 rounds	09:00 UTC
8.	23 OCT 2021	U 14 (G & O)	Swiss-Q2	9 rounds	15:00 UTC
9.	24 OCT 2021	Finals U8 Open	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
10.	24 OCT 2021	Final U8 Girls	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
11.	30 OCT 2021	Finals U 10 Ope	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
12.	30 OCT 2021	Finals U 10 Girls	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
13.	31 OCT 2021	Finals U12 Oper	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
14.	31 OCT 2021	Final U12 Girls	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
15.	7 NOV 2021	Finals U14 Girls	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC
16.	7 NOV 2021	Finals U 14 Ope	Knock out	5 rounds matches)	13:00 UTC

4.Entry Process

Step 1. Players are required to fill in the entry form and pay the entry fee.

Step 2. Players will need to apply to join the team on Lichess.org. Players need to join to the club which belongs to their age group. The link for joining will be send after registration.

Step 3. Once entry fee is paid, a team administrator has approved the request, the player can join the tournament. Players with a single event entry will be removed from the club after the conclusion of that event.



5. Tournament Style

Tournament will consist of different age groups:

U 8: Born on or after 1st of January 2013

U 10: Born on or after 1st of January 2011

U 12: Born on or after 1st of January 2009

U14: Born on or after 1st of January 2007

Each age group will have tournaments consist of two stages: Qualifier Stage and Final stage.

The Qualifier stages will be played by two online 9-round Swiss System tournaments per age group:

- Open & Girls under 8 (Qualifier A – U8)
- Open & Girls under 8 (Qualifier B – U8)
- Open & Girls under 10 (Qualifier A – U10)
- Open & Girls under 10 (Qualifier B – U10)
- Open & Girls under 12 (Qualifier A – U12)
- Open & Girls under 12 (Qualifier B – U12)
- Open & Girls under 14 (Qualifier A – U14)
- Open & Girls under 14 (Qualifier B- U14)

Players can choose to play in one qualifier or more. From each Qualifier event, top 8 Players per category (Top 8 Open and Top 8 girls) will be qualified to the final stages. In case a player declines his right to play the finals for any reason, the organizer may replace him/her by the next player in the standing.

The second stage event (Finals) will consist of a 16-player Knock out tournaments:

- Open Under 8
- Open Under 10
- Open Under 12
- Open Under 14
- Girls Under 8
- Girls Under 10
- Girls Under 12
- Girls Under 14

Based on 2 games (with alternate colours).

For the final stage, players must download and install ZOOM. The application can be downloaded at the link: <https://zoom.us/download>

Players are required to turn on their webcams and activate the Share My Screen feature in ZOOM during each round. See Fair Play section.



The time control for the both stages will be 5 minutes + 3 second increment starting from the first move.

6. Tie-Breaks

Tie breaks for qualifier stage will be based on Lichess.org tie-break score.

Tie break for Final will be based on one Armageddon tie-break game 5 minutes for White /4 minutes for Black with no increment and the black qualifies if the game is drawn.

7. Fair-play rules

Lichess.org anti-cheating checks will be in operation.

The Arbiter may send PGNs for further screening by FIDE Screening tools.

For Final stages, other people or electronic devices (except for the player's computer or laptop) are not allowed in the playing area. Playing from a mobile device or tablet is not permitted in the final stage.

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Players are required to turn on their webcams and activate the Share My Screen feature in ZOOM during each round.

If the player does not enter the ZOOM chat at the beginning of the round, or turns off the webcam, or stops showing his screen, this can lead to a loss.

Tournament participants are prohibited from broadcasting from any platform, including Twitch, YouTube and other international platforms. It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. If a player is disconnected from the server, the player may reconnect and continue the game while he still has time on the clock.

Lichess.org policy regarding disconnections, game interruptions and anti-cheating must be followed.

The announcement of the final results of the tournaments will be after an anti-cheating the next day after the completion of all stages of the tournament.



8. Registration fee and registration

The registration form: <https://chessyes.online/>

Registration fee for participation in each tournament is 10 euros.

Players (U-8, U-10) must send the completed registration form by October 06, 2021.

Players (U-12) must send the completed registration form by October 13, 2021.

Players (U-14) must send the completed registration form by October 20, 2021.

The registration for the tournament is carried out by the parents or legal representatives of the player.

9. Payment

Players (U-8, U-10) must pay registration fee no later than October 6th, 2021.

Players (U-12) must pay registration fee no later than October 13th, 2021.

Players (U-14) must pay registration fee no later than October 20th, 2021.

All bank charges are paid by the sender.

For more information on payments, follow the link: <https://chessyes.online/>

10. Prizes

All tournament participants will receive electronic certificates of participation.

a. Winners and awardees (1-3 places) will receive electronic diplomas.

b. Players taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the category U-8, U10 (open & girls) will be awarded a free online 1.5-hour group lecture with **GM Gordievsky Dmitry**.

Players taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the category U-12, U-14 (open & girls) will be awarded a free online 1.5-hour group lecture with **GM Boris Gelfand** – FIDE World runner-up Champion (FIDE World Chess Championship 2012).

Changes in the composition of lecturers and the lecture schedule are possible.

11. Contacts

Tournament official website: <https://chessyes.online/>

Tournament group in WhatsApp:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GYhvjGFYraJ85tkEPYbM3r>

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