



Player's Contract for Participation in the FIDE Grand Prix 2019

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the FIDE Grand Prix 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the GP 2019). The Organizer of the GP 2019 is FIDE, in collaboration with World Chess Events Ltd (hereinafter referred to as WCE). WCE is acknowledged and has agreed to this contract.

The two (2) winners of the GP 2019 qualify for the Candidates Tournament of the World Chess Championship Cycle 2019-2020.

In order to ensure that the GP 2019 is played in accordance with its approved regulations, the statutes and the decisions of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Venues

1.1 The GP 2019 will consist of four (4) tournaments which will be held in various cities worldwide. Each participant of the Series shall play in three (3) tournaments.

The dates and cities of the tournaments are as follows:

- 1st leg: May 16th – 30th - Moscow, Russia;
- 2nd leg: July 11th – 25th Jurmala/Riga, Latvia;
- 3rd leg: November 4th – 18th - Hamburg, Germany;
- 4th leg: December 10th – 24th - Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Depending on force majeure circumstances, FIDE reserves the right to change locations and dates.

1.2 All the players of the GP 2019 are expected to stay at the official hotels designated by FIDE and the Organisers.

2. Confirmation deadlines

2.1 The qualified players are requested to email this document to reach the FIDE Secretariat by no later than midnight CET, 14 February 2019. All pages of the contract must be initialed by the player and the last page must be signed in full.

2.2 In the last page of this contract, players must rank their preference of tournaments according to the list of dates and cities above. FIDE is not obliged, but will endeavour to respect the players' preferences, and will balance the player allocation to a host city according to objective criteria such as average tournament rating, and continental representation. Once the players are allocated, FIDE reserves the right to transfer players from one tournament to another within the cycle if required due to exceptional or unexpected circumstances.

2.3 Players failing to turn up for an event may forfeit their participation in the series and FIDE reserves the right to replace them immediately.

3. The Player's Obligations

3.1 On signing this player's contract, the player commits himself to completing the GP 2019 in accordance with the regulations for the GP 2019, the decisions of the FIDE General Assembly, FIDE Presidential Board and FIDE President, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess which form an integral part of this contract, save in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate. FIDE is entitled to require independent verification of any medical reason given for non-participation or withdrawal.

3.2 By signing this contract, the player agrees not to compete in any cycle, tournament or match outside of FIDE, with the purpose of establishing a World Chess Champion, for a period of 4 (four) years from the end of the GP 2019.

3.3 FIDE, in accordance with the GP regulations, reserves the right to penalize any player who, after signing this contract, fails to complete the GP 2019 without a valid reason.

3.4 During the GP 2019 the players are obliged to attend press-conferences, give interviews and make public appearances, respecting the dress code as described in the official regulations. Any breach can result in fines according to GP 2019 regulations.

3.5 The players are required to appear punctually for the commencement of play at the start of each round. Any unjustified violation of this rule may result in a fine of up to EUR 1,000. Such a fine is to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and shall be deducted from the prize money.

3.6 The players are required to attend the Opening Ceremony or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE GSC. Any unjustified violation of this rule may result in a fine up to 5% of the player's prize money forfeited to the Organisers and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. Decision about this fine shall be approved by FIDE Presidential Board.

3.7 The players who take part in the final match of each leg shall attend the Closing Ceremony. The failure to attend it may result in a fine up to entire amount of the player's prize in this tournament. Decision about this fine shall be approved by FIDE Presidential Board.

3.8 The player accepts that the arbiters may carry out any inspection or security checks at any time just before the start of the game, during the game or immediately after the game to ensure that no electronic or other equipment has been brought into the playing hall by the players.

4. Financial conditions

4.1 Each tournament of the Grand Prix will have a prize fund of 130,000 euros, in accordance with the official regulations, provided by World Chess Events Ltd. In addition, FIDE introduces a prize of fund of 280,000 euros for the best cumulative scores in the Series as per Regulations.

4.2 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the prizes will be transferred to the personal account of the player not later than 14 (fourteen) business days after the end of the Tournament.

4.3 The game score sheets are the property of FIDE.

5. Arbitration

5.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract must be submitted in writing to the Presidential Board, which will decide on the matter. In case an acceptable solution is not found, each party may submit the case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the case definitively in accordance with Swiss Law. The court proceedings shall take place in English.

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By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the FIDE Grand Prix 2019 and have in consultation with my national federation acquainted myself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, FIDE Grand Prix regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, FIDE Laws of Chess, and accept the conditions related to my participation. In addition, I confirm my acquaintance with GP Regulations and accept all the responsibilities of player as per GP Regulations.

Place and date:

Full Name of Player:

Rank of preferred 3 cities/tournaments, if possible to be arranged, as per article 3.2 above:

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SIGNATURE OF PLAYER:

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Place and date:

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich

SIGNATURE: