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Qualifying Tournaments

XXXV Central American and Caribbean Games 2026

REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Qualifiers for the XXV Central American and Caribbean Games 2026 will be held in hybrid format through the Tornelo platform from January 17 to 18 in accordance with the FIDE Online Chess Regulations.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Each participating country can register 2 players for the men's division and 2 players for the women's division.

2.2. Each country will register a captain or delegate for the technical meeting and any other communication during the event.

2.3. By registering for the tournament, participants, as well as their representatives, confirm that they have read and accepted these regulations, terms and conditions.

3. COMPETITION

3.1. Two tournaments will be played, one for men and one for women.

3.2. The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over 11 rounds. Pairings will be determined by Tornelo.

3.3. The time rate will be 10 minutes for the entire game, plus 10 seconds per move from the first one.

3.4 The tournaments will be valid for the FIDE rapid rating system.

4. QUALIFY

4.1. The top 15 countries in each tournament will qualify for the XXV Central American and Caribbean Games 2026.

4.2. The final ranking in each division will be decided by the sum of points obtained by both players. The country with the highest number of points will be declared champion.



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5. TIEBREAKS

In case of a tie, the qualifiers will be decided by applying the following tie-breaking systems in the order mentioned:

- Sum of the Buchholz Cut 1 of both players.
- Sum of the Buchholz scores of both players.
- Sum of the Sonneborn-Berger of both players.
- Sum of the performances of both players.

6. SCHEDULE (Panamá Time)

Little Congress	Jan 13	19:00
Test Tournament	Jan 15	19:00
Venues Test Tournament	Jan 16	19:00
Round 1	Jan 17	11:00
Round 2	Jan 17	11:50
Round 3	Jan 17	12:40
Round 4	Jan 17	13:30
Round 5	Jan 17	14:20
Round 6	Jan 18	11:00
Round 7	Jan 18	11:50
Round 8	Jan 18	12:40
Round 9	Jan 18	13:30
Round 10	Jan 18	14:20
Round 11	Jan 18	15:10

7. REGISTRATION

7.1. Registration will be done by the organizing country to the following email addresses: fideamericaoficial@gmail.com and sabrinadesanvicente@gmail.com

7.2. The deadline for registration will be February 2, 2026.



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8. VENUES

8.1. All players will compete under a hybrid system from the country venue approved by the organization (CCA), under the responsibility of the local organizer..

8.2. Each venue must be equipped with the necessary number of panoramic cameras to ensure comprehensive surveillance. Additionally, each player must be monitored by a camera..

8.3. The electronic devices used for the games can be provided by the local organizer or by the players..

8.4. The local organizers will be responsible for the costs involved in the previously established conditions..

8.5. The final arrangement for each venue will be approved by the Head Referee..

9. FAIR PLAY RULES

9.1. At each venue, fair play measures must be applied in accordance with the FIDE Online Chess Regulations. Unless authorized by the arbiter, the use of a mobile phone or any communication device is prohibited in the playing area or any other area designated by the arbiter..

9.2. Only referees and players are allowed in the playing area during the rounds..

9.3. A player may be expelled from the tournament for a violation of the fair play rules, by decision of the Chief Arbiter or the Fair Play Panel. All games will be scanned. The final standings will be published after all games have been reviewed..

9.4. Players may use a PC or laptop with a webcam during gameplay. No second devices or other software/applications are allowed during gameplay..

9.5. Players must download and install Zoom from the following link: <https://zoom.us/download>. If a player does not join Zoom at the scheduled start time for the round or turns off their camera, they may forfeit the match. Players agree that the referee may unmute microphones as needed. In countries where Zoom is not available, another VCS will be used..

9.6. In any case not described in these rules, the FIDE Online Chess regulations apply.

10. ADDITIONAL RULES

10.1. Server failure: In the event of a server failure during a match, CCA will take appropriate action based on the duration of the failure. Completed matches are always valid..

10.2. In the event that all players at a venue disconnect simultaneously during a round, the host country is authorized to reconnect as long as the affected players have time remaining on their clocks. If time runs out, they forfeit the game, unless their opponent cannot win. If the venue is able



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to reconnect, the chief arbiter may decide to adjust the clocks or restart the games from move one, depending on the circumstances..

10.3. The Tornado platform offers players the option to "call the arbiter." This button pauses the clocks and its sole purpose is to request assistance from the sector or local arbiter in specific situations. Improper use of this option may result in the offending player losing the game..

10.4. CCA is not responsible for technical problems that may occur during the game at the venues..

10.5. In any case not described in these rules, the referee will decide.

11. LOCAL ORGANIZATION

11.1. The head referee at each venue will be appointed by the CCA in agreement with each local organizer. The local organizers will cover the costs of the local referees..

11.2. Additionally, CCA will appoint a Central Panel of Referees, the Appeals Committee, and the Fair Play Panel to observe the event.

11.3. The Home Referees report to the Head Referee and the Central Referee Panel of the Championship and are part of the Referee Team.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE

12.1. The Appeals Committee will consist of a chairperson (appointed by the CCA), two regular members, and two alternates. It is preferable that no two members come from the same country.

12.2. No member will be part of the committee that judges a dispute if their country is involved..

12.3. The following may be subject to decisions by the Appeals Committee:

- a. Protests against the decisions of the head referee or the tournament director.
- b. Complaints of inappropriate conduct by participants in the event.
- c. A complaint based on a misinterpretation of the regulations.
- d. A protest or complaint against any participant.
- e. Any other matter that the Committee considers important and worth discussing.
- f. Fair Play decisions cannot be appealed.

12.4. Any appeal regarding aspects of the competition must be submitted within 15 minutes of the end of the round in which the event being appealed occurred. The appeal must be submitted in writing, accompanied by the strongest supporting evidence. It must be delivered to the Chief



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Referee, the Tournament Director, or the Chair of the Appeals Committee, either in writing or by email, in which case an immediate confirmation from the recipient will be required..

12.5. A fee of one hundred US dollars is established for the right of appeal, without exception and as an indispensable prerequisite for all appeals filed; this fee must be submitted with the appeal or deposited into CCA's checking account. If the appeal is unsuccessful, this amount will be retained by CCA. If the ruling is in favor of the appellant, the fee will be refunded. The bond may also be returned, even if the appeal is unsuccessful, if the Committee deems the appeal reasonable..

12.6. The appeal must be made through the delegate..

12.7. The appeal does not suspend the effects of the decision made by the head referee or the tournament director, which are immediate..

12.8. Once the appeal has been submitted, the Committee will proceed to examine the evidence. For this purpose, it may take statements from any person as necessary, conduct technical consultations, and carry out other forms of investigation..

12.9. The Appeals Committee must strive to find acceptable solutions in the spirit of FIDE and CCA. It may resolve contentious issues with or without disciplinary measures, applying the Laws of Online Chess, which provide penalties for players who break the rules, as well as any other sanctions established in the specific event rules or in these regulations.

12.10. The Appeals Committee's decision will be final.

13. OTHER

13.1. A triple repetition of position and the 50-move rule will automatically result in a draw by the platform and, failing that, by the arbiter..

13.2. CCA has the right to change the schedule, update the regulations, or decide on matters not mentioned in these terms and conditions..

13.3. INFORMATION AND CONTACT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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Annex I

Conditions of the playing venues

General

The playing areas must be selected and installed by the local organizer; approved by CCA.

Supervision

At each gaming venue, the necessary number of panoramic cameras must be installed to ensure a wide field of view. Additionally, each player must be monitored by camera (PC camera or panoramic camera).

At each gaming venue, Zoom calls with screen sharing are mandatory. In countries where Zoom is not permitted, another VCS (Virtual Video System) may be used.

Local Arbiters

The arbiters should preferably be IA or FA members who have attended online/hybrid event courses organized by the FIDE Arbitration Commission or have experience in this type of event.

Electronics

All venues must have metal detectors.

The venue must provide a space to store any electronic devices not authorized by the referee.

Special Requirements

The bandwidth must be sufficient to support panoramic cameras, video calls, and screen sharing for all players.

Electrical outlets are needed to connect all computers and other devices.

A wired internet connection is recommended, using two different internet signals that automatically switch between connections.

Others

The tables must be arranged in a classroom format, with the referee at the back. The venues will be inspected a few days before the tournament begins.



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The restrooms must be for the exclusive use of players and referees.

Players must log into the VCS and the game platform at least one hour before the start of their match.



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