

GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

FISU AMERICA CHESS 2026-Opening

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Legal Nature of FISU AMERICA

FISU AMERICA is a non-profit entity, governed by the FISU AMERICA Statute and in accordance with the regulations of the International University Sports Federation (FISU).

AMERICA Organization is made up of all the regions that make up the American continent.

FISU America Ends

The aims of FISU America are as follows:

2.1 To integrate and promote through physical activity, sport, and recreation, student-athletes and university leaders of the American Continent.

2.2 Promote and develop American university sport.

2.3 To strengthen and deepen the relationships of unity, friendship, and solidarity between students, leaders, and Higher Education Institutions of the American Continent, without discrimination of gender, race, religion, language, and political ideals.

2.4 Contribute to the development of physical activity, sport, and recreation at the national, regional, and continental levels.

2.5 Cooperate with member countries in carrying out continuing education programs, which will improve the level of managers, technicians, and student-athletes in order to promote research and development in sports.

From the constitution of FISU AMERICA

FISU AMERICA is made up of all the National University Sports Federations (NUSF) of the countries belonging to the American Continent that are legally recognized by FISU and affiliated to FISU America.

FISU AMERICA CHESS TOURNAMENT 2026-I

The “FISU America Chess 2026-I” tournament will be held under the guidelines established by FISU America, using the Lichess.org platform for the games.

Aim

The objective of the 2026-I edition of the chess tournament organized by FISU America is to involve all university federations on our continent, allowing our student-athletes to participate in a high-level sporting competition, in line with the values of FISU and FISU America.

Registration period

Dates: Friday, March 20 to Friday, April 10

Registrations will be done using the FISU AMERICA system.

Opening and general technical meeting

Date: Monday, April 13

Time: 8 PM (GMT -3)

It is important to note that, once the information has been submitted, no changes to the participants will be allowed.

Stake

Participants must secure their place by registering through their National University Sports Federation (NUSF). Each country may register as many participants as it wishes, with no limit.

Age requirements: Participants must be between 18 and 25 years old, i.e., born between 01/01/2001 and 31/12/2008.

Tournament format

With the aim of encouraging university participation and holding a continental tournament, two competitions will be organized: individual and national team.

Individual Tournament

Game format: For both individual tournaments, depending on the number of registered participants, one group or two groups will be formed, as decided by the organizers.

Qualifying Stage: 7-round Swiss System. Time control: 3 minutes +0.

Three rounds will be played, with points awarded to advance to the final. The eight players with the most accumulated points will qualify. In case of a tie, the tie-breaking system provided by the Lichess platform (Sonnenborg Berger) will be applied.

If there are 2 groups (A and B), the 6 best from each group will qualify.

Final Stage: Wimbledon System. Time control: 3 minutes +0.

The top 8 or 12 players (depending on the number of groups) will compete in a single-elimination tournament, paired by FIDE ranking or, failing that, alphabetically. Games must be streamed online (details to be determined at the technical meeting).

Competition schedule:

1st ROUND: Monday, April 20

2nd ROUND: Tuesday, April 21

3rd ROUND: Wednesday, April 22

FINAL: Thursday, April 23

Competition Time: 8 PM (GMT -3)

Team Tournament

Each National University Sports Federation (NUSF) may enter up to 3 teams. Each team must consist of 3 participants, ensuring that at least one of them is of a different gender (2 female and 1 male, or 2 male and 1 female). Each team may have one substitute.

The head of delegation will be responsible for registering the athletes on the FISU America platform.

Game mode:

The team tournament will be played in an Arena format. Time control: 3 minutes with no increment (3+0). Each round will last 60 minutes, with no Berserk or Streak. Results will be determined by adding the points of all team members.

There will be three groups. If a country fields three teams, each team will be assigned to a different group. Countries with only one team will be randomly drawn to determine their group.

After establishing the sum of points obtained in the 3 days, the 3 teams with the most

points in each group will play a final to determine the absolute champion and the respective second and third places of the FISU America Chess 2025. In case of a tie, the tie-breaking system provided by Lichess (Sonnenborg Berger) will be applied.

Competition schedule:

1st ROUND: Monday, April 27
2nd ROUND: Tuesday, April 28
3rd ROUND: Wednesday, April 29
FINAL: Thursday, April 30
Competition Time: 8 PM (GMT -3)

Penalties

The maximum time allowed to submit a complaint is 24 hours. The resolution of the complaint will depend on the time it takes the Lichess.org system to process it (up to 72 hours). After this time, no changes will be made.

Penalties will be applied to both the player and the team. Offensive messages in or outside of the Lichess chat will result in a 20% discount on the score obtained in the stage.

The use of analysis engines or programs will result in the expulsion of the player and the loss of 100% of their score, as well as the restitution of points to the rivals faced.

Grades:

- If a player closes their account, it will be considered that they have used a betting engine. If it is later verified that they did not, their points will be refunded, provided that no more than 72 hours have passed since the end of the match day.
- If any player falsely reports any of their opponents' accounts, they will be disqualified from the tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct.

To ensure fair play, a player may be randomly requested, through the captains, to share their screen during the tournament.

Unfounded accusations of using engines or programs: If a player is accused without grounds and it is proven that there was no misuse, the accuser will be penalized with a 20% discount on their score in the round.

Supplementary provisions

You are not obliged to accept a backpedaling move when the opponent requests it.

In the event of an update on the Lichess platform that affects more than 15 minutes, the day can be repeated if at least 80% of the captains agree.

If an opponent loses their internet connection, they can claim a win or declare a draw.

Scoring during the arena mode will be under the Lichess rules.



Pairings and results made by the lichess.org platform will not be grounds for complaint. All players with nicknames must put their real name and flag in their profile. Any unforeseen case will be resolved by the Organizing Committee, whose decision will be final and unappealable.

Image rights

By registering, all participants, whether professional players or not, grant free and irrevocable authorization for the use of their name, image, and voice in digital and non-digital media for the promotion of the championship. This authorization does not imply any payment obligation and is valid indefinitely.

General terms

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify, in whole or in part, the terms and conditions of these regulations, informing participants of any changes through the organizer's website.

Next event

In October 2026, we'll have the FISU America Chess 2026-II. Don't miss it.

Organizing Committee

