

FMJD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Rules and Regulations

General organization

1. The organization of the World Championship 2025 has been allotted by the FMJD to the Cameroonian Draughts Federation (CDF) and will take place from June 5th, till June 23rd in Yaoundé - administrative city capital of Cameroon.
2. The Championships are organized on the basis of guarantees included in the contract between FMJD and Ministry of sports and physical education of the Republic of Cameroon.
3. Schedule:
 - Thursday, June 4th arriving day
 - Saturday, June 14th departure of the players not qualified to the final¹
 - Monday, June 23rd last round and closing ceremony
 - Tuesday, June 24th departure
4. The 48 players are nominated according FMJD rules. Names presented in Appendix A.
5. Tournament venue - Palais Polyvalent des Sports de Yaoundé (The Multi Sports Palace of Yaoundé). Address - Warda Quarter Yaoundé.

Reserve players

6. Before the end of March 2025 → if a qualified player informs the FMJD that he cannot participate, he is replaced by a player from the tournament from which he was qualified.
7. From April 1st, 2025 → global reserve list will be used according Annex XVII, Appendix C.

Top 6 players at that list are:

 - 7.1. gmi Ron Heusdens (Netherlands)
 - 7.2. mi Kevin Machtelinck (France)
 - 7.3. Zihan Zhang (China)
 - 7.4. mf Ben Proovoost (Netherlands)
 - 7.5. mf Shaomake Chen (China)
 - 7.6. mi Arjan van Leeuwen (Netherlands)

¹ Cameroonian DF is planning another events for this players. Separate information will be published later.

Applications

8. The national federations presenting players (or the players themselves) must pay the competitions fee **before end of April 2025** (details in chapter about finances). If the fee is not recorded on FMJD bank account, player will be replaced by reserve player without additional reminder.

Referees

9. The chief referee is ir Bartosz Socha (Poland).

10. Appeal board:

- ir Frank Teer (Netherlands) – chairman
- ir Jacek Pawlicki (Poland) – member
- ir Jan Zioltkowski (Germany) – member

According to FMJD Annex II, the appeal has to be written in English or French. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 50 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the main referee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the FMJD. The appeal has to be lodged by the player within 30 minutes after the game to the chief referee. The decisions of the Appeal Board are final.

Format of the tournament

11. Semi-finals

- 11.1. All 48 players will be divided into 4 round-robin semi-final tournaments.

- 11.2. Composition of the groups.

The players will be divided into the groups in order of FMJD ratings (April 1st) with the rule, that players from one country (if less than 5) cannot be in the same group. If the participants list will be changed, the rating list of participants will be re-ordered.

Group A → 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, 24, 25, 32, 33, 40, 41, 48

Group B → 2, 7, 10, 15, 18, 23, 26, 31, 34, 39, 42, 47

Group C → 3, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22, 27, 30, 35, 38, 43, 46

Group D → 4, 5, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29, 36, 37, 44, 45

11.3. Paring in groups. The drawing of numbers in the groups will be done during the opening ceremony with the condition that players from the same country have to meet before the 6th round.

11.4. The best 3 players from each semi-final go to the final tournament.

12. **The final** of the World Championship will be played as round-robin tournament with 12 players. Semi-final games between qualified players from the same group are counted for the final.

12.1. Drawing will be done just after the last round in the semi finals. The following rules will be used:

12.1.1. players from group A get the numbers from 1 to 3

12.1.2. players from group B get the numbers from 4 to 6

12.1.3. players from group C get the numbers from 7 to 9

12.1.4. players from group D get the numbers from 10 to 12

12.2. Numbers for the players from the same country:

12.2.1. If 6 players from the same country → 1, 4, 7, 10, 2, 5 (numbers for groups should be changed accordingly)

12.2.2. If 5 players from the same country → 1, 4, 7, 10, 2 (numbers for groups should be changed accordingly)

12.2.3. If 4 or less players from the same country, all should receive number from one of the pool:

A - 1, 4, 7, 10

B - 2, 5, 8, 11

C - 3, 6, 9, 12

12.3. Paring:

round 1	1-4	2-5	3-6	10-7	11-8	12-9
round 2	7-1	8-2	9-3	4-10	5-11	6-12
round 3	1-10	2-11	3-12	7-4	8-5	9-6
round 4	5-1	6-2	4-3	11-7	12-8	10-9
round 5	1-6	2-4	3-5	7-12	8-10	9-11
round 6	9-1	7-2	8-3	12-4	10-5	11-6
round 7	1-12	2-10	3-11	4-9	5-7	6-8
round 8	8-1	9-2	7-3	11-4	12-5	10-6
round 9	1-11	2-12	3-10	4-8	5-9	6-7

13. Rules for all round-robin groups including final.

- 13.1. If two or more players end with the same score the following factors will be used to define the places occupied:
 - 13.1.1. the largest number of victories
 - 13.1.2. the best results between the tied players
 - 13.1.3. the best results obtained in order of the classification
- 13.2. If all criteria from the previous point will not decide about the final order:
 - 13.2.1. for the places 1, 2 or 3 - a deciding super blitz will be played: 15 minutes and 2 seconds added per move for an unlimited number of games. If more players share the place then a round robin tournament with superblitz games (10 minutes and 2 seconds). The number of minutes to start with may be changed by the main referee depending on the number of players ending ex-aequo and the time available, if necessary after consultation with the Tournament Director FMJD and the organization.
 - 13.2.2. for the places 4- ... the places will be shared (prizes will be divided)
 - 13.2.3. For the semifinal rules above are valid only if it is decisive for promotion. Otherwise, place will be decided by drawing.
- 13.3. The games will be played in the official time rate of 45 moves in the 1 hour and 30 minutes, followed by extra 30 minutes plus 30: bonus per move, starting from move number 46.
- 13.4. Specific rules for players delay:
 - 13.4.1. Every player who will not be present at the start of the opening ceremony will be deleted from the participants list.
 - 13.4.2. Delaying for the round. Players have to come in time to the playing hall, not later than exactly on the time the games are scheduled to start.
 - 1st penalty – official warning
 - 2nd penalty – 100€ (for the final games – will be subtracted from the prizes)
 - each next time a player is too late the game will be declared lost for him

14. Electronic doping

Following FMJD Annex 3 article 2.4.13 it is absolutely forbidden for the players to carry with them and / or use any kind of electronic devices (like mobile phones, smart phones, handheld computers, pocket computers, wireless communication devices, etc.). If a player his phone rings and is in his possession during the game his game will be declared lost for him. Also if a player is seen during the game using his telephone or other electronic device his game will be declared lost for him.

15. All other rules from FMJD Annexes are valid.

Finances

16. Competition fee is **200€ per player**
17. The national federations presenting players (or players themselves) have to pay the registration fee of their players using one of the following methods:
 - 17.1. on-line system at FMJD website (<https://fmjd.org/fin/fees/>). to the representative of the FMJD (description of payment must contain players names)
 - 17.2. directly to FMJD bank account (details: <http://fmjd.org/fmjd.html>) :
PostFinance SA
BIC code: POFICHBEXXX IBAN: CH12 0900 0000 1616 1095
FMJD Legal address Maison du Sport International, Avenue de Rhodanie 54,
1007 Lausanne, Switzerland
18. **It is impossible to pay by cash.**
19. Prize money – total amount is € 25.000. Details tournament presented in Appendix B.
20. Prizes will be paid from FMJD bank account no later than 7 days after receiving all necessary details to make the transfer.

Accommodation, food, Visa

21. Official hotel – will be announced by Competition Tournament Director (CTD) in direct communication with federations involved.
22. Free package - hotel, breakfast, lunch and dinner for the period: dinner June 4th till breakfast: June 13th - all players, June 23rd – the finalist (top 12).
Free package is based on single rooms.
23. Extra day or other guests (coaches, press, spectators) must pay themselves. The details are subject of direct contact with CDF.
24. Transfer from/to Yaounde Nsimalen Airport (NSI) is guaranteed for free only if data of flights delivered to CDF before end of May.
25. CDF contact for any hospitality/visa etc questions: claudengondiep@yahoo.fr.
26. Competition Tournament director – **Claude Ngondiep**, CDF President
(claudengondiep@yahoo.fr)

Miscellaneous

27. The first place gives right to the title of '**World Champion International Draughts 2025**'
28. Rights from this World Championship for the title match 2026 and the World Championship 2027.
 - 28.1. The World Title Match 2026 will be played between Jan Groenendijk (Netherlands), World Champion 2024 as a challenger and the World Champion 2025. If World Champion 2024 becomes a champion 2025, a challenger (opponent for the match) is vice Champion 2025.
 - 28.2. Next in order of World Championship 2025 are also reserve players for the Title Match 2026.
 - 28.3. Both opponents from title match 2026 are qualified for the World Championship 2027. If match will not be played, Jan Groenendijk and World Champion 2025 are qualified.
 - 28.4. The best in order of final qualification (apart names from point 28.3) is also qualified for the World Championship 2027.
29. The players finishing in the first three places will receive a medal and an official diploma.
30. All questions concerning technical issues should be addressed to FMJD Tournament Director (Siep Buurke, email: siep.buurke@fmjd.org)
31. In the case of lack of clarity in the FMJD regulations or in these regulations, or in unforeseen circumstances, the matter at hand will be decided by the main referee and/or Appeal board (depending on case).
32. The Cameroon Draughts Federation is solely responsible for the prize money and all costs related to hotel, catering and safety of the players.

Appendix A Participants

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| 1. gmi Jan Groenendijk (Netherlands) | World Champion |
| 2. gmi Iurii Anikeev (Ukraine) | World Champion 2023 |
| 3. gmi Martijn van Ijzendoorn (Netherlands) | #3 World Championship 23 |
| 4. gmi Wouter Sipma (Netherlands) | #4 World Championship 23 |
| 5. gmi Jitse Slump (Netherlands) | #5 World Championship 23 |

Promoted from African Championship

6. **Tardorel Itoua** (Congo)
7. **Cesar Mouanda** (Congo)
8. gmi **Joel N'cho Atse** (Ivory Coast)
9. gmi **Jean Marc Ndjofang** (Cameroon)
10. **Moussa Diallo** (Mali)
11. **Maxime Ilboudo** (Burkina Faso)

Promoted from Pan American Championship

12. gmi **Allan Igor Morena Silva** (Brazil)
13. mi **Souleymane Keita** (USA)
14. mf **Alexander Rudnitsky** (USA)
15. mi **Frantz Forbin** (France – Guadeloupe)

Promoted from Asian Championship

16. gmi **Wei Zhou** (China)
17. **Haotian Xue** (China)
18. **Odonbaatar Banzragch** (Mongolia)
19. cmf **Baasanbar Burneebaatar** (Mongolia)

Promoted from European Championship

20. gmi **Guntis Valneris** (Latvia)
21. gmi **Alexander Shvartsman** (Israel)
22. gmi **Martin Dolfing** (Netherlands)
23. gmi **Kees Thijssen** (Netherlands)
24. gmi **Artem Ivanov** (Ukraine)
25. gmi **Edvard Buzinskij** (Lithuania)

- 26. mi **Alessio Scaggiante** (Italy)
- 27. gmi **Raimonds Vipulis** (Latvia)
- 28. mi **Filip Kuczewski** (Poland)
- 29. mf **Sebastian Wieczorek** (Poland)
- 30. gmi **Aleksej Domchev** (Lithuania)
- 31. mi **Farhad Huseynov** (Azerbaijan)
- 32. **Bohdan Panchenkov** (Ukraine)
- 33. mf **Daniele Berte'** (Italy)

Personal places for top 3 players from rating (replaced in order of World Cup)

- 34. **Chenfan Wang** (China)
- 35. **Chenyi Kuang** (China)
- 36. mi **Simon Harmsma** (Netherlands)

2 players from World Cup

- 37. gmi **Thomy Lucien Mbongo** (France)
- 38. gmi **Jos Stokkel** (Netherlands)

4 players from the Global Reserve List

- 39. gmi **Arnaud Cordier** (France)
- 40. gmi **Sven Winkel** (Netherlands)
- 41. mi **Emre Hageman** (Netherlands)
- 42. mi **Jan van Dijk** (Netherlands)

6 places to be nominated by Cameroonian Draughts Federation

- 43. Host country place
- 44. Sponsor place
- 45. Sponsor place
- 46. Sponsor place
- 47. Sponsor place
- 48. Sponsor place

Appendix B Prizes

1st place	6,000 €
2nd place	4,000 €
3rd place	3,200 €
4th place	2,200 €
5th place	1,900 €
6th place	1,700 €
7th place	1,500 €
8th place	1,300 €
9th place	1,100 €
10th place	900 €
11th place	700 €
12th place	500 €