

Operating Procedure

How to get a FIDE ID (FIN)

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1. Context and Overview

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This document defines the Chess Scotland Operating Procedure on submission of events for FIDE rating in relation to creation of FIDE ID numbers (FIN).

2. Scope

Please complete the FIDE ID application form and confirm that you fulfil the eligibility conditions and email the form to Chess Scotland.

The only information which Chess Scotland provides to FIDE is the player's name, year of birth and gender.

FIDE ID allocation is usually immediate, and the player will be added to the FIDE database with a unique FIDE ID.

There is no charge.

Players do not need to be Chess Scotland members.

It is a requirement that every player who participates in an event which is submitted for FIDE rating has a valid FIN (FIDE ID Number).

- 2.1. Chess Scotland can create new FIDE IDs for any eligible player who does not already have an ID.
- 2.2. Chess Scotland can only create IDs for players with the federation designation of SCO for Scotland.

3. Eligibility

This procedure defines the allocation of a FIDE ID with the Scotland (SCO) designation.

There are three eligibility considerations as follows:-

- 3.1. Was the player born in Scotland?
- 3.2. Was either of the player's parents born in Scotland?
- 3.3. Has the player been resident in Scotland for at least two years* immediately prior to the date of receipt of an application to Chess Scotland for an initial FIDE registration or a transfer to Scotland?
(*This period is one year for a junior under the age of 18 at the time of receipt of the application.)

A positive response to any one of the above three questions would mean that the player is eligible for the allocation of a FIDE ID with the Scotland designation. If a player cannot meet any of the eligibility grounds indicated above, then Chess Scotland will decline to create a FIDE ID for that player. The player is advised to seek an ID from their home federation.



4. Juniors under 16

Chess Scotland require that a parent or guardian of a player under the age of 16 confirms their wish to have their child allocated a FIDE ID.

5. Temporary residents

The eligibility provision on residency is intended to apply to those who are normally resident in Scotland and intend to continue living in Scotland rather than those who are only here on a temporary basis. For example a residence qualification is therefore not available to students (with course structures based on years/terms/semesters) who intend to return to a home or position outside Scotland after graduation or others who are only temporarily located in Scotland. In those cases a FIDE registration should be sought from the “home” country.

6. Transfer Fees

If a player wishes to transfer away from Scotland to a different federation, they should be aware that FIDE will impose an administration fee. The current (Jan 2022) minimum fee is 50 euros with significantly higher costs for strong titled players. If a player is eligible for more than one federation, they should consider the potential cost of changing later to a different federation before they request an initial Scotland registration. If a player with a Scotland registration leaves the country they may have restricted rights to play in certain events in their new country of residence in which case a transfer may be required. Players wishing to transfer from another federation to Scotland must meet the eligibility requirements and any costs associated with the transfer - they should contact the Chess Scotland International Rating Officer for detailed advice on transfer requirements.

7. Longevity

Once granted, the SCO registration remains unless the player wishes to transfer to another federation or commits a serious breach of Chess Scotland rules of conduct.

8. FIDE rated events

If an event wants data to be submitted for FIDE rating, they must ensure that all players have or will be able to secure a valid ID prior to submission of the event for FIDE rating. Chess Scotland officials will provide information, advice and assistance with regard to player eligibility for Scotland registration. We strongly advise that FIDE ID issues should be resolved prior to a player participating in an event. Failure to do so may incur extra fees for the organiser or invalidate the event for FIDE submission.



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Application Form for a FIDE ID (FIN) with the Scotland Federation

Surname(s) of player	
First name(s) of player	
CS PNUM	
Chess Club	
Town of residence	
Year of Birth	
Gender	

(Name, year of birth and gender is the only information provided by Chess Scotland to FIDE)

Eligibility for FIDE ID

Please read the eligibility rules [How to get a FIDE ID Operating Procedure](#) (Press ctrl + link to open)
Please confirm that you are eligible for a FIDE ID (FIN) with a Scotland (SCO) designation by typing "YES" in the box provided.

Chess Scotland will register the applicant with FIDE which will generate a unique FIDE ID (FIN). A link to the player's online record on the FIDE site will be provided which indicates the FIDE ID (FIN). A monthly update of FIDE ratings of Scotland players is available on the [FIDE rating page](#). (Press ctrl+link to open)

Under 16s

If the player is under the age of 16 we require that the parent or guardian please confirm their wish that their child be registered with FIDE.

Name of parent/guardian	
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Please confirm that your child is eligible for a FIDE ID (FIN) with a Scotland (SCO) designation and you wish the registration to be made by typing "YES" in the box provided.

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Once completed please email this form to grading@chessscotland.com and fide@chessscotland.com