

World Chess plc

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Partnership with Chess Federation of Tajikistan

Key Highlights

World Chess plc (LSE: CHSS), a leading chess organisation that develops and operates the official online gaming platform of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), today announces that it has entered into a partnership with the Chess Federation of Tajikistan.

- World Chess to host eight national online qualifiers for the President's Cup 2025 on worldchess.com
- Collaboration extends beyond tournaments into training, fair-play programmes, and digital chess education
- Demonstrates growing popularity of World Chess's platform and increasing adoption by national federations
- Partnership reflects World Chess's strategy to expand internationally and become the preferred digital partner for federations worldwide

Under the agreement, World Chess will provide its tournament infrastructure and digital services to support the **President's Cup of Tajikistan 2025**, which will be held in Dushanbe from 9-16 November 2025.

Eight national online qualification tournaments will be staged exclusively on worldchess.com to determine the strongest players in the country. The final tournament in Dushanbe will feature qualifiers from these events, including leading women, juniors, and veterans.

In addition to competitions, World Chess and the Federation will collaborate on online training, fair-play initiatives, and digital learning programmes for players and coaches. This partnership highlights the growing adoption of World Chess's platform and marks another step in its international expansion strategy, as more national federations seek to modernise their activities through official digital partnerships.

Zafar Mirzo, President of the Chess Federation of Tajikistan, said:

"Chess has deep roots in Tajikistan, and the President's Cup is one of the most important sporting events in our calendar. Partnering with World Chess allows us to bring the tournament to a wider audience, provide modern tools for training and development, and ensure that our players can compete on an international standard platform. We believe this partnership will help us inspire the next generation of Tajik players while showcasing our country's chess culture to the world."

Ilya Merenzon, Chief Executive Officer of World Chess, commented:

"We are delighted to partner with the Chess Federation of Tajikistan. This collaboration is a natural fit with our mission to grow chess globally by combining national traditions with world-class digital infrastructure. The President's Cup is both a celebration of chess in Tajikistan and a demonstration of how national federations can use World Chess to train, inspire, and connect players. Our platform is developing rapidly, and this is one of many opportunities we expect to pursue as federations look to modernise their activities online."

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Notes to Editors

World Chess (LSE: CHSS) is a London-based chess gaming and entertainment company and Fédération Internationale des Échecs ("FIDE") official commercial partner. World Chess organised the FIDE Championship Matches in the USA and the UK and revolutionised the sport by signing the biggest media partnerships in chess history. World Chess develops Armageddon, the chess league for prime-time television. World Chess also runs FIDE Online Arena, the exclusive official chess gaming platform. More at worldchess.com.

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