



FIDE Trainers' Commission (TRG)

FIDE Trainers' System (Regulations)

FIDE Titles - TRG Seminars

The TRG (Appendix 1), by taking into account previous decisions of FIDE Presidential & Executive Boards & General Assemblies and various proposals of recent years, revised and finalised the present Regulations.

These Regulations will apply to the FIDE Trainers' System, dealing with FIDE Titles and TRG Seminars. All previous decisions on these matters will have no further validity and are replaced by the present document (FIDE EB 2017).

1. Trainers' Titles

1.1. FIDE & TRG recognise the following titles (in descending order of expertise):

- 1.1.1. FIDE Senior Trainer (FST)
- 1.1.2. FIDE Trainer (FT)
- 1.1.3. FIDE Instructor (FI)
- 1.1.4. National Instructor (NI)
- 1.1.5. Developmental Instructor (DI)

1.2. Title Descriptions - Requirements - Awards:

1.2.1. FIDE Senior Trainer (FST)

1.2.1.1. Scope - Mission:

- a. Lecturing in Seminars as Lecturer/Seminar Leader (if approved).
- b. Training the trainers, developing the future of chess training, inspiring, encouraging and innovating.
- c. Training players particularly with rating above 2450.

1.2.1.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

- a. Proposal/endorsement from his/her national federation.

- b. FIDE Trainer or minimum 10 years experience as a trainer in general.
- c. Holder of the title GM, IM or FM.
- d. Achieved a career high FIDE ELO rating of 2450 (strength).
- e. Knowledge, besides his/her native language, of at least one of the FIDE approved languages: Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.
- f. Has published material, such as manuals, books or series of articles.
- g. Proof of World/International successes, as below:

- g1. Trainer of Olympic medal winning team.
- g2. Trainer of a World Champion.
- g3. Trainer of a Challenger for the World Championship (final match).
- g4. Trainer of the Continental team gold medal winner.
- g5. Trainer of the Continental individual champion.
- g6. Trainer of more than 3 World Champions in Youth and Junior categories.
- g7. Trainer - Founder of chess schools, which have developed a minimum of 3 IGM or 6 titled players (GM, IM or WGM).
- g8. Trainer, who originated and developed educational systems and/or programmes.

1.2.1.3. Title Award:

- a. The application (Appendix 2-a) must be sent through his/her national federation (mandatory).
- b. It is strongly noted that the most important criteria of a FST title (obligatory/mandatory requirements) are: f. (Published material) and g. (World/International successes) and TRG will mainly focus on

these areas. All other requirements can be treated as non-mandatory.

c. For the FST Title Award a ballot among the five TRG Board members will take place and a 70% positive number (Yes = 20% * Abstain = 10% * No = 0%) will be needed. If the application fails, the FIDE Trainer title may be awarded. The applicant is obliged to accept this procedure and fulfil the necessary payments.

d. TRG reserves the right to investigate and accept or reject any statement of the applicant, without any further explanation.

e. The Applicant accepts that all licence fees will be invoiced to the affiliated federation.

1.2.2. FIDE Trainer (FT)

1.2.2.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Introducing the trainee to important aspects of chess, such as the concept of and preparation for competitive success. This is necessary for trainees who wish to reach a high level of play or seek competitive success in any form.

1.2.2.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.2.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

b. Rejected applicants for the FST title but who achieve the necessary qualification for this title.

1.2.3. FIDE Instructor (FI)

1.2.3.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Teach the trainee the theory of the middlegame and the endgame. He will work closely with the trainee towards the creation of the trainee's personalized opening repertoire, which he will also help enrich with new ideas.

b. Raise the competitive standard of national youth players to an international level.

1.2.3.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.3.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.4. National Instructor (NI)

1.2.4.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Raising the level of competitive chess players to a national level standard.

b. Training trainees with rating up to 1700.

c. School teacher.

1.2.4.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.4.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.5. Developmental Instructor (DI)

1.2.5.1. Scope - Mission:

a. Spread the love for chess among children and methodically bring them to a competitive level.

b. Instructor for beginners, elementary, intermediate and recreational level players.

c. School teacher.

1.2.5.2. Qualification - Professional Skills Requirements:

a. According to the relative evaluation tables.

1.2.5.3. Title Award:

a. By successful participation in a TRG Seminar.

1.2.6. Evaluation Tables

1.2.6.1. Highest FIDE or National Rating (strength). Counts 20% on final title:

Rating	Points Awarded
0-1100	0 x 20 = 0
1101-1250	1 x 20 = 20
1251-1400	2 x 20 = 40
1401-1550	3 x 20 = 60
1551-1700	4 x 20 = 80
1701-1850	5 x 20 = 100
1851-2000	6 x 20 = 120
2001-2150	7 x 20 = 140
2151-2300	8 x 20 = 160
2301-2450	9 x 20 = 180
2451-2900	10 x 20 = 200

1.2.6.2. FIDE titles. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.3. Attendance. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.4. Bibliography - Published Material. Evaluation according to the Lecturer. Counts 10% on final title:

Scale	Points Awarded
0	0 x 10 = 0
1	1 x 10 = 10
2	2 x 10 = 20
3	3 x 10 = 30
4	4 x 10 = 40
5	5 x 10 = 50
6	6 x 10 = 60
7	7 x 10 = 70
8	8 x 10 = 80
9	9 x 10 = 90
10	10 x 10 = 100

1.2.6.5. Experience as noted in the CV. Counts 20% on final title:

Years	Points Awarded
1	0 x 20 = 0
2	1 x 20 = 20
3	2 x 20 = 40
4	3 x 20 = 60
5	4 x 20 = 80
6	5 x 20 = 100
7	6 x 20 = 120
8	7 x 20 = 140
9	8 x 20 = 160
10	9 x 20 = 180
+10	10 x 20 = 200

1.2.6.6. Written Exams. Counts 30% on final title. For a 30-question exam the final result is divided by three and multiplied by 30. For a 15-question exam the final result is divided by one-and-a-half and multiplied by 30. The numbers are rounded.

1.2.6.7. According to the total result of the previous evaluation tables, the titles are awarded as following:

Points Awarded	Title
1000-800	FT
799-600	FI
599-400	NI
399-200	DI
199-0	No title

1.3. Procedures - Financial

- a. After successful graduation from the seminar course, each participant will receive a participation certificate signed by the Lecturers/Seminar Leaders.
- b. After the detailed report submission by the Lecturers/Seminar Leaders to TRG, the latter will submit the title applications /proposals to FIDE for approval by an official body (PB, EB or GA).
- c. Following approval, the trainer will receive the official diploma and badge (the badge shall include the photograph of the trainer and the licence validity) from FIDE, if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - c1. Requirements (Qualification) for each title as described above.
 - c2. Diploma of the successful participation in the FIDE Trainer Seminar (except for FST).

c3. Written examinations for all titles except for FST.

c4. Payments of FIDE fees (participation and titles), according to the following table:

Title Awarded	Title Award (one-time)	Licence Fee (valid for 4 years)
FIDE Senior Trainer	300 Euros	180 Euros
FIDE Trainer	200 Euros	120 Euros
FIDE Instructor	100 Euros	60 Euros
National Instructor	50 Euros	30 Euros
Developmental Instructor	50 Euros	30 Euros

d. The FIDE fee for a participant to a TRG seminar is 100 euros and it must be paid to the affiliated federation/body, co-organiser of the Seminar. The affiliated federation/body, co-organiser will be invoiced by FIDE for the total amount of the participants' fees. It must be noted that the seminar fee, under certain and strict circumstances, could be varied from 0 to 100 euros.

e. It is allowed for a participant to pay his Title Fee in advance to the affiliated federation/body co-organiser or to FIDE directly. In this case he/she must inform FIDE in writing of this action. In the case that his/her title fails to be approved by FIDE, the Title Fee is not refundable.

f. Approved titles by PB/EB/GA will be invoiced to the trainers' federations. A federation reserves the right to refuse to be invoiced if appeals to TRG by thirty (30) calendar days after the approval of the title. In this case the trainer will be suspended and will not have the right to apply for a title for the next two calendar years.

g. A titled Trainer will be charged a 'Licence Fee' after two calendar years have passed since the title has been awarded by TRG Board. Each licence (except the first one) will be valid for four (4) years. Ex-FIDE World Champions and the FST of the 2004 Direct Approval (founders) are exempt from these licence regulations. Failing to fulfil the licence's obligations will lead to a suspension from the trainers' title lists.

h. A penalty of 15 euros will be added to each trainer who has failed to renew his licence in time.

i. Each federation is obliged to inform all its affiliated trainers on their titles and licences financial obligations following the annually

January relative letter of the FIDE Executive Director. By the end of each February, the federation is obliged to inform in written form the accepted licences to be invoiced. Failing to follow that, all licence fees will automatically be invoiced to the federation without the right for a reverse decision.

j. English is the official language between TRG, federations and Trainers.

k. GMs and IMs do not have to attend a seminar, but would be given the lowest title together with all the TRG literature (optional - Appendix 2-b).

2. TRG Seminars

2.1. Order of Procedures

2.1.1. Application of the co-organising body(s) to TRG (Appendix 3).

2.1.2. Approval by TRG and Continental Presidency.

2.1.3. Approval of Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (Appendix 4), program and lectures.

2.1.4. Announcement on FIDE and TRG websites by completing the obligatory draft forms.

2.1.5. Results submission by the Lecturer to TRG for approval (Appendix 5 & 6).

2.1.6. TRG's submission of the proposed results to PB/EB/GA and payments to FIDE.

2.2. Lecturers - Seminar Leaders

2.2.1. All TRG seminars are conducted by Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (FST title holders). Lecturers/Seminar Leaders are highly skilled professionals, each with many years of experience in the chess training field. They combine the expertise of a professional

trainer, expert practitioner and TRG seminar experience, offering proven teaching and facilitation skills that will ensure an active and participatory learning experience.

2.2.2. All Lecturers/Seminar Leaders (Appendix 2) are appointed by the TRG once per year (December) and a federation approval and application is needed in order to add a new FST to the list. Any Lecturer is obliged to have successfully served at least in 1-2 past seminars as Assistant Lecturer.

2.2.3. In each 30-hour seminar two Lecturers/Seminar Leaders will be in charge. Exceptions are allowed if approved beforehand by TRG. For a 15-hour seminar one Lecturer is allowed.

2.2.4. Assistants (other titled trainers, psychologists, etc) are allowed after approval.

2.2.5. The Syllabus guideline will be used in TRG seminars. A copy (hard or pdf) must be given (free or by debit) to all participants before the written examinations.

2.2.6. When organising seminars for National Instructor and Developmental Instructor titles, it is possible that they can be conducted by FIDE Trainer or FIDE Instructor title holders. But this has to be approved in advance by TRG.

2.2.7. A recommended estimated cost for Lecturers' fees for TRG seminars is 3.500 euros for a 30-hour seminar and 1.750 euros for a 15-hour seminar. That amount includes neither travel expenses nor board & lodging. Various other expenses (auditorium, bulletin, coffee-breaks costs) will be the responsibility of the co-organiser.

2.2.8. A co-organiser is granted the right to charge each participant a 'participation fee' up to 450 euros. Any such 'participation fee' is deemed to include the FIDE fee of 100 euros (1.3.d).

2.2.9. In each seminar programme (prospectus) the following must be analysed:

2.2.9.1. Dates.

2.2.9.2. Location.

2.2.9.3. Titles' analysis.

2.2.9.4. Order of events and course plan.

2.2.9.5. Various costs and payments.

2.2.9.6. Lecturers.

2.2.9.7. Various other information.

2.2.10. All participants must complete their personal ID-Card (Appendix 7) and return it in electronical form to the Lecturer.

2.2.11. Any seminar participant is obliged to fully accept the present Regulations with his/her written participation. Appeals against the Lecturer's decision are allowed within 30 days and only via the national federation. The decision of TRG will be final.

2.2.12. The conduct of seminars via the Internet may be permitted, but only after TRG's approval of each specific case.

2.2.13. In case of a seminar cancellation on the organiser's responsibility, the total agreed amount must be paid to the Lecturer/es by the organiser. In case of an argument, TRG reserves the right to investigate each case separately and advice FIDE.

2.2.14. In case of a seminar cancellation on the Lecturer/es responsibility, the organiser is entitled to ask for compensation from the Lecturer/es. In case of an argument, TRG reserves the right to investigate each case separately and advice FIDE.

3. Guideline for FIDE Academies

3.1. Procedures.

3.1.1. A FIDE Academy application must be endorsed and sent by the National Chess Federation (which must be a member of FIDE), where the Academy is registered and affiliated.

3.1.2. The applicant must address an official application to its National Chess Federation, with a copy to TRG.

3.1.3. The National Federation is responsible to officially inform TRG within 90 days on its decision. In case of rejection, a valid reason, according to the FIDE/TRG Regulations, should be noted.

3.1.4. The applicant has the right to appeal against a rejection. TRG's decision would be

final upon approval by Presidential Board or General Assembly.

3.2. Obligations.

3.2.1. An approved and endorsed FIDE Academy shall conduct its activities in accordance with the requirements, obligations, and rights assigned by FIDE, TRG, and any official terms of agreements reached between the FIDE Academy and the National Federation.

3.2.2. Shall carry on all its official documents the FIDE title and the FIDE logo.

3.2.3. Shall follow FIDE & TRG Regulations and Guidelines.

3.2.4. Shall follow the FIDE Trainers' Commission 'Syllabus' and the FIDE and TRG Official Books.

3.2.5. Shall pay the Registration Fee (200 euros) and annual fee (300 euros per year) to FIDE. The financial obligations will be invoiced annually (April-May) to the affiliated federations.

3.2.6. Shall cooperate with TRG's approved FIDE Lecturers/Seminar Leaders.

3.2.7. Shall cooperate with FIDE licenced trainers.

3.2.8. Shall provide and regularly update requested necessary information for TRG's archives and microsite.

3.2.9. Shall cooperate in harmony, with all.

3.3. Rights.

3.3.1. Can submit via the National Federation its internal tournaments for FIDE Rating calculations. No additional costs other than the official FIDE costs can be added by the National Federation.

3.3.2. Can organise FIDE Training Camps.

3.3.3. Can issue FIDE Attendance Certificates.

3.3.4. Can apply (via the federation) to TRG to organise FIDE Trainers' Seminars for FIDE Trainers' titles.

3.3.5. Can send its trainees (maximum one player per category - wild cards) to World & Continental Youth Chess Championships and the World and Continental Chess School Championships. In this case the registration must be made via the National Federation. A fee for each FIDE Academy player up to 100 euros can be issued by the National Federation (administrative fees). In case of disagreement on the amount, the FIDE Academy can appeal to TRG, which will make the final decision.

3.3.6. Any world chess Academy/Institute is obliged to have been approved as an official FIDE Academy before is allowed/approved/endorsed to carry a FIDE Continental Academy status.

4. Licenced Trainers

4.1. All Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, European, Continental, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, are obliged to have FIDE certified & licenced trainer status.

4.2. No Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer will be offered free board & lodging (where it is offered by the organisers) at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, European, Continental, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, if he/she does not hold any official & licenced FIDE-TRG title.

4.3. No Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer will be offered access to the official playing hall (where the playing hall conditions allow for access) at official FIDE events such as Olympiads, World, Continental, European, Pan-American, and Asian Team Championship, and World and Continental Youth Individual Championships, if he/she does not hold any official & licenced FIDE-TRG title.

4.4. A violation of the article 4.1. or 4.2. or 4.3. may carry a financial penalty of a minimum 500 euros (per Head of Delegation/Captain/Coach/Trainer), charged to the

federation of the offending Captain/Coach/Trainer.

4.5. Each national federation shall nominate an 'Official Contact Person' with the TRG.