

Rules and Regulations

World Title Match 2026 Women

1. Hosting organization

The organization of the World Title Match 2026 Women has been assigned by the World Draughts Federation FMJD to the Eesti Kabeliit (Estonian Draughts Federation) under auspices of the FMJD.

2. The opponents

- Viktoriia Motrichko (World Champion 2025)
- Darya Tkachenko (World Champion 2024)

3. Venue

Hotel Palace, Tallinn, Estonia

4. Playing schedule¹

November 7, 2026	Saturday	All day	Arrival
		19:00	Technical briefing
November 8, 2026	Sunday	10:00	Opening ceremony
		11:00	Round 1
November 9, 2026	Monday	10:00	Round 2
November 10, 2026	Tuesday	10:00	Round 3
November 11, 2026	Wednesday	09:00	Round 4
		16:00	Round 5 ²
November 12, 2026	Thursday	All day	Rest day
November 13, 2026	Friday	10:00	Round 6
November 14, 2026	Saturday	10:00	Round 7
November 15, 2026	Sunday	10:00	Round 8
November 16, 2026	Monday	10:00	Round 9
November 17, 2026	Tuesday	09:00	Tie break if needed
		18:30	Closing ceremony
November 18, 2026	Wednesday	All day	Departure

¹ The times are approximate; hosting organization has the right to change the times depending on the circumstances.

² If preferable to participants, Round 5 can be played on November 12 in lieu of the rest day.

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5. Match Administration

- The tournament will be supervised by the main referee – International Referee appointed by the FMJD upon consultation with the Estonian Draughts Federation. He/she will be guided by strict enforcement of the FMJD rules and regulations.
- The Appeal Board will be composed by the Executive Council of the FMJD. The appeal must be accompanied by the sum of 100 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 filed by the player within 1 hour after the end of the game and before the next game. During shorter games filing has to be done within 15 minutes. The decisions of the Appeal Board are final.

6. Match format

The match is played with the following system.

Phase 1: 9 regular games

Nine regular games will be played with the FMJD time schedule of 90 minutes for 45 moves and after that, 30 minutes plus 30 second per move.

- After 9 regular games the player who has the highest score wins the World Title, but only if she has won at least 2 games.
- If the match is decided before the 9th game is played, the players are obliged to finish all 9 games of Phase 1.
- When no player has won 2 games after 9 games of play, or if after 9 games the score is tied at 9-9, there will be a tie break with one set of barrage games for the World Title which is described in Phase 2.

Phase 2: Tie break (optional)

When the match is not yet decided, a tie break will be played until one of the players reaches 2 victories in total (including any victories from the classic portion) as specified below:

- 3 rapid games 20 minutes plus 10 seconds Fischer system.
- 3 blitz games with a time schedule of 10 minutes plus 5 seconds Fischer system.
- Superblitz tie breaks with a time schedule of 10 minutes plus 2 seconds per move Fischer system (repeated until in total two victories are reached by one of the players).

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Additional stipulations

- Regular games and tiebreak will be played on separate days.
- A victory in Phase 2 has the same value as a victory in Phase 1.
- During a tie breaks phase in superblitz games it is prohibited to communicate with players during breaks between games.
- The winner is crowned as the new World Champion.

7. Finances

- All financial obligations (organization fee and participant's fee according FMJD internal regulations) must be paid to FMJD bank account.
- Total prize money is 10,000 Euro. The winners receive 60% of the amount of the prize money, the runner up – 40%.
- Each player may have one coach/companion at the expense of the organization.

8. Lodging

Lodging in Hotel Palace (Including breakfast, lunch and dinner) is available for the player and her coach (two hotel rooms are available for each player).

9. Other

- The player has to be at her board at the scheduled starting time of the game (and 10 minutes after starting the game). For a player who is not present, the consequences will be an official warning and a fine of 100 euro to FMJD for the first time. If the player is not present a second time, the game will be declared lost for her.
- Both players must be present at the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.
- Any necessary communication must go through the referee, anyone else is forbidden to interact with players during the game.
- The organizer ensures that it is quiet in the playing room (noisy visitors will be removed immediately).
- In the case of ambiguity in the FMJD regulations or in any unforeseen circumstances, the matter at hand will be decided by the main referee in consultation with the FMJD Tournament Director and, if necessary, with the Appeal Board.