Federazione Italiana Dama

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World Checkers Draughts Federation

WCDF 2025 GAYP

World Qualifying Tournament – Women's World Championship –Youth World Championship –World Blitz Championship

October 12-19 – Trieste - Italy, at NH HOTEL

Address: Corso Camillo Benso Conte di Cavour, 7

Rules and Regulations

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1. Checkers GAYP World Blitz Championship

1.1. Entry fee - €20; Youths free (Participation w/o limit).

1.2. Time Control is 3 minutes with 3 seconds increment gained with each press of a clock.

1.3. Clocks are reset to the same initial time control for the second game.

1.4. Number of rounds in World Blitz Championship will depend on total number of players:

- Format will be round-robin if no more than 14 players.
- 9 rounds Swiss will be played for 15-20 players.
- 13 rounds Swiss will be played for 21 or more players.

1.5. Each 1st game of round starts at the same time on all boards after Main Referee's official announcement.

1.6. Main Referee of Blitz World Championship have rights to adjust slightly the conditions and format of World Blitz event for better and more professional environment and process improvement or by written special decision of referee team in case of force majeure situation.

2. Checkers GAYP World Qualifier Tournament (WQT) & World Championships

2.1. WCDF tournaments - each Draughts federation and / or affiliated organization from each country (no more than two affiliations from each country) have to pay the WCDF fee of 100 dollars (about €85) by Arrival Day of 12 October (but preferably before arrival in Italy) and can place 2 participants in each tournament without additional payment (2 players in Open event, 2 women, 2 youth).

Italy, as the organizer of the festival, has a right to place 3 participants in each category. WCDF World Champions (Open and Woman) are nominated automatically by WCDF without charging country limit, as are 2024 World Cup winners and 2023 WQT winner.

2.2. Time Control is 45 minutes with 20 seconds gained by each player press of a clock.

2.3. Clocks are reset to the same initial time control for the second game.

2.4. Both players are obligated to record moves to the rest of game with no exceptions.

2.5. With Swiss-system of pairing, the first round will be paired randomly without respect to country of origin. Pairing two players from same country in final round is discouraged if a fresh pairing with equal points is possible. In the event of a round-robin, pairings will emphasize people from same country being paired sooner than later.

2.6. A "bye" is awarded 3 points.

2.7. The Tournament(s) format is traditionally 8 rounds of Swiss with no repairing. However, alternate formats may be more suitable for sections with fewer participants. The referee team will decide the format for these sections in consultation with the players of that section. Leaving board to go to bathroom within player's first 8 moves of game is discouraged, where possible. A short break prior to starting the second game is preferred.

2.8. WCDF tie-breaker rules apply where players are tied in points.
Order of tie-break criteria:

1) Head-to-head result, or mini-league if more than 2 tied;
2) Sonneborn-Berger Points;
3) Playoff at rapid rates. Rules for additional playoffs:
   - Two games will be played at 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment for each game.

- After the first game, the players exchange colors. An official or other designee will record games for players, if players wish.
- If the 2-game set is drawn, then two more games are played at 3 minutes + 2 seconds for each game until someone wins a 2-game set.

2.9. For what is not covered in this Regulation document, the WCDF Rules/Regulations will apply.

2.10. The Main Referee can make the changes necessary (only if necessary) for the success of the tournament, in accordance with the Rules/Regulations WCDF.

2.11. Any complaints may be submitted to the Jury, accompanied by the payment of €50,00 (Fifty) returned if the complaint is accepted.

2.12. Where a player expresses the wish to appeal the decision of a tournament controller, the tournament controller shall appoint an appeals committee to hear the appeal. The appeals committee should consist of at least three persons who have tournament controller experience of major events. To ensure impartiality they should not be related to, or involved with, any of the players concerned. Such an appeal should be heard in private, and witnesses may be called, but only to answer questions from the parties involved. The committee must give pre-eminent weight to the tournament controller's testimony as to anything said or done in his or her presence. The decision of the appeals committee shall be communicated to the parties involved as soon as possible. The function of an appeals committee is not to substitute its judgement for that of the tournament controller, but rather to overrule the tournament controller only if it is clear that the latter's ruling is incorrect.

3. Events Schedule.

• October 12, Sunday		Arrival
• October 13, Monday	08:30-08:45	Last call for registration / Opening
	09:00-13:00	Round 1
	13:00-15:00	Lunch
	15:00-19:00	Round 2
	19:30-	Dinner
• October 14, Tuesday	09:00-13:00	Round 3
	13:00-15:00	Lunch
	15:00-19:00	Round 4
	19:30-	Dinner
• October 15, Wednesday		Break Day
	Morning	Excursion
	Afternoon	WCDF Annual GA
• October 16, Thursday	09:00-13:00	Round 5

	13:00-15:00	Lunch
	15:00-19:00	Round 6
	19:30-	Dinner
• October 17, Friday	09:00-13:00	Round 7
	13:00-15:00	Lunch
	15:00-19:00	Round 8
	19:30-	Dinner
• October 18, Saturday	9:00-9:15	Last call for World Blitz Registration
	9:30-	World Blitz GAYP, 3m+3s 9-13 rounds, followed by Closing Ceremony
• October 19, Sunday Morning		Departure

4. Place of residence (recommended, not required)

Palazzo Machiavelli Trieste	via Machiavelli 19, Trieste
Hotel Posta	Piazza Oberdan 1, Trieste

5. Prices for hotel

If you book and pay by 29.07.2025, these are the following discount prices:

Albergo alla Posta Room + Breakfast	Discount price from organizer	Price for the 7 days
Double bedroom	110 € per night + 4€ city tax	770 € + 20€ city tax
Single room	80 € per night + 2€ city tax	560 € + 10€ city tax
Double bedroom single use	95 € per night + 2€ city tax	665 € + 10€ city tax
Triple room	140 € per night + 6€ city tax	980 € + 30€ city tax

Pay Attention: There is no availability for Hotel Posta after 29.07.2025.

If you book and pay by 29.07.2025, these are the following discount prices:

Palazzo Machiavelli Apartment	Discount price from organizer	Price for the 7 days
Studio Apartment (double bed + day bed, kitchen, bathroom)	1 person € 72 per night 2 person € 94 per night 3 person € 117 per night 4 person € 138 per night	1 person € 504 per night 2 person € 658 per night 3 person € 819 per night 4 person € 966 per night
Trilocal (2 rooms with double bed, living room with day bed, kitchen, bathroom with bathtub and terrace)	1 person € 100 per night 2 person € 120 per night 3 person € 140 per night 4 person € 160 per night 5 person € 180 per night 6 person € 200 per night	1 person € 700 per night 2 person € 840 per night 3 person € 980 per night 4 person € 1120 per night 5 person € 1260 per night 6 person € 1400 per night

If you book and pay by 29.08.2025, these are the following discount prices:

Palazzo Machiavelli Apartment	Discount price from organizer	Price for the 7 days
Studio Apartment (double bed + day bed, kitchen, bathroom)	1 person € 80 per night 2 person € 105 per night 3 person € 130 per night 4 person € 150 per night	1 person € 560 per night 2 person € 735 per night 3 person € 910 per night 4 person € 1050 per night
Trilocal (2 rooms with double bed, living room with day bed, kitchen, bathroom with bathtub and terrace)	1 person € 110 per night 2 person € 130 per night 3 person € 155 per night 4 person € 175 per night 5 person € 200 per night 6 person € 220 per night	1 person € 770 per night 2 person € 910 per night 3 person € 1085 per night 4 person € 1225 per night 5 person € 1400 per night 6 person € 1540 per night

City tax is 2€ per night per person (maximum 10€ per person)

There is no availability for Palazzo Machiavelli Apartment after 29.08.2025.

To benefit from the agreed prices, it is necessary to pay the relative fee by the indicated date (including city tax and meals). Please contact the FID Secretariat to verify the total price and availability before paying.

Notice:
"Albergo alla Posta": **unfortunately it has a no refund policy under any circumstances after 29.7.2025.**

"Palazzo Machiavelli Trieste": **part of the cost can be refunded with a 20% penalty, 80% of the cost for hotel guests who cancel their reservation at least 30 days in advance (12 September). After that date, no refund is due.**

The money for meals and the city tax will always be fully refunded if not used due to non-participation.

6. Hotel & Food

6.1 Hotel recommended
Albergo alla Posta (Albergo alla Posta Trieste) and ***Palazzo Machiavelli Trieste*** (Palazzo Machiavelli)

6.2 Food/Meals

- Breakfast: free for guest of ***Albergo alla Posta*** and ***Palazzo Machiavelli Trieste***
- Lunch: Near the competition venue, 18 € main dish, water, coffee
- Dinner: Loop Restaurant, 18 € main dish, water, and coffee

Many other restaurants are available in Trieste close to the Hotel and Playing Room.

6.3. Account Payment information:

Payments for the hotel and accommodation to FID via bank.

Bank Account headed to: Federazione Italiana Dama
IBAN: IT16 U076 0104 8000 0003 8300 968
BIC (Swift code): BPPIITRRXX

Reason: Add here first and last name of payer + "WCDF 2025 – Hotel, Food"

7. Contact Information

7.1 Organizers.

Executive Director of Festival: Matteo Santarossa santasantasanta@live.it
President FID: Carlo Bordini carlo.bordini@fid.it

For Invitation letters, Visas, Booking and accommodation payments
FID Secretariat: segreteria@fid.it
Pay attention: whoever needs Visa and invitation letter needs to act in time. The FID will not guarantee the issuance of late requested visas.

7.2 WCDF officials

WCDF President: Dr. Richard Beckwith beckwith24@msn.com
WCDF Secretary: Alexander Moiseyev rusms59@gmail.com

8. Tournament(s) fees

- World Blitz Championship €20 Adults and Women, Youths – free (Participation w/o limit).

- WCDF tournaments - each Draughts federation and affiliated organization from each country, having paid the WCDF fee of $100, can place 2 participants in other tournaments without additional payment (2 men, 2 women, 2 youths).

Italy, as the organizer of the Festival, has the right to field 3 competitors each. Each country has a maximum of two Draughts federations / organizations to nominate players, and each organization pays $100. Any currency can be paid for membership, but it must be equivalent of $100(USD).

Participation fees (to WCDF via Lloyds) must be paid to:
SORT CODE: 30-97-21
Account Number: 00866503
IBAN: GB79LOYD30972100866503
BIC: LOYDGB21401

Or WCDF affiliation may be paid by Paypal at ACF Store: https://www.usacheckers.com/store/ (under Membership)

9. Transportation

The city of Trieste is well connected to the airport of Trieste by train. The NH hotel is 400 meters from the train station of Trieste. The Hotel Posta is 600 meters from the train station and 450 meters from the race venue. Palazzo Machiavelli Apartment is 850 meters from the station and 550 meters from the race venue. For those arriving at Venice or Treviso airport, it is advisable to reach the nearest train station, then take the train to Trieste

10. Prizes, award and titles

10.1 Monetary prizes: Total prize fund estimated as €6000. Monetary prizes will be awarded to following categories:

- GAYP World Qualifier Tournament first prize: €700
- GAYP World Blitz Championship first prize: €350
- Top 7-9 players in WQT and World Blitz Championship
- Top 3-5 players in GAYP Women World Championship:
- Top 3 players in GAYP World Youth Championship:
- GAYP World Women Blitz Championship:
- GAYP World Youth Blitz Championship:

Due to the Italian laws, money prized can be given exclusively by a traced transfer or banking movement (also to a bank account of another defined person).

10.2 Trophies:

- 3 top winners of each WCDF event (Blitz, WQT and World Championships)
- Best score girl in Youth event (w/o additional tournament) if at least 3 girls enter competition. If the highest finisher is a girl, then highest-finishing male youth is recognized as World Youth Champion for Boys if at least 3 boys participate.
- Best score Woman and best score Youth in Blitz event if at least 3 attendees in each category play in Blitz event.

10.3 Titles:

- Winner of Open GAYP World Qualifying Tournament will earn "Challenger" title and rights to challenge GAYP World Champion in GAYP World Title Match.
- Winners of Women's and Youth World Championships will get a title of WCDF GAYP World Champions 2025;
- Best score girl in Youth event will get title of WCDF GAYP Girl World Champion 2025 provided at least 3 girls enter competition.
- Winner of World Blitz Championship will get a title of GAYP WCDF World Blitz Champion 2025;
- Best score Woman & best score Youth in GAYP World Blitz Championship will get a WCDF title of Women's / Youth GAYP World Blitz Champion 2025 if at least 3 or more attendees in each category will play in Blitz event.

11. Signatures

WCDF President	Dr. Richard Beckwith (USA)	Richard C Beckwith	Date 03-July-2025
WCDF Secretary	Alexander Moiseyev (USA)		Date 03.07.2025
FID President/WCDF VicePresident	Carlo A. Bordini (ITA)	Carlo A. Bordini	Date 03.07.2025
Italian Organizer	Matteo Santarossa (ITA)	Matteo Santarossa	Date 03.07.2025
Main Referee	Dr. Richard Beckwith (USA)	Richard C Beckwith	Date 03-July-2025

12. Playing Room

