FIDE World Cup 2025: Schedule, Venue, Players, Live Streaming – Everything You Need to Know

The chess universe is abuzz with excitement as the **FIDE World Cup 2025** draws closer. Known for its intensity, drama, and the world's best minds clashing over the board, the tournament stands as one of the most prestigious events in the global chess calendar. This year's edition promises thrilling matchups, rising stars, and unforgettable moments. Here's a complete overview of what to expect.



Schedule and Format

The **FIDE World Cup 2025** is set to take place from **October 30 to November 27, 2025**. The event will feature a **knockout format**, with players competing in two-game classical matches followed by rapid and blitz tiebreakers if necessary. Each round will test not only skill but also stamina and nerves, as one wrong move could end a player's championship dream.

The tournament will begin with 206 players in the men's section and 103 in the women's section, gradually narrowing down to the grand finale. The **final match** will be played in

late November, deciding who claims the coveted World Cup title and qualifies for the **2026 Candidates Tournament**.

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Venue

This year, India will proudly host the FIDE World Cup for the first time, with **Goa** chosen as the official venue. The scenic coastal state, famous for its beaches and vibrant culture, will transform into a global chess hub — bringing together players, fans, and officials from across continents.

Players to Watch

All eyes will be on elite grandmasters such as **Magnus Carlsen**, **Ian Nepomniachtchi**, **Fabiano Caruana**, and **Hikaru Nakamura**, alongside India's young sensations **R Praggnanandhaa**, **D Gukesh**, **and Arjun Erigaisi**. These players are expected to bring a mix of experience and bold creativity, making this edition one of the most competitive in recent years.

Live Streaming Details

Fans around the world can catch every move, analysis, and thrilling finish through official live streams and broadcast partners. Expert commentary and real-time updates will make it easy for fans to follow the action from start to finish.

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