

REGISTRATIONS WOC 2026

For questions about W.O.C. 2026, contact us at contact.woc@worldohello.org.

Some changes have been made for the WOC 2026 rules compared to the previous WOC Rules. These changes are shown in cursive text.

1. The W.O.F. W.O.C.-rules:

From the W.O.F. statutes:

//2.1 Nations

Unless ruled otherwise by the WOF, only WOF-member nations can send contestants to the WOC. The possibility for a non-member nation to send contestants shall be decided by the WOF head council prior to the tournament. Applications must be received by the WOF at least one month before the WOC. The WOF recognises two types of member nations: National Federations and Nations with Contact Person. Federations are allowed to send a full team (the team is up to four players no more than three being of the same gender + one extra youth player).

Nations with Contact Person can send one player + one extra youth player, to the WOC.

In case of an odd number of participants, the host country may enter an additional player (see II.2).

//2.2 Players

All WOF Members have to register the number of the national team latest **30th September, 2026**. Each team can be composed of one to five players. No more than three players on a team may be of the same gender (except the extra youth player who can be in any gender).

All WOF members have to register their players name latest **31st October, 2026**

Players qualified by the Confederation Championship series, gets a personal invitation.

Changes of players.

Any changes of numbers of team made after **30th September, 2026** require the express permission of the head tournament director.

Any changes of players in the team made after **31st October, 2026** require the express permission of the head tournament director.

In any event, all changes of players must be made before the start of the first round. No changes are allowed after play has begun.

The team championship will be decided based on the best three results from the team. All players are eligible to win the WOC. All women are eligible to compete for the WWOC title.

//2.3 WOF minimum requirements

In order to retain Federation status, Federations must send the results of their tournaments to the WOF Rating list. They must be sent by the deadline for WOC registration. (Preferably the results of all tournaments, but at the very least the WOC qualification tournaments.) To be able to represent a country at the WOC, a player must: a) be citizen of the country OR b) be resident in the country for 6 months within the 12 months ending on the date of the WOC. National Federations may impose more strict rules if they wish.

2. Associations

For the 2026 W.O.C., all National Federations who fulfill the requirement, can send 4+1 players.

Federations are allowed to send a full team (up to four players, no more than three being of the same gender).

Federation can send one extra youth player.

See point 7 for list of WOF federations.

The requirement 2026:

** Each federation appoints a team captain. The team captain registers on the WOC 2026 website. The team captain can then register his federation's players, deregister and replace players as needed. Only the team captain appointed by the federation can register players. The team captain does not have to be one of the players who will play WOC. The team captain can appoint one of the players to be the team manager for the team during the tournament.*

* Federations must announce their representatives to the WOC before the WOC deadlines.

* Federations must have a **WOC qualification process** for its team that involves at least 1 tournament. The federation must send information about the qualifications.

* Federations must send the results of all tournaments involved in the WOC qualification process and the National championship to the WOF Ratings Committee. Federations are encouraged to send all their results to the WOF Ratings committee. Latest 15th August.

* Federations **must organize a National championship**

* Federations must send a yearly annual meeting protocol in English

* **Link and logo to worldothello.org and woc2026.worldothello.org. at federation homepage and social media pages.**

* Federations must comply with rules established by WOF

If you're interested in participating in the 2026 W.O.C., and you live in one of the named associations below, please contact your local federation for information on how to qualify. (You can find how to contact your federation at the World Othello Federation homepage, www.worldothello.org).

In order for any player to be properly registered to participate at the 2026 W.O.C., the respective National Federation Team captain must register their players in the registration form we have sent out to all WOF members. Before **30th September** the chairman must

register in the number of expected participants and latest **31st October, 2026** the names of the entire team.

3. WOF Associated members & WOF Friendly members

A nation that are "Associated member" or "Friendly member" can ask W.O.C. TD-group to send 1 player + 1 extra youth player.

See point 8 for list of WOF members.

The requirement:

*** Organize an National Champions and/or and W.O.C. qualification.**

If you are interested in participating in the 2026 W.O.C., and you live in one of the countries who have "Countries with contact person"-membership, please contact the tournament director and we can help you contact the appropriate person. This must be done before **30th September**.

4. Non members and Trial membership.

If you are interested in participating in the 2026 W.O.C. and live in a country which does not have W.O.C. qualifications or a federation, please contact the tournament director before **30th September**..

5. Important:

A player is **not** registered for the W.O.C. 2026 until they're listed on the W.O.C. 2026 player list at the W.O.C. 2026 teams-page.

Any player not on the list is not qualified for the W.O.C.. It's important that the National Federation's Team Captain quickly contacts the tournament director after the national qualifications are done!

6. Extra youth player:**

Each W.O.F. member can allow one youth player to attend to the W.O.C.

Each member nation is allowed to send one additional young player as team member.

A player qualifies as "Youth" if he/she is aged 18 or less on the 31st of December 2026 (i.e. : he/she must be born later than the 31st of December 2007

The youth player is included in the 4+1 national team!

The extra Youth player should also be registered **latest 30th September, 2026**. The name registered latest **1st October, 2026**.

Parents and follower to youth players need to register 30th September, 2026. One parent/follower per youth player.

***This rule has been temporarily changed for WOC 2026 by the WOF Youth Committee. New rule will be set for WOC 2026.*

7. WOF National Othello Federations

which are qualified to send 3+1 players + 1 additional youth player:

Federation	Confederation
Argentina	SAOCF
Australia	APOCF
Belgium	EOCF
Brazil	SAOCF
Canada	NAOCF
China	APOCF
Czech Republic	EOCF
Denmark	EOCF
Finland	EOCF
France	EOCF
Germany	EOCF
Great Britain	EOCF
Greece	EOCF
Hong Kong	APOCF
India	WAOC
Iran	WAOC
Israel	EOCF
Italy	EOCF
Ivory Coast	AOCF
Japan	APOCF
Korea	APOCF
Lithuania	EOCF
Malaysia	APOCF
Mongolia	APOCF
Netherlands	EOCF
Norway	EOCF
Pakistan	WAOC
Poland	EOCF
Russia	EOCF
Singapore	APOCF
South Africa	AOCF
Spain	EOCF
Sweden	EOCF
Switzerland	EOCF
Taiwan, China	APOCF
Thailand	APOCF
Turkey	EOCF
Ukraine	EOCF
United States	NAOCF

7. WOF Associated members & WOF Friendly members.

Nations who are members in WOF, not have an National Federation, but want to have the possibility to send 1 player + 1 additional youth player can ask WOF TD team to send national players.

Please contact the tournament director for more information.

Players must be registered before **30th September, 2026!**

WOF Member	Confederation
Algeria	AOCF
Armenia	WAOC
Austria	EOCF
Bangladesh	WAOC
Belarus	EOCF
Bolivia	SAOCF
Bulgaria	EOCF
Burkina Faso	AOCF
Cameroun	AOCF
Chile	SAOCF
Colombia	SAOCF
Ecuador	SAOCF
Egypt	
El Salvador	AOCF
Estonia	EOCF
Guatemala	NAOCF
Kazakhstan	WAOC
Kyrgyzstan	WAOC
Mexico	NAOCF
Nepal	WAOC
Peru	SAOCF
Philippines	APOCF
Serbia	EOCF
Sri Lanka	WAOC
Tunisia	AOCF
Uganda	AOCF
Uruguay	SAOCF
Uzbekistan	WAOC
Vietnam	APOCF