



## Women in Chess – FIDE Educational Year 2026:

### Advanced Swiss-Manager Seminar

Dear Ladies,

As part of the FIDE Educational Year 2026, we are delighted to announce an additional seminar to our already announced series of educational events organized by the FIDE Commission for Women's Chess.

This special **Advanced Swiss-Manager Seminar** is designed specifically for experienced arbiters and pairing officers who wish to deepen their practical knowledge of Swiss-Manager and advanced tournament administration.

The seminar will be conducted by **IA Michael Joseph Pagaran (PHI)** (FIDE ID 5211980), International Arbiter, FIDE Instructor, experienced Pairings Officer, and lecturer at numerous international events and FIDE educational programs.

**Dates:** 17–18 October 2026

**Format:** Online

**Participation fee:** Free of charge

**Number of participants:** 30

**! Please note:** This seminar is intended for **advanced Swiss-Manager users only**.

To be eligible, applicants should meet **at least one** of the following requirements:

- Have served as a Pairings Officer in at least three rated tournaments; or
- Have served as a Chief Arbiter in at least three rated tournaments.

This requirement is mandatory, as the seminar will focus on advanced Swiss-Manager functions, practical tournament management, troubleshooting, pairings verification, and complex operational scenarios.

To apply, please send your registration request to:

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Please include the following in your application:

- Full name
- Federation
- FIDE ID
- A brief description of your experience as a Chief Arbiter and/or Pairings Officer, preferably including a link to your FIDE profile.

Places are limited. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and can demonstrate relevant practical experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to this special educational event!