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* * World Chess Championship * *

The **World Chess Championship (WCC)** is played to determine the World Champion in chess.

The official world championship is generally regarded to have begun in 1886, when the two leading players in Europe and the United States, Johann Zukertort and Wilhelm Steinitz respectively, played a match.

Year	Host Country	Host City	World Champion	Runner-up(s)
1993	Netherlands and Indonesia	Zwolle Arnhem Amsterdam Jakarta	Anatoly Karpov	Jan Timman
1996	Russia	Elista	Anatoly Karpov	Gata Kamsky
1998	Netherlands and Switzerland	Groningen Lausanne	Anatoly Karpov	Viswanathan Anand
1999	United States	Las Vegas	Alexander Khalifman	Vladimir Akopian
2000	India and Iran	New Delhi & Teheran	Viswanathan Anand	Alexei Shirov
2002	Russia	Moscow	Ruslan Ponomariov	Vassily Ivanchuk
2004	Libya	Tripoli	Rustam Kasimdzhanov	Michael Adams
2005	Argentina	Potrero de los Funes San Luis	Veselin Topalov	7 players
2006	Russia	Elista	Vladimir Kramnik	Veselin Topalov
2007	Mexico	Mexico City	Viswanathan Anand	7 players
2008	Germany	Bonn	Viswanathan Anand	Vladimir Kramnik
2010	Bulgaria	Sofia	Viswanathan Anand	Veselin Topalov
2012	Russia	Moscow	Viswanathan Anand	Boris Gelfand
2013	India	Chennai	Magnus Carlsen	Viswanathan Anand
2014	Russia	Sochi	Magnus Carlsen	Viswanathan Anand
2016	United States	New York City	Magnus Carlsen	Sergey Karjakin

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