



Western Asia Youth Chess Championships Open & Girls under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 18-20 September 2021

Invitation

The **Sri Lanka Chess Federation** under the auspices of the **Asian Chess Federation (ACF)** and the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)**, has the honor to invite Western Asia National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 and 3.7 to participate in the 2021 Western Asia Online Youth Chess Championships Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 to be played online on Tornelo from 18-20 September 2021.

General Rules & Regulations

The Western Asia Online Youth Chess Championships 2021 are individual and team championships combined and shall be governed by the FIDE Online Chess Regulations. Team championships in each age group will be awarded considering the score of the best 3 players from a country. The countries not having 3 or more players in a category cannot claim team medals. Top three Federations according to the number of medals will be awarded overall awards based on the greatest number of Gold, then Silver and then Bronze (considering individual Medals only) awards in all age categories.

Participation

There shall be 6 categories namely Under-08, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16 and Under-18 with separate events for Open and Girls.

The players must be members of their Federation per detailed eligibility rules in FIDE Handbook Reg. B.04.

Entitled to participate are players in the following age groups:

Under-08: Born on or after 1 January 2013

Under-10: Born on or after 1 January 2011

Under-12: Born on or after 1 January 2009

Under-14: Born on or after 1 January 2007

Under-16: Born on or after 1 January 2005

Under-18: Born on or after 1 January 2003

Each Western Asia National Chess Federation can register any number of players for each category.

Registration must be made by the national chess federations. Individual registrations will not be accepted. All players must have FIDE ID & Tornelo Account before registration.

The Chief of Delegation represents the Federation and takes full responsibility for the conduct of members of its delegation. They should teach players how to open Task Manager Always on Top and to register Player Profiles on Tornelo.

By 10 September 2021, each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry using the attached Entry Form to the organizing federation with copies to the Asian Chess Federation.

Financial Regulations

The Entry Fee is \$25 per player. The fee must be paid together with registration by 10 September 2021. After this deadline, a late registration fine for each entry shall be \$25 per player.

Payments should be paid (bank charges paid by sender) to:

Account Name: Asian Chess Federation

Bank: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank

Address: Al Murabba Branch, Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates

US Dollar Account Number: 11381190

SWIFT Code: abdiaead

IBAN: AE64050000000011381190

Sri Lanka players are given a discounted rate of Rs. 4,000/= per player and may pay the amount to the following Bank details:

Account Name – Chess Federation of Sri Lanka

Address – 151/12, Siridhamma Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka

Bank – Bank of Ceylon

Branch - Bambalapitiya

A/C Number – 718386

All payments must be finalized on or before 10 September 2021. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

Tournament System

The tournaments shall be conducted as Swiss System competitions of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE Regulations for Online Chess with Supervision.

Fair Play Rules

Players may play only on laptop or desktop. Players should log into Zoom with their 3-letter country code, age category and name. The Zoom Arbiters per Age Category shall virtually inspect the Setup of Playing Devices and Zoom Set up of players before the start of each game. Only players are allowed access to his / her playing area.

Each player shall be monitored by cameras, front videocam and panoramic side camera. Only players with approved cameras and device set up will be allowed to play. The camera should show clear view of the player.

In each playing venue, the fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. Players shall be monitored by Tornelo Live Fair Play Reports.

Unless authorized by the arbiter, it is forbidden for anybody to use a mobile phone or other kind of communication or electronic device in the playing venue, or any contiguous area designated by the Zoom Arbiters.

The Zoom Arbiters should see that each player is connected to Zoom. Front Audio in Zoom should always be open during live games. Close the audio of the side camera to avoid feedback. It is not allowed for players to use headphones, earphones or virtual Zoom background. Playing venue should be well lit. There should be no external noise.

All participants shall comply and cooperate with the Fair Play rules. Players may be removed from the Championship at any time on final decision of the Chief Arbiter based on fair play rules.

All the players agree that they have no right to appeal the aforementioned actions either through arbitration, consultation or in a court of law within any jurisdiction. Participants have no right to appeal for pairings made during the Championship.

By registering in the Championship, players will not have the right to claim any financial compensation or redress related to the Championship.

For the success of the event the Organizer has the right to change the schedule with due notice, update the regulations or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.

Video Conferencing System (Zoom) Arbiters

Before the game starts the VCS Arbiters assigned for each federation should make it mandatory that all computers run only one tab in one browser. No other website, application or software can be open on the playing device except Tornelo and Zoom.

Players should share their desktop screen in Zoom and make Task Manager “Always on top”. The images of the video conferencing platform may be recorded by the organizer. It must be ensured that only the Chief Arbiter, the panel of experts, if any, and the members of Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) and Fair Play Commission (FPL) may access it if deemed necessary.

Time Control:

Time control is Rapid Play - Each player shall have 15 minutes for the game with the addition of 10 seconds per move starting from the first move. The clocks of all games shall be started by the Chief Arbiter.

Pairings:

Swiss pairings shall be made on Javafo (Tornelo/Swiss Manger). The highest seed shall receive White in the first round.

In the last round, players from the same federation who have more than 50% shall not be paired together if alternate pairings are available. Forbidden pairings shall be controlled by Swiss Manager. Pairings will be published in chess-results.com as soon as possible after each round unless there are pending appeals.

Schedule:

Date	Sri Lanka Time	Event
Saturday, 11 September 2021	11:30	Technical Meeting
Sunday, 12 September 2021	11:30	Tornelo Trial Run
Saturday, 18 September 2021	10:00	Set – up of Devices
	11:00	Opening
	11:30	Round 1
	13:00	Round 2
	14:30	Round 3
Sunday, 19 September 2021	11:30	Round 4
	13:00	Round 5
	14:30	Round 6
Monday, 20 September 2021	11:30	Round 7
	13:00	Round 8
	14:30	Round 9
Thursday, 23 September 2021	11:30	Awards Ceremony

Scoring

Individual results will be calculated by game points. Scoring is one (1) point for a win, half (1/2) point for a draw and zero (0) for a loss.

Individual Tie-break System

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in accordance with the following:-

1. Direct Encounter (if tied players have played against each other)
2. The greater number of wins
3. The greater number of games with black (un-played games shall be counted as played with white)
4. Buchholz cut 1
5. Buchholz

Prizes

Electronic Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to the top 3 players (Gold, Silver and Bronze) in each category. Electronic Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals shall also be awarded to the individual and team categories. But, medals will be sent when it is possible according to the COVID Situation.

Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive an Electronic Certificate of Recognition **with replicas**. (The order will be decided according to most number of Gold, then Silver, then Bronze)

Appeals Committee

The Chairman of Appeals shall be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President including two other members and two reserves from different federations.

No member of the committee shall have the right to vote on questions concerning his own

federation. However, every member is entitled to participate in the discussions.

Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 10 minutes after the end of the respective game with copy to asianchessfederation@yahoo.com together with the protest fee which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

A protest fee of USD100 shall be paid to Asian Chess Federation. Payments may be sent by Paypal to asianchessfederation@yahoo.com.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

The Asian Chess Federation President will - after consultation with the organizing federation - appoint the Technical Delegate and the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

Organizing Committee

Chairman and Tournament Director – IA Mr. Luxman Wijesuriya, wayocc21@gmail.com
President, Sri Lanka Chess Federation +94715397829

ACF Technical Delegate: IA/IO Casto Abundo, casto.abundo@gmail.com
Executive Director, Asian Chess Federation

Chief Arbiter: IA Malith Akalanka, chessfederationsl@gmail.com

Appeals Committee Chairman:

Chairman: IA/IO Abdulrahim Mahdi, mahdi.abdulrahim2020@gmail.com

Fair Play officer

IA/IO Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh, mehrdad.pahlevanzadeh@gmail.com

We expect all the countries in the region may battle for the supremacy in Chess in Western Asia!

Luxman Wijesuriya
President – CFSL
General Secretary – South Asian Chess Council
General Secretary – Commonwealth Chess Association
Vice President – Asian Chess Federation