



Western Asia Youth Chess Championships 15-23 June 2022, Maldives

Maldives Chess Federation under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE invites national chess federations to participate in the Western Asia Youth Chess Championships 15-23 June 2022 in the Maldives.

Participation

- Entitled to participate are chess players from Western Asia federations (Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, and 3.7).
- The participant must not have reached his 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th birthday, respectively, before January 1st 2022 as follows:

Under 8:	Born on or after 1 st January	Under 14:	Born on or after 1 st January 2008
Under 10:	Born on or after 1 st January	Under 16:	Born on or after 1 st January 2006
Under 12:	Born on or after 1 st January	Under 18:	Born on or after 1 st January 2004

- In each age group there will be an open category and a girl's category.
- Each Western Asia Federation (Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, and 3.7) can register only ONE official player in each category (organizer provides them free full accommodations in double and triple rooms) and any number of extra players. Extra players will cover their board and lodging by themselves.
- In case there are fewer than eight players and five federations in an age group, that group shall be merged with another group.
- All players must have a FIDE ID before registration.

Playing Conditions

- The tournament will be played according to the Rules of Play of FIDE.
- The games shall be played using electronic clocks. The time control is 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. Forfeit time is 15 minutes.

- 2.2. Time control for Rapid Chess is 10 minutes plus 10-seconds increment per move from move one.
- 2.3. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes plus 2-second increments per move from move one.
- 2.4. In the last round, players from the same federation who have more than 50% score shall not be paired to play each other if alternate pairings are available.

Playing Schedule

3. The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 9 rounds or round robin for 8-10 players. Rapid events will be played in 7 rounds and Blitz events will be played in 5 rounds.

Days	Date	Timing	Activity
1	Wednesday, 15 th June 2022	After 12:00 noon	Arrival and Registration
2	Thursday, 16 th June 2022	9:00	Technical Meeting
		11:00	Opening Ceremony
		13:30	Rapid Round -1
		14:30	Rapid Round -2
		15:30	Rapid Round -3
		16:30	Rapid Round -4
			Break - Dinner
		20:00	Rapid Round -5
		21:00	Rapid Round -6
		22:00	Rapid Round -7
3	Friday, 17 th June 2022	9:00	Standard Chess Round -1
		15:00	Standard Chess Round -2
4	Saturday, 18 th June 2022	9:00	Standard Chess Round -3
5	Sunday, 19 th June 2022	9:00	Standard Chess Round -4
		15:00	Standard Chess Round -5
6	Monday, 20 th June 2022	9:00	Standard Chess Round -6
		15:00	Standard Chess Round -7
7	Tuesday, 21 st June 2022	9:00	Standard Chess Round -8
8	Wednesday, 22 nd June 2022	09:00	Standard Chess Round -9
		15:30	Beach Blitz Round -1
		16:00	Beach Blitz Round -2
		16:30	Beach Blitz Round -3
		17:00	Beach Blitz Round -4
		17:30	Beach Blitz Round -5
		18:00	Closing
9	Thursday, 23 rd June 2022	Before 12:00	Departure

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

4. The Asian Chess Federation President will nominate the Technical Delegate and the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.
- 4.1. The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

- 4.2. Protests, including protests decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after completion of the relevant playing session. A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$100 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing federation. No protests will be entertained for Rapid and Blitz.

Appeals Committee

5. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of a Chairman to be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, two other members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of national federations present.
- 5.1. No member of the committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such cases, the member concerned shall have the right only to partake in the discussions of the committee.

Designation of the winner

6. The order of the players is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied, the tie shall be broken by the tiebreak systems in the following order:
 - a) Direct Encounter
 - b) The greater number of wins (forfeits counted)
 - c) Buchholz Cut 1
 - d) Buchholz
 - e) Sonnenborn-Berger System

Medals and titles

7. Medals shall be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category. The three best Federations, by the ranking of standard chess medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy, based on first by number of gold, then silver then bronze medals.
- 7.1. A minimum number of federations for Direct Titles in Standard chess is 5 federations per category.
- 7.2. Gold medallists of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM) / Woman International Master (WIM). 1st equal player (best 3 after tie break) shall get IM/WIM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM) / Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.
- 7.3. Gold medallists of the U16 category shall be awarded IM/WIM norm. 1st equal player will get the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM) / Woman Candidate Master (WCM) title.
- 7.4. Gold medallists of U12 & U14 categories shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM / WCM title.
- 7.5. Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal winners of the U8 & U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

- 7.6. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900, CM 2000, WCM 1800

Accommodation

8. All players including extra players and accompanying persons should stay at the official hotel booked by organizers. Official hotel and venue will be advised. Hotel assignment will be on a first-come-first-served basis. If there is increased demand or late registration is accepted, the OC will offer additional hotels of similar quality.

- 8.1. The cost of full board and lodging to be paid to the Organizing Committee per person per night:

SINGLE FULL BOARD	SHARED DOUBLE	SHARED TRIPLE
US\$150.00	US\$85.00	US\$75.00

- 8.2. Each participating federation will be granted free accommodation for the invited players, registered before the deadline (one player per category, maximum 12 players) and one trainer with the valid FIDE trainer license in equal distribution of double and triple rooms. Any extra dates will be charged at a full rate according to the prices above, subject to availability. Early check-in or late check-out shall be covered by participants and accompanying persons. The final distribution of hotel rooms is decided by the Organizing Committee.

- 8.3. Official players are offered full board accommodation from the 1st day (arrival-lunch) to the last date (breakfast, departure).

- 8.4. Each delegation shall distribute their delegation in an equal proportion of double rooms. If needed, the OC decides the final distribution of hotel rooms

Registration and Fees

9. Please submit the registration form and passport copy by **1st May 2022** (deadline date). Registration must be submitted through national federations. Individual registration will not be accepted by the organizer.
- 9.1. A registration fee to the Organizing Committee of US\$ 100 is required for every participant (player or accompanying person) to be paid by the **1st of May 2022**. This fee includes the costs of airport transfers from the International Airport to the Official Hotel and from the Official Hotel to the International Airport as well as Accreditation Cards and Certificates.
- 9.2. An entry fee for every official player is 75\$ and the entry fee for the extra player is 150\$ has to be paid to the Organizing Committee by the 1st May 2022. After this date there will be a surcharge of \$50 for every official player would be 125\$ and for the extra player - 200\$. Organizers will transfer 50% of entry fees to the Asian Chess Federation.

- 9.3. Payments (entry fees, registration fees, hotel prepayment) should be made to:
Account No: 12600852020202
Account Name: Maldives Chess Association
Address: Male' Sports Complex, Kulivaru Ekuveni
Bank: State Bank of India
Bank Address: Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Male' 20005
Swift Code: SBINMVMV
- 9.4. 75% prepayment of the cost for board and lodging must be paid before the deadline and the balance 25% payment should be paid latest upon arrival of teams.
- 9.5. All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

Information about Visas

10. Maldivian VISA are the easiest on arrival VISA at the arrival counter is simple and easy.

Airport Transfers

11. The Organizer shall provide all participants with airport transfers from International Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to the airport. All participants are required to send their flight details of arrivals and departures to the Organizer before 1st May 2022 to provide transfer service.

Dress Code

12. All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sunglasses, sports caps, and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremonies.

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Tournament Hall





