



7th Western Asian Youth Chess Championship 2024

7th to 16th July 2024, Sri Lanka

Invitation

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE invites National Chess Federations of Western Asian region to participate in the Western Asia Youth Chess Championship to be held from 7th to 16th of July 2024 in Sri Lanka.

Participation

1. Entitled to participate are Chess players from Western Asian Chess Federations (Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.7 & 3.8) affiliated to the Asian Chess Federation. The participant must not have reached their 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th birthday, respectively, before January 1st, 2024.

1.1 Each county may register one official player and any number of additional players to participate in the U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 for Boys and Girls.

Under 8: Born on or after 1st Jan 2016

Under 10: Born on or after 1st Jan 2014

Under 12: Born on or after 1st Jan 2012

Under 14: Born on or after 1st Jan 2010

Under 16: Born on or after 1st Jan 2008

Under 18: Born on or after 1st Jan 2006

1.2 In case there are fewer than ten players and Five Federations in an age group, that group shall be merged with another group.

Playing Schedule

2.1 The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 9 rounds or round robin for 8-10 players in all formats (Standard/ Rapid/ Blitz) as below Schedule

Day 1 -Sunday 7th July 14:00hrs. Arrival

Day 2 -Monday 8th July 09:30 Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting

Day 2 -Monday 8th July 11.00 Rd 1 – Rd 3 Rapid and 15:00 Rd 4 – Rd 7 Rapid

Day 3 -Tuesday 9th July 10:00 Rd 1 & 16:00 Rd 2

Day 4 -Wednesday 10th July 10:00 Rd 3 -

Day 5 - Thursday 11th July 10:00 Rd 4 & 16:00 Rd 5

Day 6 - Friday 12th July 10:00 Rd 6

Day 7 - Saturday 13th July 10:00 Rd 7 Rd 9 - Standard Chess & 16:00 Blitz Championship 7 Rounds

Day 8 - Sunday 14th July 10:00 Rd 8

Day 9 – Monday 15th July 10:00 Rd 9

Day 9 – Monday 15th July 17:00 -Closing & Awards Ceremony

Day 10 – Tuesday 16th July - Departure by 12:00 noon

Playing Conditions

3. The tournament will be played according to the Rules of Play of FIDE.

3.1 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 30 minutes.

3.2. Time control for Rapid Chess is 15 minutes plus 10 second increment per move from move 1.

3.3 Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes plus 2 second increment per move from move 1.

3.4 The players from the same federation may play each other in the last round.

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

4. The Asian Chess Federation President will - after consultation with the organizing Federation - nominate 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/ appeals, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within fifteen minutes after completion of the relevant game. A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$ 200 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/ Appeals will be entertained for Rapid and Blitz.

Appeals Committee

5. The Technical Delegate, who will be the Chairman of appeals, shall be nominated by the Asian Chess Federation President in consultation with the organizing federation. Two other members and two reserves, all from different Federations, were chosen from among the representatives of the 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 winners

6.1 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 2,
- d) Buchholz Cut 1
- e) Blitz Match or tournament between tied players only on the top spot in every category.

6.2 In case the above still does not produce a decision, it shall be decided by draw of lots.

6.3 Team champions are selected in the standard event only. Team medals for top three teams and a Trophy for the winning team will be selected considering the total points (Same tie break points are used in ties except Direct encounter.) of the best three players from the same country. To claim the team awards at least 2 players should be there in the age group.

Titles and Awards

7.1 A minimum number of federations for Direct titles in standard chess is 5 federations per category.

7.2 Gold medalists 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 medalists 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 medalists 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 a minimum rating as follows:

IM 2200 WIM 2000
 FM 2100 WFM 1900
 CM 2000 WCM 1800

CATEGORY	IM/WIM	FM/WFM	CM/WCM
U-18	1 st -Title 1 st equal-Norm	2 nd & 3 rd -Title	N.A.
U-16	1 st -Norm	1 st equal-Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-14 & U-12	N.A.	1 st -Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-10 & U-8	N.A.	N.A.	1 st & 2 nd & 3 rd -Title
N.A.: Not applicable			

7.7 Medals: Medals shall be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category. Three best Federations, by ranking of standard chess medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy. For first place the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration, if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If there is a tie, count Rapid chess medals, then Blitz chess medals.

7.8 The team medals will be awarded for Standard Chess only will be awarded as given in 6.3.

Accommodation

8.1 All players should stay at the official five/ four star hotels booked by the organizers. The Cost of full board and lodging per day to be paid to the Organizing Committee as given below:

Single	Double per person	Triple per Person
130 USD	90 USD	75 USD

8.2 The official players for one player each in each age group and one official coach will be accommodated in Double/ Triple rooms. If any player needs a room upgrade, the difference should be paid by the participant.

8.3 The venue is one of the official Hotels itself in Kaluthara.

Registration and Fees

9.1 The Federation should send the intention of participation with the number of contingent (Including players, officials, and accompanying persons) by 5th of June 2024. Please submit the completed

registration form and passport copies by 20th June 2024, the deadline of registration. Late registration can be accepted with USD 110 additional fee.

9.2 A registration fee to the Organizing Committee of USD 110 is required for every participant (player official or accompanying person). This amount must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

9.3 An entry fee for every official player is USD 75 and an additional Player USD 150 includes participation into STD, RPD & BLITZ . This must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

9.5 Payments should be made to:

Bank: **Commercial Bank**

Branch: **City Office, 98, York Street, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka**

A/C Number: **1560248301**

Swift Code: **CCEYLK LX**

Name of Account: **Chess Federation of Sri Lanka**

Address: **151/12, Siri Dhamma Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka. (Postal Code 01000)**

10. Contact details:

10.1 All details and clarifications from:

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