



## **Western Asian Junior/ Girls Chess Championship 2024**

**15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Junior Chess Championship to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 participants must not have reached their 20th birthday, respectively, before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

1.1 Each county may register one official player each and any number of additional players to participate in the U-20 for Boys and Girls.

Under 20: Born on or after 1st Jan 2004

1.2 In case there are fewer than ten players and Five Federations among girls, it shall be merged with the open boys group.

### **Playing Schedule**

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

Day 1 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 14:00hrs. Arrival

Day 2 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 09:30 Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting

Day 2 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 Rd 1 & 16:00 Rd 2

Day 3 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 Rd 3- 16:00 Rd 4

Day 4 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 Rd 5

Day 5 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 Rd 6 & 16:00 Rd 7

Day 6 - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 Rd 8 & Blitz Championship at 16.30 Rd 1 – Rd 9

Day 7 - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 10.00 Rd 9 - Standard Chess & 17.00 Rapid Chess -Rounds 1 to 3

Day 8 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 10:00 Rd 4 to 7

Day 8– Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 17:00 - Closing & Award Ceremony

Day 9 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, will be 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.

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## **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.

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

## **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 shall be awarded a Grandmaster Norm/ the title of International Master (IM) (For women a Woman Grandmaster Norm/ Woman International Master (WIM)) title. 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 For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200 and WIM 2000

## **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:

<b>Single</b>	<b>Double per person</b>	<b>Triple per Person</b>
<b>130 USD</b>	<b>90 USD</b>	<b>75 USD</b>

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 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2024. Please submit the completed

registration form and passport copies by 30<sup>th</sup> 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. If foreign players played in previous West Asian Youth Chess Championship are continuing their participation, they are charged only 50% of the Registration fee which is 55 USD.

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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