



Asian Individual Chess Championships (Men's and Women's) 6 - 16 May 2025, Al Ain, UAE

To: All National Chess Federations in Asian Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 & 3.8

The UAE Chess Federation and Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE invite your Federation to participate in the Asian Individual Chess Championships (Open and Women's) from 6th (arrival) to 16th May (departure) 2025 in Al Ain, UAE.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Championship will be played in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 Each Federation from FIDE Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 can register one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Championships.
- 1.2 In addition, each Federation may add extra players rated 2000 and above for the Open and 1800 and above for Women based on the 1st May 2025 FIDE Rating List. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee.

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.
- 2.2 The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with FIDE approved clocks.
- 2.3 Pairings will be made by the Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation may be paired together in the last round.

3. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Tue. 6th May	UAE time (GMT+4)	Arrival/Check in
Wed. 7th May	10:00 14:30 15:00	Technical Meeting Opening Rd 1
Thu. 8th May	15:00	Rd. 2
Fri. 9th May	15:00	Rd. 3
Sat. 10th May	15:00	Rd. 4
Sun. 11th May	15:00	Rd. 5
Mon. 12th May	15:00	Rd. 6
Tue. 13th May	15:00	Rd. 7
Wed. 14th May	15:00	Rd. 8
Thu. 15th May	10:00 17:00 20:30	Rd. 9 Blitz tournament Awards Ceremony
Fri. 16th May	Before 12:00	Departure

Organizers, if necessary, may make changes to the schedule, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. The default time will be 30 minutes for each round.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The registration form shall be accessed via link to be provided national federations for submission on or before 6 April 2025 together with payment.
- 4.2 A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport color copy of each player or accompanying person should be uploaded in the registration form and submitted to the Organizing Committee. More data information is required from certain countries to be indicated in the registration app.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

- 5.1 Each player or accompanying person must pay US\$110 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation, and other local organizational expenses.
- 5.2 Registration deadline is 6th April 2025. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

6. ENTRY FEE

- 6.1 In accordance with Asian Chess Federation regulations, an entry fee of US\$150 is required for each invited (official) player.
- 6.2 For each additional (extra) player, an entry fee of US\$300 is required. Asian Chess Federation shall share 50% of the entry fees.

7. PAYMENTS

- 7.1 After the Registration forms for all players and accompanying persons have been filled in, sent to and approved by the Organizing Committee, the national federations will receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.
- 7.2 The deadline for payment of visa fees, entry, registration and accommodation is 6th April 2025
- 7.3 The sender must pay all bank charges. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

8. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

- 8.1 In accordance with FIDE Regulations, travel expenses shall be borne by the participating Federations.
- 8.2 Organizer arranges transfer between the following airports and the official hotel.
- **Zayed International airport (AUH)** is located 154 kilometres from the official hotel.
 - **Dubai airport (DXB)** is located 118 kilometres from the official hotel.
 - **Sharjah international airport (SHJ)** is located 158 kilometres from the official hotel.

9. ACCOMMODATION

- 9.1 All participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the official hotel, 4 or 5 star, to be announced.
- 9.2 The hotel, which is the playing venue, offers comfortable accommodation, high-quality service, and a range of modern amenities at the rates below:

Full Board	Rate Double Occupancy	Rate Single occupancy
Standard Rm/night	US 100 dollar per person x 2	US\$150

- Extra night(s) can be requested in advance and upon availability, which will be possible at a proportional cost:
- All participants are obliged to lodge at the official hotel.
- Booking of official hotel for the event should be done only through the Organizing Committee.

9.3 The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from the afternoon of 6th May till noon of 16th May 2025 (breakfast).

9.4 Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Total prize fund is \$80,000 for Men and Women as follows.

Place	Men	Women	Blitz Men	Blitz Women
1st	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$2,500	\$1,500
2nd	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
3rd	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500
4th	\$5,000	\$4,000		
5th	\$4,000	\$3,000		
6th	\$3,000	\$1,000		
7th	\$1,000	\$900		
8th	\$900	\$800		
9th	\$800	\$700		
10th	\$700	\$600		
11th	\$600	\$500		
12th	\$500	\$500		
13th	\$500			
14th	\$500			
15th	\$500			

Prizes shall not be shared among tied players.

10.2 The top ten (10) from the 2025 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify into the 2025 World Cup and top two (2) from the 2025 Asian Women's Championship shall qualify into the 2025 Women's World Cup.

10.3 In case a player in 10.2 has previously qualified, the next in line in the Asian Individual championship qualifies

11. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

- 11.1 The Chief Arbiter, his Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President.
- 11.2 A Technical Delegate, to be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president, shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adheres strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations of the Asian Individual Championship. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 12.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.
- 12.2 There shall be a Chairman, two members, and two reserve members from different Federations, appointed by the ACF President. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.
- 12.3 All protests must be submitted in a written form to the Appeals Committee not more than 30 minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.
- 12.4 The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 200 (two hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.
- 12.5 No protests shall be allowed in the blitz tournament. The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final.

13. TIE BREAK

Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*
- b) Buchholz Cut 1**;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

14. VISAS

- 14.1 Some nationalities need to obtain a visa on arrival while others need to apply for a visa in advance. Find out if you need a visa to enter the UAE: [UAE visa information | Visa and Passport | Before You Fly | Emirates](#)
- 14.2 All players and accompanying person who are not on the above list and require a visa to enter the UAE, are required to send a color copy of their passport and ID photo.
- 14.3 **Visa Fee: \$100** for each player and accompanying person. Those who need to obtain a permit to enter the UAE from the organizing committee must pay the visa fee, no later than **6th April 2025**.
- 14.4 A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be uploaded in the registration form and submitted to the Organizing Committee.

15. DRESS CODE

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

16. CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please refer to the following contacts:

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