



Western Asian Junior/ Girls Chess Championship 2025

4th to 12th June 2025, 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 4th to 12th of June 2025 in Sri Lanka.

Participation

1. Entitled to participate are Chess players from Western Asian Chess Federations (Zone 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 1st, 2025.

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 2005

1.2 In case there are fewer than ten players and Five Federations in a category both events shall be merged together.

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 – Wednesday 4th June 14:00hrs. Arrival

Day 2 - Thursday 5th June 09:30 Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting

Day 2 - Thursday 5th June 10:00 Rd 1 & 16:00 Rd 2

Day 3 - Friday 6th June 10:00 Rd 3- 16:00 Rd 4

Day 4 - Saturday 7th June 10:00 Rd 5

Day 5 - Sunday 8th June 10:00 Rd 6 & 16:00 Rd 7

Day 6 - Monday 9th June 10:00 Rd 8

Day 7 - Tuesday 10th June 10.00 Rd 9 - Standard Chess & 16.00 Blitz Championship Rd 1 – Rd 7

Day 8 – Wednesday 11th June 10:00 Rd 1 to 7

Day 8 – Wednesday 11th June 19.30 Closing & Award Ceremony

Day 9 – Thursday 12th June 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 According to 2.2 in Swiss systems, 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 and Chief Arbiters decision is final there.

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.

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 Grand Master Norm/ the title of International Master (IM) (For women A Women Grand Master Norm/ 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.

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 per section from a country 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 Western Province, Sri Lanka.

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 10th of May 2025. Please submit the completed registration form and passport copies by 20th May 2025, the deadline of registration. Late registration can be accepted with USD 100 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 is USD 150 including 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**

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

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

A/C Number: **1560248301**

Swift Code: **CCEYLK LX**

10. Contact details:

10.1 All details and clarifications from:

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