



Western Asian Junior (Open & Girls) Chess Championships - 2026

22nd to 31st October, 2026

Tournament Venue: Rajpath Club (Diamond Hall), S. G. Highway,
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

Accommodation: Gateway Hotels & Resorts, S.No.64/1, Sindhu Bhavan Road,
B/h. ICICI Bank, Off S. G. Highway, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad-380054, Gujarat

Invitation

The All India Chess Federation, 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 Championships to be held from 22nd to 31st of October 2026 in India.

Participation

1. Entitled to participate are chess players from Western Asian Chess Federations (Zone 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 1st, 2026.

1.1 Each county may register one official player each and any number of additional players to participate in the U-20 championships for Open and Girls, born on or after 1st January, 2006.

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

1.3 For eligibility of Indian players, please contact the All India Chess Federation via indianchessfed@gmail.com

Playing Schedule

2.1 The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of nine rounds or round robin for ten or less players in all formats (Standard/Rapid/Blitz) as per the schedule given below:

Date	Day	Time	Event
22 nd October, 2026	Thursday	After 13:00 hrs.	Arrival
23 rd October, 2026	Friday	14:00 hrs.	Opening Ceremony / Technical Meeting
23 rd October, 2026	Friday	15:00 hrs.	Round-1
24 th October, 2026	Saturday	10:00 hrs.	Round-2
		16:00 hrs.	Round-3
25 th October, 2026	Sunday	10:00 hrs.	Round-4
26 th October, 2026	Monday	10:00 hrs.	Round-5
		16:00 hrs.	Round-6
27 th October, 2026	Tuesday	10:00 hrs.	Round-7
28 th October, 2026	Wednesday	10:00 hrs.	Round-8
29 th October, 2026	Thursday	10:00 hrs.	Round-9
		15:00 hrs.	Blitz Championship Rounds 1 to 7
30 th October, 2026	Friday	09:00 hrs.	Rapid Championship Rounds 1 to 7
		18:00 hrs.	Closing & Award Ceremony
31 st October, 2026	Saturday	Before 12:00 noon	Departure

Playing Conditions

3. The tournament will be played according to the rules of play of FIDE.

3.1 The time control is 90 minutes to each player, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. Default 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 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 USD 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 Arbiter's 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, 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.

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 1,
- d) Buchholz-
- e) Sonneborn Berger
- f) Blitz match or tournament between tied players only to decide the champion.

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 participating federations for Direct titles in standard chess is five per category.

7.2 Gold medalists shall be awarded a Grandmaster norm and the title of International Master (IM) (For women: a Woman Grand Master norm/Woman International Master (WIM)). 1st equal player (best 3 after tie breaks) 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 hotel booked by the organizers. The cost of full board and lodging per day to be paid to the Organizing Committee is as given below:

Single occupancy per person per day	Double occupancy per person per day	Triple occupancy per person per day
120 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 tournament venue partner is: **Rajpath Club (Diamond Hall), S. G. Highway, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.** (<https://www.rajpathclub.com/>)

8.4 The Official Hotel is **Gateway Hotels & Resorts, S.No.64/1, Sindhu Bhavan Road, B/h. ICICI Bank, Off S. G. Highway, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad-380054, Gujarat, India.**





Registration and Fees

9.1 The federations should send the intention of participation with the number of contingent (including players, officials, and accompanying persons) by 28th of September 2026. Please submit the completed registration form and passport copies by 15th October 2026, the deadline of registration. Late registration can be accepted with USD 100 as 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 for each additional player is USD 150 including participation in standard, rapid & blitz championships. This must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the time of registration.

9.4 The Organising Committee reserves the rights to refuse or decline a late registration or accepting subject to availability, with a penalty of USD 50 for each entry.

9.5 All players and participants of the event should stay at the official hotel – “Gateway Hotels & Resorts, S.No.64/1, Sindhu Bhavan Road, B/h. ICICI Bank, Off S. G. Highway, Bodakdev, Ahmedabad-380054, Gujarat, India”. 100% of prepayments of the cost for board and lodging for the additional players and accompanying persons (hotel at full board basis) must be paid by the deadline of 15th October, 2026.

9.6 All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

9.4 Payments shall be made to:

Bank: BANK OF BARODA

Bank Account No: 03230100024766

Type of Account: Savings Bank

Bank Address: Bodakdev Branch, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

Account NAME: Gujarat State Chess Association

IFSC Code: BARB0BODAKD

Swift Code: BARBINBBSGH

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