



## 25<sup>th</sup> Asian Youth Chess Championships 2023 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, Al Ain, UAE

### Regulations

#### 1. Invitation

The Al Ain Chess Club on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), FIDE and UAE Chess Federation has the honor to invite all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 2023 Asian Youth Chess Championships and Asian Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> (arrival) to 22<sup>nd</sup> (departure) December 2023 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

#### 2. Eligibility of Participants

2.1 To be eligible, players must not have reached his/her respective birthday before January 1st, 2023:

Under 8: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2015	Under 14: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2009
Under 10: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2013	Under 16: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2007
Under 12: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2011	Under 18: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2005

2.2 Every Asian National Chess Federation can register only one Official Player in each category (maximum of 12 official players). No replacement from other categories can be made in case there is no Official Player in one category. Playing in a higher age category for an official place shall be treated as an additional player.

2.3 All Champions in Standard chess in last year's edition are entitled with personal rights to play in this year's event according to their eligible category as Official Players if the stipulation of article 2.1 is met. One Head of Delegation (HOD) is accommodated at the expense of the Organizing Committee (OC).

2.4 Other than Official Players, federations may register players who shall be classified as Additional Players. A FIDE endorsed chess academy can send its trainees (maximum one player per category) as Additional Players.

2.5 All persons, besides the players and Head of Delegation (HOD), shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. A federation may register any number of Additional Players and Accompanying Persons but only upon confirmation of

availability by the Organizing Committee (OC). The National Federation shall be responsible for the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.

### **3. Registration and Travel**

- 3.1** Registration shall be by web portal to be published in [asianchess.com](http://asianchess.com). National federations shall be provided username and password. Individual registration shall be accepted subject to no objection from the respective national federation. Only members of Asian federations are entitled to participate.
- 3.2** Each participant shall register with the OC by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 which is the registration deadline. The participant must pay a registration fee, which is compulsory and represents confirmation of participation. This is for accreditation and transportation from Dubai, Sharjah or Abu Dhabi international airports, and for transportation between official hotel and playing venue.
- 3.3** After the registration deadline, no official and additional players will be accepted (see article 5.1 and 5.2).
- 3.4** All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation
- 3.5** For security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations, National Delegations shall use the official hotel(s) designated by the OC.

### **4. Visa Applications**

- 4.1** Those who need visas must submit the necessary documents before the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The application process starts from the day you submit the form. The visa will be issued within 45 days. For timely processing, please submit visa applications early. Unclear copies and photos may result in delay.
- 4.2** Visa fee is \$75 per person.
- 4.3** Late visa applications may be accepted by 25<sup>th</sup> November at the latest with additional \$25 penalty fee for best effort but no assurance.
- 4.4** The OC will issue invitations only after all the pre-payments are made (see article 5.3).

### **5. Financial Regulations & Payments**

- 5.1** Entry Fee:  
The Entry Fee is **USD 75** for an Official Player and **USD 150** for an Additional Player. After the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the OC reserves the right to refuse late registration, or accept subject to availability with a late penalty of **USD 50** for each entry.
- 5.2** Registration Fee:  
The Registration Fee is **USD 110** for all participants (official player, additional player, HOD, and accompanying persons) payable by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The OC reserves the right to refuse or decline late registration.

### 5.3 Prepayment:

Cost for board and lodging (hotel at full board basis) must be paid by the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

- 5.4 On receipt of payment, the OC will send to the participating federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations. All confirmed registrations will be notified via email.
- 5.5 All payments must be finalized before arrival. Players will not be registered until all payments and fees are cleared.

## 6. Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

- 6.1 The Official Hotel (5 stars) is the Danat in Al Ain with limited number of rooms.
- 6.2 Federations should book through the Organizing Committee (OC). Selection of the Hotel will be done by the OC on a first-come first-served basis.
- 6.3 If there is increased demand or late registrations accepted, the OC may offer additional hotels with minimum 4 stars having the same fees mentioned below.
- 6.4 Official players and one Head of Delegation are offered **full board** accommodation from 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (arrival) to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (departure). Any additional dates will be charged at full rate of the hotel subject to availability. Hotel Rates for additional players and accompanying persons on full board basis are as below:

Single	US\$125 per day
Double/Twin	US\$90 per person per day
Triple	US\$75 per person per day

## 7. Technical Regulations

- 7.1 The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 9 rounds. Where there are fewer than 10 players from at least 5 federations in a category, that category shall be merged with another according to FIDE regulations to qualify for direct titles.
- 7.2 The rate of play will be:
  - a. Standard 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
  - b. Rapid 15 minutes + 10 seconds and 7 rounds.
  - c. Blitz 3 minutes + 2 seconds and 9 rounds.
- 7.3 In the last round of standard chess tournament, players from the same Federation who have scored more than 50% shall not be paired to play each other if alternate pairings are available, unless the Chief Arbiter announces otherwise before the start of the age group / category.
- 7.4 Tiebreak: The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. The tiebreak shall be decided as follows:
  - a. Direct Encounter,
  - b. Buchholz Cut 1,

- c. Buchholz,
- d. Sonnenborn-Berger system,
- e. Greater Number of Wins, forfeits counted (a pairing bye is not a forfeit).

**7.5** In case the above still does not produce a decision, tied players shall play one Armageddon game.

## **8. Schedule:**

### **8.1** Note UAE time is GMT +4

Day/Date	Time	Remarks
Tues. 12 Dec.	After 12:00	Arrival
	21:00	Technical Meeting
Wed. 13 Dec.	14:00	Rapid Chess 7 rounds
	21:00	Opening Ceremony & Rapid Awards
Thurs. 14 Dec.	16:00	Standard round 1
Fri. 15 Dec.	16:00	Standard round 2
Sat. 16 Dec.	10:00	Standard round 3
	16:00	Standard round 4
Sun. 17 Dec.	10:00	Standard round 5
	16:00	Blitz Chess 9 rounds
	21:00	Blitz Awards
Mon. 18 Dec.	10:00	Standard round 6
	16:00	Tour / Cultural Night
Tues. 19 Dec.	16:00	Standard round 7
Wed. 20 Dec.	16:00	Standard round 8
Thurs. 21 Dec	10:00	Standard round 9
	20:00	Standard Awards
Fri. 22 Dec.	Before 12:00	Departure

## **9. Awards**

- 9.1** The top three players in each event will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.
- 9.2** Three best Federations overall, by ranking of medals collected in all categories in Standard Chess, will receive a trophy. For ranking, the number of gold medals will be considered first, and if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, and if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally this is still tied, then the total number of medal winners in Standard, Rapid and Blitz applies.
- 9.3** Three best federations among boys and among girls in standard chess shall receive trophies calculated as above.
- 9.4** Team Medals - will be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a country. Countries with less than two players will not be eligible for a team award. In case of any tie, the tie-break scores of each player shall be considered.

- 9.5** The champions of Asian Youth Championships in standard chess shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championship of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulated age limit is met. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.
- 9.6** E-Certificates of Participation shall be given to all participants.
- 9.7** Cultural Evening  
Trophies and medals shall also be awarded for the best cultural presentations. Delegations are invited to present group or individual performances by their players with a short presentation.

## 10. Direct Titles

- 10.1** Gold medalists of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM)/Woman International Master (WIM). 1st equal player shall get IM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM)/Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.
- 10.2** Gold medalists of U16 category shall be awarded the title of FM/WFM and an IM/WIM norm. 1st equal player will get FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM)/Woman Candidate Master (WCM) title.
- 10.3** 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.
- 10.4** Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal (after tie break up to 3 players) winners of the U8 & U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.
- 10.5** For a direct title to be awarded immediately, an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other 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 <sup>st</sup> -Title 1 <sup>st</sup> equal-Norm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Title	N.A.
U-16	1 <sup>st</sup> -Norm	1 <sup>st</sup> equal-Title	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Title
U-14 & U-12	N.A.	1 <sup>st</sup> -Title	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Title
U-10 & U-8	N.A.	N.A.	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Title
N.A.: Not applicable			

## 11. Officials

- 11.1** The Technical Delegate, Appeals Committee and Chief Arbiter shall be appointed by the Continental President as well as other Arbiters.
- 11.2** The Appeals Committee shall be composed of three members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of National Federations present. No member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his/her own federation (unless both parties are from the same federation).

- 11.3** A protest against the decision of an Arbiter or the Chief Arbiter must be submitted to the Appeals Committee Chairman in writing within 15 (fifteen) minutes after the end of the playing session together with a protest fee of USD 200 in cash for which the appellant should receive a receipt as proof of payment.
- 11.4** The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal has merit. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.
- 11.5** No Appeal shall be accepted in Rapid and Blitz chess. The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final.

## **12. Dress Code**

All Players should 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.

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