

Regulations of 2026 The 3rd "the Belt and Road" China International Chess Open (Kuqa, Xinjiang)

1. Host

- Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China
- Chinese Chess Association

2. Organiser

- Sport Bureau of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
- Sports Federation of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
- Administrative Office of Aksu Prefecture

3. Co-organisers

- Social Sport and Competition Management Center of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
- People's Government of Kuqa City
- Culture, Sports, Radio, Television and Tourism Bureau of Aksu Prefecture

4. Executive Organiser

- Chess Association of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
- Culture, Sports, Radio, Television and Tourism Bureau of Kuqa City

5. Competition Schedule & Venue

5.1 Competition Time

August 5 – 12, 2026

5.2 Venue

Kuqa Hotel, No.266 Tianshan Middle Road, Wuqia Town, Kuqa City

5.3 Detailed Schedule

Date	Activity	Time
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Aug 5	Arrival & Check-in	14:00 – 19:00
Aug 5	Technical Meeting	20:00
Aug 6	Opening Ceremony + Round 1	16:00
Aug 7	Round 2	10:30
Aug 7	Round 3	16:30
Aug 8	Round 4	10:30
Aug 8	Round 5	16:30
Aug 9	Round 6	16:30
Aug 10	Round 7	10:30
Aug 10	Round 8	16:30
Aug 11	Round 9	16:30
Aug 11	Closing & Award Ceremony	22:00
Aug 12	Departure	All day

6. Competition Event

Individual Chess Tournament

7. Qualification for Participation

1. Players from all member federations of FIDE are eligible to register.
2. All participants must hold a valid FIDE ID.
3. Players' FIDE ratings shall be based on the rating list published in the month of the release of these regulations.

8. Competition Format

1. The tournament shall abide by the latest official competition rules issued by FIDE.

2. All games will be rated for official FIDE Elo ratings.
3. The tournament adopts a 9-round Swiss pairing system. Two separate groups are set up with different time controls:
 - Group A: FIDE rating ≥ 2000
Time control: 90 minutes base time per player, plus 30 seconds increment per move
 - Group B: FIDE rating ≤ 1999
Time control: 60 minutes base time per player, plus 30 seconds increment per move

9. Ranking Prizes & Special Awards

Total prize pool: RMB 388,000 (pre-tax)

9.1 Group A (Top 16 awarded)

Rank	Prize (CNY)
1st	100,000
2nd	70,000
3rd	40,000
4th	30,000
5th	20,000
6th	10,000
7th	8,000
8th	6,000
9th	5,000
10th	3,000
11th	2,000
12th	1,800

13th	1,600
14th	1,500
15th	1,300
16th	1,000

Group A Special Cumulative Awards

Award Category	Rank	Prize (CNY)
Women's Special Award	1st	2,000
Women's Special Award	2nd	1,000
Women's Special Award	3rd	600
U20 Youth Special Award	1st	2,000
U20 Youth Special Award	2nd	1,000
U20 Youth Special Award	3rd	600
Best Player 2000–2199 Elo	1st	1,000
Best Player 2200–2399 Elo	1st	1,000

9.2 Group B (Top 10 awarded)

Rank	Prize (CNY)
1st	30,000
2nd	15,000
3rd	8,000
4th	5,000

5th	4,000
6th	3,000
7th	2,000
8th	1,500
9th	1,300
10th	1,000

Group B Special Cumulative Awards

Award Category	Rank	Prize (CNY)
Women's Special Award	1st	1,000
Women's Special Award	2nd	500
Women's Special Award	3rd	300
Over 50 Age Group Award	1st	1,000
Over 50 Age Group Award	2nd	500
Over 50 Age Group Award	3rd	300
Best Unrated Male Player	1st	1,000
Best Unrated Female Player	1st	600
Best Unrated Xinjiang Male Player	1st	1,000
Best Unrated Xinjiang Female Player	1st	600

9.3 General Prize Rules

1. All prizes are distributed according to final tournament standings. Tied scores will not split prizes equally.
2. Players eligible for multiple special awards may receive all corresponding prizes cumulatively.

10. Arbitration, Appeals & Tournament Discipline

10.1 Arbiter Team

Chief arbiter, Deputy Chief arbiter, Pairing Manager, Appeals Director and key arbiters will be appointed by the Chinese Chess Association. Additional arbiters will be selected by the organizing committee based on operational needs.

10.2 Technical Appeals Committee

1. Committee composition: 1 representative from host, 1 representative from organizer, 1 athlete representative, plus 2 alternate members.
2. All written appeals must be submitted to the Committee within 1 hour after the end of the relevant round, accompanied by a deposit of RMB 2,000. The deposit will not be refunded if the appeal is rejected.
3. Committee members shall recuse themselves from arbitration if they share the same province/city as the appealing party.

10.3 Tournament Discipline

All disciplinary violations shall be handled in accordance with *Chinese Chess Association Competition Discipline Code and Penalty Regulations (2024 Edition)* (Document No. GXZ [2024] No.7).

11. Financial Arrangements

11.1 Event Coverage

The organizing committee shall bear all costs for competition operation, venue, promotion, arbiters, reception and prize distribution.

11.2 Entry Fee

1. Standard fee: USD 55 or RMB 400 per participant
2. Fee exemptions:
 - GM with FIDE rating ≥ 2500
 - WGM with FIDE rating ≥ 2300

11.3 Travel Subsidies

(1) Asian Players (including Chinese players)

Eligible recipients: GM \geq 2600 Elo; WGM \geq 2500 Elo

Maximum subsidy per person: RMB 3,500 (USD 500)

Total quota for both titles combined: 10 participants, allocated by registration order.

(2) Non-Asian Players

Eligible recipients: GM \geq 2600 Elo; WGM \geq 2500 Elo

Maximum subsidy per person: RMB 7,000 (USD 1,000)

Total quota for both titles combined: 10 participants, allocated by registration order.

Supplementary Rule

Unused quotas may be reallocated between Asian and non-Asian players with prior approval from the organizing committee. All other players cover travel costs at their own expense.

11.4 Accommodation & Catering

1. GM \geq 2600 Elo / WGM \geq 2500 Elo: Free full board & lodging, single room, unlimited quota for all registered players.
2. GM 2500–2599 Elo / WGM 2400–2499 Elo: Free full board & lodging, twin room; combined quota of 3 players by registration priority.
3. All other players shall cover accommodation and meals independently.

Recommended hotels:

Hotel Name	Star Rating	Distance to Venue	Room Rate & Notes
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Kuqa Hotel Block C (Main Venue)	5-star	On-site	King: RMB 320/night (2 guests, breakfast included)
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Twin: RMB 300/night (2 guests, breakfast included)

Contact: Manager Liu +86 18899222207 |

Kuqa Hotel Block A	5-star	50m	King: RMB 300/night
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Twin: RMB 260/night (2 guests, breakfast included)

Contact: Manager Wang +86 13289974899 |

Kuqa Hotel Block B	5-star	70m	King: RMB 300/night
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Twin: RMB 260/night (2 guests, breakfast included)

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Lidu Hotel	4-star	100m	King: RMB 240/night
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Twin: RMB 260/night (2 guests, breakfast included)

Contact: Manager Liu +86 13345359905 |

12. Registration & Check-in

12.1 Registration Rules

1. Registration deadline: 18:00 Beijing Time, July 5, 2026.
2. Participants must provide valid FIDE ID during email registration.
3. Full entry fee transfer must be completed within 24 hours of successful email registration; failure to pay will result in automatic cancellation of registration.
4. All registered player data will be published and updated regularly on the Chess-results platform.

12.2 Registration and Check-in

1. Participants shall present the original signed registration form and supporting documents for verification.
2. All athletes and accompanying personnel must purchase accident insurance covering the entire tournament period (including round-trip travel) and submit insurance proof at check-in.

13. Competition Equipment

Chess sets, boards and clocks used in the tournament shall comply with equipment standards set by the Chinese Chess Association and be inspected and approved by the Chief Arbiter before the tournament.

14. Contact Information

Foreign Players

Email: chessccr@126.com

15. Supplementary Provisions

Any matters not covered by these regulations shall be announced separately via official notice.

16. Interpretation Right

The Chinese Chess Association reserves the sole right of interpretation of these tournament regulations.