

REGULATIONS
for the Eurasian Blitz Chess Cup of the President of Kazakhstan

1. Purpose of the tournament

The tournament is held with the purpose to:

- promote and develop chess in the Republic of Kazakhstan and other Eurasian states;
- preserve and accumulate cultural and sport traditions;
- improve Kazakhstan chess prestige internationally;
- promote sportspersons for excellence.

2. Organizers

FIDE rules shall apply.

The tournament is held by and under general supervision of the Kazakhstan Chess Federation with the support of the Committee for Sport and Physical Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter the RoK) Ministry of Culture and Sport and Almaty Department of Physical Education and Sport.

The panel of judges shall be charged with running the tournament in situ.

3. Time and venue

The tournament shall be held at Ritz Carlton hotel in Almaty (77/7 Al-Farabi ave.) in the period from June 17 (arrival date) till June 20 (departure date), 2016.

Tournament schedule:

Date		Number of rounds	Time of start of the games	Other comments
17.06.2016	Arrival			
17.06.2016	Technical meeting		19.00	
18.06.2016	Opening ceremony		12.00	
18.06.2016	Blitz	1-14	14.00	
19.06.2016	Blitz	15-22	14.00	
19.06.2016	Closing ceremony		18.00	To be confirmed by organizers
20.06.2016	Simultaneous game		11.00	
20.06.2016	Departure			

4. Tournament format

This shall be an 11 double round (with white and black) Swiss system tournament.

Time control: 3' + 2" per move per player starting from move 1 until the end of the game.

5. Tournament participants and entry conditions

The following representatives of Eurasian states shall be eligible:

- Men players with Elo 2300 and above, women players with Elo 2200 (classical, rapid, blitz);
- Exceptions in rating requirements can be made by organizers upon national federations' requests;
- GM with rating 2800 (blitz) and above is provided with a single room with full board and an air ticket (economy class);
- GM with rating 2750 (blitz) and above is accommodated in a double room with full board;
- WGM with rating 2450 (blitz) is accommodated in a double room with full board;

- Total amount of participants shall not exceed 150 people.

Entry fee in the amount of 100 USD shall be paid by each participant. Kazakhstan nationals shall pay the entry fee in KZT at the exchange rate of the RoK National Bank effective on the payment date. The entry fee is obligatory and shall signify confirmation of participation and cover accreditation, and organization expenses.

Upon participant's request transfer from/to Almaty airport to/from the tournament venue can be organized for 40 USD. Participants shall send their requests at least two weeks before arrival to Almaty; otherwise requests shall not be valid.

Participants shall comply with the dress code in accordance with the FIDE C.01 (Clause 8.1) rules.

Tournament participants are obliged to attend the opening and closing ceremonies.

6. Registration, visa support and accommodation

National Federations and individuals shall submit applications to the Kazakhstan Chess Federation before May 17, 2016 14.00 o'clock Almaty time. Registration shall be deemed completed upon receipt of the established entry fee to the Kazakhstan Chess Federation settlement account.

Participants applying for registration after May 17 shall be charged with additional 50 USD (per participant).

Kazakhstan nationals shall transfer entry fees (in KZT) to the Kazakhstan Chess Federation settlement account, banking details as follows:

Beneficiary: "Kazakhstan Chess Federation" Republican Public Association

**BIN 911240001354
36 Al-Farabi ave., AFD Business Center, Floor 4, Almaty
KZ06826A1KZTD2022470
ATF Bank JSC
BIC ALMNKZKA
Kbe18**

Payment reference: "Special-purpose contribution to statutory activity"

It is necessary to specify participant's full name and payment reference in transfer voucher.

Foreign participants shall pay the entry fee in USD.

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KZ62826A1USDD2007147 (USD)
ATF Bank JSC
BIC ALMNKZKA
Kbe18**

Participants needing visa support for the term of the tournament shall send applications and passport copies to the Kazakhstan Chess Federation before May 17, 2016 14.00 o'clock Almaty time. In such case, the Kazakhstan Chess Federation shall make letters of invitation for participants.

The hotel officially hosting the tournament shall provide Kazakhstan registration to participants it accommodates.

7. Winners and prizes

Winners shall be elected based on the points scored, and in case of equal points – based on the following:

- 1) Direct encounter
- 2) Greater number of wins
- 3) Performance
- 4) Buchholz.

Prizes shall not be divided. Prizes for winners in two nominations shall be cumulative.

The tournament prize fund amounts to **100,000 USD**.

General prizes:

- 1st place – USD 30,000
- 2nd place – USD 20,000
- 3rd place – USD 14,000
- 4th place – USD 7,000
- 5th place – USD 4,000
- 6th place – USD 3,000
- 7th place – USD 2,500
- 8th place – USD 2,000
- 9th place – USD 1,300
- 10th place – USD 800

Special prizes:

Women:

- 1st place – USD 2,500
- 2nd place – USD 1,500
- 3rd place – USD 1,000
- 4th place – USD 700
- 5th place – USD 500

Juniors under 16 (boys):

- 1st place – USD 1,000
- 2nd place – USD 800
- 3rd place – USD 600

Juniors under 16 (girls):

- 1st place – USD 1,000
- 2nd place – USD 800
- 3rd place – USD 600

Seniors 50+:

- 1st place – USD 1,000
- 2nd place – USD 800
- 3rd place – USD 600

Best male chess player of Kazakhstan Chess Federation – USD 1,000

Best female chess player of Kazakhstan Chess Federation – USD 1,000

Total: USD 100,000

8. Funding and judging conditions

The prize pool shall be provided by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation.

The work of the panel of judges shall be paid by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation.

Participant's travel, accommodation, subsistence and visa expenses shall be covered by sending organizations.

9. Contacts

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