



FIDE WORLD AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIDE Rating Categories Under 1700, Under 2000, Under 2300

Muscat, OMAN

01 - 11 November, 2023

General Regulations

1. Invitation

FIDE and the Oman Chess Committee invite all FIDE Member Federations and eligible players to participate in the FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships for **Open** and **Women** with a FIDE rating under 2300. In total, 6 (six) championship titles in 3 categories will be awarded: Open & Women Under 1700, Open & Women Under 2000, Open & Women Under 2300. The championships will be held in Muscat (Gulf of Oman). The dates are 01 of November (arrivals) to 11 of November 2023 (departures).



2. Playing Venue

The FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships will be held **in the Sultan Qaboos Complex**, while Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque is 7.8 km from the property.



3. Tournament schedule

Day	Date	Time	Notice
Wednesday	01 November	14:00	Arrival Day
Thursday	02 November	10:00	Technical meeting
Thursday	02 November	15:30	Opening
Thursday	02 November	16:00	Round 1
Friday	03 November	16:00	Round 2
Saturday	04 November	16:00	Round 3
Sunday	05 November	16:00	Round 4
Monday	06 November	16:00	Round 5
Tuesday	07 November	16:00	Round 6
Wednesday	08 November	16:00	Round 7
Thursday	09 November	16:00	Round 8
Friday	10 November	16:00	Round 9
Friday	10 November	21:30	Closing Ceremony
Saturday	11 November	11:00	Departure Day

4. Technical Regulations

4.1 Participants: There will be separate Championships for FIDE rating categories **Under 2300, Under 2000 & Under 1700**. There shall be separate Women's Championship(s) if there are at least ten (10) players from at least two (2) continents in each category. Otherwise, Women players will play in Open competition and, in this case of a merged tournament, women players will be eligible to win prizes from both categories: **For example**, if the 1st woman player also wins the 3rd place in the men (open) standings, she will receive both prizes in terms of any trophies, medals, prize money and qualification rights awarded.

4.2 a) The Championships are open for players registered by their national federation. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

b) The Winners from each FIDE World Amateur Championship rating section and from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section, of the year preceding this edition, are invited with personal rights as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of 2300 by the registration deadline, and their places cannot be substituted.

The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (twin rooms with bath and/or shower) for players qualified with personal rights from above article (4.2 b).

4.3 a) For participation in the **Under2300 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year prior to the registration deadline (**1st September 2023**).

No player may hold any title above FM or WFM in the Under 2300 category.

b) For participation in the **Under 2000 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

c) For participation in the **Under 1700 section**, a player must not have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year prior to the start of the championship.

d) No player may hold any title above CM or WCM in the Under 1700 and Under 2000 categories.

No player may hold any title above FM or WFM in the Under 2300 category.

These restrictions will not apply to players whose age makes them eligible to participate in that year's World Seniors 65+ category.

Annex		
Category	Rating Limit (Article 3)	Ineligible Titles (Article 4)
Under 2300	<= 2300	IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 2000	<= 2000	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM
Under 1700	<= 1700	FM, WFM, IM, WIM, GM, WGM

4.4 a) The Championships will be held according to FIDE tournament Rules and Laws of Chess.

b) The tournaments will be played using the Swiss System with 9 rounds.

c) The **time limit** for each player is **90 minutes** for the whole game + **30 seconds increment** for every move played, starting from the first move.

d) The **FIDE Anti-Cheating** rules and guidelines are valid for all Championships.

e) A player **forfeits the game** if he hasn't appeared at his board within **15 minutes** after the start of the game.

f) **Tie-break criteria:** The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in priority accordance to the following criteria for Swiss events:

1. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other).
2. Buchholz Cut 1.
3. Buchholz.
4. The greater number of games played with black.
5. The greater number of wins.

g) **Appeals Procedure:** appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within **one hour** after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of **200 €**, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

5. Titles & Qualifications

5.1 The three (3) gold winners of the Open/Women sections receive respectively the titles of:

"2023 World Amateur Champion" for the **Under 2300** section

"2023 World Amateur Champion for the **Under 2000**" section

"2023 World Amateur Champion for the **Under 1700**" section

5.2 The three (3) gold winners of the Women sections receive respectively the titles of:

"2023 World Women's Amateur Champion" for the **Under 2300** section

"2023 World Women's Amateur Champion for the **Under 2000**" section

"2023 World Women's Amateur Champion for the **Under 1700**" section

5.3 The gold winners of each section for the **Under 2300**, **Under 2000** & **Under 1700** (in total 6 winners, Open and Women sections) also obtain a personal right qualification for the next FIDE World Amateur Championships, as long as they don't reach or exceed a FIDE rating of **2300**, with free accommodation in double occupancy room & full board provided from the local Organizing Committee of the FIDE World Amateur Championships 2024.

5.4 FIDE titles shall be awarded in accordance with the current FIDE Handbook.

5.5 All players will receive certificates of participation.

6. Prize Fund 15,000 euros (€)

Under-2300	Open Prize	Notice	Under-2300	Women Prize	
1st place	€2000	Cup, Medal	1st place	€1000	Cup, Medal
2nd place	€1500	Cup, Medal	2nd place	€600	Cup, Medal
3rd place	€1000	Cup, Medal	3rd place	€400	Cup, Medal
4th place	€600		4th place		
5th place	€400				

Under-2000	Open Prize	Notice	Under-2000	Women Prize	Notice
1st place	€1500	Cup, Medal	1st place	€700	Cup, Medal
2nd place	€1000	Cup, Medal	2nd place	€500	Cup, Medal
3rd place	€500	Cup, Medal	3rd place	€300	Cup, Medal

Under-1700	Open Prize	Notice	Under-1700	Women Prize	Notice
1st place	€1000	Cup, Medal	1st place	€500	Cup, Medal
2nd place	€600	Cup, Medal	2nd place	€300	Cup, Medal
3rd place	€400	Cup, Medal	3rd place	€200	Cup, Medal

Each participant will receive an appropriate certificate

7. Travel Details

Participants shall book their flights to the International Airport of Muscat (IATA code: MCT).

The bus transportation from and to the Muscat airport is included in the organization package for all participants on the arrival day (**01st November 2023**) and the departure day (**11th November 2023**). Transportation from the organizers in other dates are possible upon request with an extra charge.



8. Registration cost and deadline

8.1 The **deadline** for the registration is **1st September 2023**

8.2 Registration fee: 90 euros for each player and each accompanying official/person. The registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation. The Registration fee includes accreditation, identification, badges, organization costs, and transportation from and to Muscat International airport (Transportation from and to Muscat airport on 01st and 11th November).

8.3 The **Payment deadline** is **1st September 2023**

8.4 FIDE FEE: 30 euros for each player shall be paid by FIDE member federations directly to the Organizer bank account.

9. Accommodation: (Hotel, Meals)

9.1 The Hotel **reservation deadline** is **1st September 2023**.

9.2 For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations are obliged to use the official hotel designated by the Organizing Committee. Bookings must be done only through the organizer of the FIDE World Amateur Championship.

9.3 All players and guests are invited to stay in Official Hotel: 4-star **WYNDHAM GARDEN (****)** with next prices:

Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

Price in double room	Price in single room
71 EUR per person/company - total: 710 EUR per person (10 nights).	95 EUR per person/ company total: 950 EUR per person (10 nights).
Total Cost for a player in double room 710+90+30 = 830 EUR	Total Cost for a player in single room 950+90+30 = 1070 EUR
Total Cost for a company in double room 710+90 = 800 EUR	Total Cost for a company in single room 950+90 = 1040 EUR

Extra nights can be requested in advance and, upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

The **deadline** for **registrations** and **bookings** is the **1st September 2023**, together with a **50%** deposit payment for the selected registration-accommodation package.

Beneficiary Account Number: 0333035400010019
Beneficiary Name: Oman chess committee
Beneficiary Address: Muscat - Oman
Beneficiary Bank: Bank Muscat
Beneficiary Bank Address: Ruwi Branch, Muscat, Oman
SWIFT CODE: BMUSOMRXXX
IBAN (If applicable): We do not use it in Oman



10. Registration procedure

All players, accompanying persons and delegation members have to register (without any objection from their national federation) before the **deadline** of **1st September 2023**, together with a **50%** deposit payment of the registration-accommodation package described in article (9) above. After the deadline, a **late registration** fee of **50 euros** per participant can be required.

The complete registration of each delegation should be sent by the national federation, or have its approval, by the link below:

<https://eform.om/app/app/form?id=zwFTwQ>

Registrations for FIDE World Amateur Chess Championships are possible only through the FIDE website and email:

Email: worldamateur2023@fide.com

Website: <https://worldamateur2023.fide.com>

The **hotel bookings** possible only through the local Organizer in the official hotel and only by organizer email:

omanchesscommittee@gmail.com

11. Visa information

Players and accompanying persons who need a visa to enter Muscat, are requested to contact the Organizer **before** the **1st September 2023**.

- 1- Citizens of GCC countries (the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the State of Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) Or who have a Residence card in these countries do not require visas to enter Oman.

2- In line with national efforts to promote and ease services for tourists visiting Oman, nationals of 103 countries and regions are exempt from entry visas for stays up to 14 days.

The countries and regions whose nationals are exempt from entry visas to the Sultanate for a period of 14 days, subject to certain requirements, are listed below.

<https://fm.gov.om/visitors/entry-visas/>

Albania	Algeria	Andorra	Argentina	Armenia	Australia
Austria	Azerbaijan	Belarus	Belgium	Bhutan	Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Brazil	Brunei Darussalam	Bulgaria	Canada	Chile
China (includes Hong Kong and Macau)	Colombia	Costa Rica	Croatia	Cuba	Cyprus
Czech Republic	Denmark	Ecuador	Estonia	Egypt	Finland
France	French Guinea	Georgia	Germany	Greece	Guatemala
Honduras	Hungary	Iceland	India	Indonesia	Iran
Ireland	Italy	Japan	Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan
Laos	Latvia	Lebanon	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg
Macedonia	Malaysia	Maldives	Malta	Mauritania	Mexico
Moldova	Monaco	Morocco	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nicaragua
Norway	Panama	Paraguay	Peru	Poland	Portugal
Romania	Russia	Salvador	San Marino	Serbia	Seychelles
Singapore	Slovakia	Slovenia	South Africa	South Korea	Spain
Suriname	Sweden	Switzerland	Taiwan	Tajikistan	Thailand
Tunisia	Turkey	Turkmenistan	United Kingdom	Ukraine	Uruguay
United States	Uzbekistan	Vatican	Venezuela	Vietnam	

3- For other Countries who are Not on the list above, The process of obtaining a visa for visitors to Oman is managed by the Royal Oman Police (ROP).

4- Citizens of other nationalities can establish their visa options via the ROP's eVisa website by clicking [here](#).

https://evisa.rop.gov.om/visa-eligibility?p_p_id=visawizard_WAR_visaeligibilitywizardportlet&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=normal&p_p_mode=view&p_p_col_id=column-1&p_p_col_count=1&visawizard_WAR_visaeligibilitywizardportlet_myaction=recheck

You can apply for a visa via the ROP's eVisa website by clicking [here](#).

This website will guide you through the process of applying online for an appropriate visa to enter Oman. There are four video guides to help you complete the online visa application process, which you can find by scrolling down the home page of the ROP's eVisa website.

<https://evisa.rop.gov.om/en/home#>

Help Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DrvleavQc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzvWNAq9Sjk>

If you have any questions about the visa process, you can contact the eVisa Call centre 24 / 7:

+968 2429 0942

+968 2429 0826

Info-OmaneVisa@rop.gov.om

12. Electricity

In Oman the power plug sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 240 V and the frequency is 50 Hz.



13. Temperature in November

November is one of the most comfortable times of the year in Muscat (Gulf of Oman).

The average temperature is 26°C (75°F), and the High Temperature reaches 31°C(88°F)

14. Currency

The unit of currency in Oman is the Rial Omani (**OMR**) which is sub-divided into 1,000 Baisas.

1 OMR = 2.596 USD

1 OMR = 2.366 EUR(rate can be change in November)

15. Local Contact Information

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