



13th Asian Continental Open and Women's Chess Championships 2014, Sharjah, UAE

The UAE Chess Federation & Sharjah Chess and Cultural Club, on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invite your Federation to participate in the **13th Asian Continental/Individual Open and Women's Chess Championships** scheduled 16th to 26th April 2014 in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates .

The Championships will be played in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

1.1 Each Federation from FIDE Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 can enter one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Division.

1.2 In addition, each Federation may send extra players rated 2300 and above for the Open, and 2000 and above for Women based on the April 2014 FIDE Rating List. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging at the official hotel. Exceptions for the rating floor may be made by the Continental President on request of national federations

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds. The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with DGT clocks. Pairings will be made by Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation with more than 50% score shall not be paired together in the last round.

The Blitz competition will be organized as 9 rounds Swiss System only for players registered by their federation for the open & women's Chess Championship. Time Control will be 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment for each move.

3. SCHEDULE for 9 ROUNDS

Date	Round	Time	Championship
Wednesday 16 th April 2014	Arrival	After 14:00	Open & Women
Thursday 17 th April 2014	Technical Meeting	11:00	Open & Women
	Opening ceremony	15:30	
	Round 1	16:00	
Friday 18 th April 2014	Round 2	15:00	Open & Women
Saturday 19 th April 2014	Round 3	11:00	Open & Women
	Blitz	18:00	Open & Women
Sunday 20 th April 2014	Round 4	15:00	Open & Women
Monday 21 st April 2014	Round 5	15:00	Open & Women
Tuesday 22 nd April 2014	Round 6	15:00	Open & Women
Wednesday 23 rd April 2014	Round 7	15:00	Open & Women
Thursday 24 th April 2014	Round 8	15:00	Open & Women
Friday 25 th April 2014	Round 9	15:00	Open & Women
	Closing Ceremony	21:00	
Saturday 26 th April 2014	Departure	12:00	Open & Women

4. REGISTRATION

Entry shall be submitted by the National federation in the attached registration form on or before March 16th, 2014 together with payment of the entry fees. Late entries will be accepted till April 1st, 2014 with a late fee of US \$50.

A digital ID photo of each player should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

Each participant must pay US\$100 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

6. ENTRY FEE

Upon registration, each player shall pay to the Asian Chess Federation through the Sharjah Chess & Cultural Club the entry fee of \$150 on account of the participants as outlined in the Asian Chess Federation Financial Regulations. Extra players pay double, \$300 entry fee.

Entries are not confirmed unless Registration and Entry fees are received by the Sharjah Chess Club before the deadline.

7. TRAVELING EXPENSES

In accordance with FIDE Regulations, air travel expenses shall be borne by the participating Federations.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The official hotels are Holiday International Hotel & Sharjah Centro Hotel .

The official players from each National Federation will be provided with board & lodging from afternoon of 16th April till morning of 26th April. Participants will be accommodated in twin-shared bedrooms (two persons per room).

Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation, \$100 per person per day for double or \$150 per day for single, both with full board. All players and accompanying persons should stay at the official hotels. Players not residing in the official hotels will not be allowed to participate.

Hotel payments for all extra players and accompanying persons should be made in advance to the Organizing Committee in Sharjah City

9. PRIZES

The Total prize fund is US\$65,000. All Cash prizes shall be shared equally among tied players

OPEN

Title	Prize US\$
1 st	6000
2 nd	5000
3 rd	4000
4 th	3000
5 th	2500
6 th	2200
7 th	2000

8 th	1700
9 th	1500
10 th	1300
11 th	1200
12 th	1100
13 th	1000
14 th to 18	900
19 th to 23 rd	800
24 th to 28 rd	700
29 th to 32 rd	600

WOMEN:

Title	Prize US\$
1 st	3000
2 nd	2000
3 rd	1500
4 th	1000
5 th	900
6 th	800
7 th	700
8 th	600
9 th to 11 th	500
12 th to 14 th	400

The top five (5) from the 2014 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify for the 2015 World Cup. The 2014 Asian Women's champion shall qualify for the 2015 Women's World Championship.

Open Blitz Prizes:

Title	Prize US\$
1 st	1500
2 nd	1000
3 rd	500

Women Blitz Prizes:

Title	Prize US\$
1 st	1000
2 nd	600
3 rd	300

10. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

The Chief Arbiter, his Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan.

Any matter not mentioned in these Regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the FIDE regulations. The deposit fee will be US\$200 for each protest refundable if the protest is upheld.

12. TIE BREAK

In the Asian Individual Chess Championship tie-breaks are organized in the following cases:

- a) To establish the Champion;
- b) To establish qualifiers, for the World Chess Championship.

Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated with the following system:

- a. Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1
- b. Buchholz Cut 1
- c. Direct Encounter
- d. Greater number of games with Black (unplayed games counted as White).

13. VISAS

Entry visa will be issued by the UAE Ministry of Internal for the respective countries. All participants should send their passport copy and photograph by 16th March to the organizing committee.

14. PAYMENTS

All payments due to the Organizers for the registration fee, entry fee and hotel accommodation expenses must be paid in advance to the credit of Sharjah Chess Club. Proof thereof (bank transfer certificate) must be sent along with the registration forms.

All payments shall be made by 1st April 2014 to:
Beneficiary Name: Sharjah Chess & Cultural Club –
Account number:(IBAN) AE800350000000150461887
National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) UAE

15. WEATHER

It is warm season in Sharjah in April and normally it is between 25°- 32°degrees.
Electricity: 220V- Square pin plugs.

16. CONTACT PERSONS

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