



**Asian Youth Chess Championships - 2017**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

## INVITATION

The Uzbekistan Chess Federation (UCF), under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) has the honour to invite all Asian national chess federations to participate in the 2017 Asian Youth Chess Championship and Asian Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan, from 31<sup>st</sup> March (arrival) till 10<sup>th</sup> April (departure) 2017.

### Participation

1. Entitled player must not have reached his/her birthday, respectively, **before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**:

Under 8:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Under 14:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003
Under 10:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Under 16:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2001
Under 12:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005	Under 18:	Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1999

2. Every Asian National Chess Federation can register one official player in each category (under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 years old, Open and Girls) totaling a maximum of 12 invited players. No replacement from other categories can be made in case there is no official player in one category.

3. Other than Official Players, players shall be classified as Additional Players. Up to five (5) additional (extra) players can also be registered in each category by each National Federation. Extra players are responsible for their own costs.

4. The players placed 1-3 in the in the categories under 8 - 18 of 2016 AYCC shall be Official Players and have the personal right to participate in the Championship of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulation of Art. 1 is met. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

5. All persons, besides the players, shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. The National Federation shall be responsible for the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.

### Registration and Travel

7. Each participant (official or additional player and accompanying person) must pay Registration fee of 100euro to the OC before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - the Registration deadline. This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation and includes accreditation and transportation from and to Tashkent International airport.

8. After the Registration deadline no official players will be accepted and their application will be treated as additional players. Also organizers reserve the right to refuse late registration or accepting with penalty charge of 50 euros for each registration.

9. Registration form must be filled by National Federation officials and delivered to the OC before Registration deadline.

10. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation. Only member Federations of ACF are entitled to submit registration forms. Individual applications will not be accepted.

11. For Security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all national delegations shall use the official hotel(s) designed by the OC.

### Information about Visas

12. Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

13. The OC will issue invitations only after all the pre-payments are made.

14. The OC shall provide service to issue visa at airport with additional charge if there is no embassy or consulate of Uzbekistan in the respective country.

### Financial Regulations & Payments

15. Entry Fee for official players is \$75 and for additional players \$150. After the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the surcharge for late entries shall \$125 be applicable.

16. 50% prepayment of the cost for board and lodging must be paid before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

17. All Bank Transfers are to be made in USD and euro to:

Beneficiary Name: Uzbekistan Chess Federation

Address: 98A Uzbekistan str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan

US Dollar Acc: 2021 2840 2001 7827 6007

Euro Acc: 2021 2978 0001 7827 6006

Bank Name: National Bank of Uzbekistan

Branch: Tashkent Regional Branch

Bank Address - 29 Shevchenko str., Tashkent

SWIFT CODE: NBFAUZ2X

18. Each National Federation will be invoiced by the OC. When payments are confirmed, the OC will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations. All confirmed registrations would be declared on the official web site, where Federations may check their participants' status.

19. All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

### Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

20. The Official Hotels of the event are Uzbekistan Hotel (four stars) and Hotel Le Grande Plaza (four stars).

21. The tournament will be played in the venues of these hotels.

22. If there is increased demand or late registrations accepted, the OC will offer additional hotels of similar quality.

23.

All official players, players with personal right and 1 trainer per country with the valid FIDE trainer license are entitled to free full board and lodging for 10 nights starting from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April at the official hotel. Any extra dates will be charged at full rate according to the prices below. Early check in (before 14:00) on 31<sup>st</sup> March shall be covered by participants and accompanying persons.

24. Hotel Rates for additional players, accompanying persons:

Room	Price
Single	100 USD per person per night
Double	85 USD per person per night

25. Invited players will be accommodated in double and triple rooms. Number of available triple rooms is restricted.

26. If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms is decided by the Organizing Committee.

### TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

27. The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 9 rounds. (Where there are not enough players, the organizers have right to merge sections).

28. The rate of play will be: 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

28.a. Time Control for Blitz 3'2" and 9 rounds. Where there are not enough players, the organizers have right to merge sections.

28.b. Time Control for Rapid Play 15'10" and 7 Rounds. Where there are not enough players, the organizers have right to merge sections.

29. Tiebreak: The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. The tiebreak shall be decided as in accordance to the following:

a/ Direct Encounter,

b/ The greater number of wins

c/ Buchholz,

d/ Buchholz Cut 1, Cut 2, etc

30. Schedule:

Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	After 14.00 hours	Arrival
	22:00 hours	Technical Meeting
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	10:00 hours	Opening Ceremony
	10:30 hours	Rapid Championship
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	09:00 hours	Round 1
	15:00 hours	Round 2
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	14:00 hours	Round 3
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April	09:00 hours	Round 4
	15:00 hours	Round 5
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00 hours	Round 6
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00 hours	Round 7
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00 hours	Round 8
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00 hours	Round 9
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 hours	Blitz Championship
	17:00 hours	Closing Ceremony
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Before 12:00 hours	Departure

### Prizes

31. Top players in each event will be awarded: first three places with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Trophies.

32. Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy. For first place the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration, if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally this is still equal, then the total number of medal winners.

33. The champions of AYCC-2017 shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championship of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulation of Art. 1 is met. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

34. Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players, FIDE accredited trainers and the appointed Technical Officials.

### **Direct Titles**

35. Winners of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM) / Woman International Master (WIM). 1<sup>st</sup> equal player shall get IM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM) / Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.

36. Winners of U16 category shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM and an IM norm. 1<sup>st</sup> equal player will get FM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM) / Woman Candidate Master (WCM) title.

37. Winners of U12 & U14 categories shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM / WCM title.

38. Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak up to 3 players) winners of the U8 & U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

### **Technical Delegate, Arbiters and Appeals Committee**

39. The Continental President for Asia will - after consultation with the organizing federation - nominate the Technical Delegate and Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials

40. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by the Continental President in consultation with the organizing federation. The Committee shall be composed of five 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 own federation.

41. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter or the Chief Arbiter must be submitted to the AC in writing within one hour after the end of the playing session with protest fee of \$200.

42. The AC may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

### **Dress Code**

43. All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

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