



**Asian Continental Chess Championships
(Open and Women's Championships)
11 May - 22 May 2017, Chengdu, China**

To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federations in Asia
Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7

Chinese Chess Federation on behalf of Asian Chess Federation and FIDE,
invites your Federation to participate in the Asian Continental Chess Championships
(Open and Women's) from 11th May (arrival) to 22nd May (departure) 2017 in Chengdu,
China.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Championship 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 1, 2017 FIDE Rating List. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee. Exceptions for the rating floor may be made by the Continental President on request of national federations.

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

2.1 The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.

2.2 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.

2.3 The drawing of colors for round 1 shall be carried out during the players' meeting.

3. SCHEDULE

11 May	Arrival	
	Players' Meeting	20:00
12 May	Opening Ceremony	TBD
	Rd. 1	14:00
13 May	Rd. 2	14:00
14 May	Rd. 3	14:00
15 May	Rd. 4	14:00
16 May	Rd. 5	14:00
17 May	Rd. 6	14:00
18 May	Rd. 7	14:00
19 May	Rd. 8	14:00
20 May	Rd. 9	14:00
21 May	Blitz Championship	9:00
	Closing Ceremony	TBD
22 May	Departure	

Changes in the schedule might be made by organizers, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. Default time shall be 30 minutes after scheduled round starting time.

4. REGISTRATION

Registration form shall be submitted by the national federation on or before 10th April 2017 together with payment. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

5.1 Each player or accompanying person must pay US\$100 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

5.2 10th April 2017 is the registration deadline. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

6. ENTRY FEE

6.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, an entry fee of US\$150 is required for each invited player.

6.2 For each additional (extra) player, an entry fee of US\$300 is required.

7. PAYMENTS

Payments (registration fees, entry fees, accommodation) must be made to the following:
bank account:440 220 902 914 001 7766
Beneficiary Name:CHENGDU CHESS ASSOCIATION

Address: NO.35 ZONGFU ROAD JINJIANG DISTRICT CHENGDU CITY
SICHUAN CHINA
Bank Name: The INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHINA
SICHUAN BR.
SWIFT CODE:ICBKCNBJSCN

8. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

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

9. ACCOMMODATION

9.1 Playing venue and official hotel is at the Chengdu Howard Johnson Agile Plaza. All participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the official hotel. The website of the hotel is <http://www.howardjohnsoncd.cn/>.

9.2 The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from afternoon of 11 May till noon of 22 May. The official players will be accommodated in double (or triple) shared bedrooms.

9.3 Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance in the rate as below(per person/per night including three meals):

Single room with three meals: 130USD per person per night

Double room with three meals: 85USD per person per night

10. PRIZES

10.1 Total prize fund is \$75,000 (pre-tax), including Open, Women and Blitz as follows. The local tax is 20%.

Open:

1 st	\$11,000	6 th	\$1,500
2 nd	\$9,000	7 th	\$1,000
3 rd	\$7,000	8 th	\$800
4 th	\$5,000	9 th	\$700
5 th	\$3,000	10 th -19 th	\$ 500 each
		20 th -29 th	\$ 400 each

Women's

1 st	\$5,000	6 th	\$900
2 nd	\$4,000	7 th	\$800
3 rd	\$3,000	8 th	\$700
4 th	\$2,000	9 th	\$600
5 th	\$1,000	10 th -11 th	\$500 each
		12 th -16 th	\$400 each

Prize shall be shared according to Hort system.

\$6,000 prizes for Blitz, \$4000 for open and \$2000 for women.

10.2 The top five (5) from the 2017 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify for the 2017 World Cup. The 2017 Asian Women's champion shall qualify for the Women's World Championship.

10.3 If previous qualifiers are among the winners, the next in line in the Continental shall take the Continental qualification place to the World Cup / Women's Championship.

11. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

11.1 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.

11.2 A Technical Delegate, to be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president, shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adhere strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations of the Asian Continental Championship.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE

12.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.

12.2 There shall be a Chairman, two member, and two reserve members shall from different Federations, appointed by the ACF President in consultation with the Organizing Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

12.3 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than one hour after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against. The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

12.4 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 200 (two hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

13. TIE BREAK

13.1 In the Asian Individual Chess Championships, tie-breaks are organized only in the following cases:

- to establish the Champion;
- to establish qualifiers for the World Cup / Women's World Championship.

13.2 Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order: a) Direct Encounter;

- b) More number of victories (forfeits counted);
- c) The average rating of opponents except 1 highest and 1 lowest Opponent;
- d) The Buchholz System Cut 1 (less 1 lowest);
- e) The Median Buchholz System (less 1 highest and 1 lowest).

14. VISAS

All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter China must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) and registration form (attached) to the Organizer before the deadline of 10th April 2017 after which the Organizer shall not be responsible.

15. DRESS CODE

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.

16. CONTACTS

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