



النادي مشهور لدى الهيئة العامة لرعاية الشباب والرياضة بموجب القرار الوزاري رقم (27) لسنة 1999 تحت رقم (47) أندية

AL AIN CHESS CLASSIC (Challenge the Masters) 22-28 December 2012, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

The Al Ain Chess Club invites all FIDE rated players to join the \$30,000 Al Ain Chess Classic with the unique Al Ain System format of a Swiss tournament bringing in from the knock-out event the Masters from the World Cities Chess Team Championship 2012.

Rules and Regulations

1. Tournament System
 - 1.1 The tournament is open to FIDE rated players.
 - 1.2 The individual tournament will be a 9-round combined Swiss Al Ain System wherein players eliminated from the first three stages of the World Cities Team Championship, namely Preliminaries, Round-of-16 and Quarterfinal, join the individual event and carry over their points from the team event.
 - 1.3 Team members shall be given half a point for each round in which they were not fielded in the World Cities.
 - 1.4 Players who have played each other in the World Cities Team Championship shall not be paired together again in the individual Swiss Al Ain System.
 - 1.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.
2. Schedule
 - 22 December 2012 – Round 1
 - 23 December 2012 – Round 2
 - 24 December 2012 – Round 3

Members of the teams eliminated from the World Cities Preliminaries may join starting Rd 4 and carry over their own points from 3 rounds of the World Cities.
 - 25 December 2012 – Round 4

Members of the eight other teams eliminated from the Round of 16 in the World Cities may join starting Rd 5 and carry over their own points from 4 rounds of the World Cities.
 - 26 December 2012 – Round 5

Members of the four teams eliminated from the Quarterfinals in the World Cities may join starting Rd 6 and carry over their own points from 5 rounds of the World Cities.
 - 27 December 2012 – Rounds 6 and 7
 - 28 December 2012 – Rounds 8 and 9

Closing Ceremony shall be together with the World Cities Team Championship.



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3. Time Control

All moves in 90 minutes with increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

4. Prizes

A total of US\$30,000 in cash prizes shall be at stake as follows:

Overall Category		Best Woman	\$1,000
1st	\$8,000	Best Under 20	\$800
2nd	\$5,000	Best Under 14	\$500
3rd	\$3,000	Best Girl Under 20	\$500
4th	\$2,000	Best Girl Under 14	\$400
5th	\$1,200	Best Local	\$1,000
6th	\$1,000	Best Local Woman	\$800
7th	\$800	Best Rated under 2400	\$800
8th	\$600	Best Rated under 2200	\$700
9th	\$500	Best Rated under 2000	\$600
10th	\$400	Best Rated under 1800	\$400

Only one prize may be won per person.

5. Tie Break

Cash prizes are not shared and shall be decided by tie break in the following order:

- Direct Encounter if all tied players played each other.
- The player with the greater number of wins (forfeits counted).
- Higher average rating of 7 strongest opponents, (or fewer if a tied player played with two or more unrated opponents, i.e. 6 if a tied player has only 6 rated opponents).
If still tied, higher average rating of 6 strongest opponents, etc.
An unplayed game is treated as a game against the player himself.

6. Hotel Accommodation

GMs > 2600 by invitation shall receive room (sharing) and meals. For others, booking should be made in advance. 4-star: full board AED 450 for single room and AED 275 for a double room. 3-star hotel and Dormitory accommodation may be available.

7. Registration and Visas

Registration fee is \$100 for entry visa and bus transport from airport and return including AED100 for accreditation. All payments should be made before the Technical Meeting. Please submit ID photos and email clear scanned copies of passports valid for at least six months (valid till July 2013). Deadline for registration for visas is 10 December 2012. Visas shall be sent by email. Deadline for tournament registration without visa is 15 December 2012.