



2012 Asian Nations Chess Cup

15 to 27 May 2012 in Zao Zhuang, Shandong Province, China

**To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federation in Asia
Zone 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7**

Chinese Chess Association, on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the 2012 Asian Nations Cup (Open and Women's Chess Team Championship) to be held in Zao Zhuang Shandong Province, China from 15 to 27 May 2012.

Regulation:

1. Participation

1.1 All chess federations in Zones 3.1 to 3.7 shall have the right to participate in the Asian Nations Cup.

1.2 Team Composition

Each federation shall have the right to be represented by a men's team of four players and one reserve and by a women's team of four players and one reserve.

1.3 The Captain may be a player or a reserve.

1.4 The Chief of Delegation represents the federation and takes full responsibility for the conduct of members of its delegation.

1.5 Composition of Delegation

Open Team (4 players plus 1 reserve) = 5 (including captain)

Women's Team (4 players plus 1 reserve) = 5 (including captain)

Total 10 persons

1.6 Eligibility: The players must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their Federation per detailed eligibility rules in FIDE Handbook Reg. C.05.

2. Schedule of the tournament

May 15	(Tuesday)	Arrival	
May 16	(Wednesday)	Opening	
May 17	(Thursday)	Round 1	15:00-20:00
May 18	(Friday)	Round 2	15:00-20:00

May 19	(Saturday)	Round 3	15:00-20:00
May 20	(Sunday)	Round 4	15:00-20:00
May 21	(Monday)	Rest Day	
May 22	(Tuesday)	Round 5	15:00-20:00
May 23	(Wednesday)	Round 6	15:00-20:00
May 24	(Thursday)	Round 7	15:00-20:00
May 25	(Friday)	Round 8	15:00-20:00
May 26	(Saturday)	Round 9	09:00-14:00
		Closing Ceremony	20:30
May 27	(Sunday)	Departure	

3. Organization

3.1 Confirmation of Entry – 31st March 2012, each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry to the organizing federation with copies to the Asian Chess Federation President and Zone President concerned. The entry fee of US\$300.00 as stipulated in the Asian Chess Federation Financial Regulations shall be paid through the Chinese Chess Association.

3.2 Submission of team lists – One month before the scheduled start of the Team Championships, i.e. 15th April 2012,, each participating federation shall send to the organizing federation the overall team lists of 5 men (4 players and 1 reserve) for the men's competition and 5 women (4 players and 1 reserve) for the women's competition.

4. Expenses

4.1 The travelling expenses of the teams are to be paid by their federations.

4.2 The organizing federation is responsible for the living expenses of the participating teams (assuming a maximum 10 persons per delegation) in a four star hotel during the days of arrival, play and departure.

4.3 Chinese Chess Association shall provide the playing facilities and make suitable arrangements for board and accommodation. Playing conditions shall conform to the recommendations for the organization of top-level tournaments.

4.4 Chinese Chess Association shall be entitled to send a second men's team and a second women's team ("B" teams).

4.5 Registration fees: Each person will pay US\$100 to the Chinese Chess Association. The money will be used to pick up the teams from Beijing Airport to the Train station in Beijing return, and the Train Station in Zao Zhuang to the Hotel return.

5 Tournament Regulations

5.1 The championships shall be held on the Swiss System in nine rounds, on the model of the Olympiads, with one section for the men's teams and one section for the women's teams, considered as separate competitions, or Round Robin with ten or fewer teams.

5.2 Every match in the open competition shall be played over four boards and each match in the women's competition shall be played over four boards.

5.3 Following the Olympiad schedule, the team captain shall present to the arbiter the specific lists, in board order, of the 4 men for the open competition and of the 4 women in the women's competition who are to play in each round.

5.4 If any specific team list is not presented on time, the team in question must play the round using the top four players in the case of the men's team, and the top four players in the case of the women's team.

5.4 The order of the players, as indicated by the overall team list, cannot be altered, hence reserves may play on the bottom boards only.

5.5 If the board order in which a team plays differs from the board order of its overall list, the team's score for the round shall be reduced by one game point for every deviation from the correct sequence. (Example: for playing 1-2-4-3, (considering only the men's team), two points are forfeited; the score shall not, however, be reduced below zero). The use of any player who does not figure in the overall list will cause the round to be forfeited 4-0.

6. Time Control

6. 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.

7. Chief Arbiter

7.1 The Asian Chess Federation President, after consultation with the Chinese Chess Association, shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters.

7.2 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, and with the approval of the Asian Chess Federation President, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

7.3 The Organizer in Zao Zhuang shall be responsible for the Chief Arbiter's transportation and board and lodging, and shall pay him suitable amount of stipend.

8. Appeals Committee

8.1 Before the beginning of the tournament an Appeals Committee shall be selected.

8.2 The Asian Chess Federation President, after consultation with Chinese Chess Association, shall nominate the Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of five members and two reserves elected at the technical meeting. The persons chosen for the Appeals Committee shall represent seven different federations.

8.3 No member of the committee shall have the right to vote on questions concerning his own federation. However, every member is entitled to participate in the discussions.

8.4 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after completion of the playing session.

8.4 A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$100 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned, otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing federation.

9. Scoring & Qualification

9. 1 The scores determining the finishing order are calculated as follows.

Each team's place in the order of classification will be decided by the number of match points it has scored. Winner will get 2 points, a draw will give each team 1 point, and a loss is scored as 0 points.

9.2 If any teams finish with equal match points, the tie shall be resolved as follows:

- a. by game points in total.
- b. if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide, i.e. Direct Encounter.
- c. if a tie again results, then the sum of Sonnenborn-Berger points will be used, calculated as follows:
 1. by the sum of the game points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the game points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved. If a tie still results, then
 2. match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of game points achieved against this opponent;
- d. if a tie again results, it shall be decided by Direct Encounter board count (Berlin System) as follows:
 - o win on Board 1 = 4 points
 - o win on Board 2 = 3 points
 - o win on Board 3 = 2 points
 - o win on Board 4 = 1 point

In case of drawn games these points are shared. If the board-count results in no victory for either side then the board points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upwards until the tie is broken.

if a tie still results between teams in contention for medals, these teams shall play one blitz match (with 3 mins + 2 sec increment) against each other. In the case of two teams, colors on top board will be reversed from previous encounter; in case of tie apply (d) above. In case of tie, one player from each team shall play a sudden death match.

9.3 The title of "Asian (and Asian Women's) Nations Cup Champion 2012" is bestowed on the winning team.

9.4 Each winning team shall receive a trophy from the organizer in Zao Zhuang.

9.5 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal, respectively.

9.6 Individual Chess Medals for Board Prizes

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition for individual board prizes namely: gold, silver and bronze medals. For the purposes of this award, the players' performance rating shall be compared. If the performance rating is equal, the tie shall be broken in the following order:

- (a) the number of games;
- (b) Direct Encounter;
- (c) average rating of opponents, higher is better.
- (d) the greater number of wins.

Only players who have played a minimum of 7 games shall be eligible for board prizes.

10. Prizes

The Asian Chess Federation shall provide the prize fund of \$10,000 as follows:

Asian Nations Cup Open

First place - \$3,000

2nd place - \$2,000

3rd place - \$1,000

Women's Teams

First place - \$1,500

2nd place - \$1,000

3rd place - \$500

and board prizes of \$100 for each board x 5M and 5W = total \$1,000

Cash prizes shall be shared among tied teams and among tied players for board prizes.

11. Qualification for the World (Women's) Chess Team Championship

The winning teams will represent the continent of Asia in the 2013 World (Women's) Team Championship.

12. Train Information

Kindly find the train formation from Beijing to Zao Zhuang and from Zao Zhuang to Beijing attached. If you need the organizer to buy the train tickets, please choose the train you want and send your request to us. The train tickets must be five hours after your arrival or eight hours before your departure. Please give Chinese Chess Association money of train tickets upon arrival.

13. Hotel information: Zi Zheng Yuan Hotel <http://www.zzyzyhotel.com/>

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