



**Asian Continental Chess Championships
(Open and Women's Championships)
1-13 August 2015, Al Ain, UAE**

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

The UAE Chess Federation and Al Ain Chess Club on behalf of Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the Asian Continental Chess Championships (Open and Women's) from 1-13 August 2015 at the Hilton Hotel in Al Ain, UAE.

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 July 2015 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

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

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

3. SCHEDULE

Saturday	1 August	Arrival	
Sunday	2 August	Players' Meeting	11:00
		Opening Ceremony	14:45
		Rd. 1	15:00-21:00
Monday	3 August	Rd. 2	15:00-21:00
Tuesday	4 August	Rd. 3	15:00-21:00
Wednesday	5 August	Rd. 4	15:00-21:00
Thursday	6 August	Rd. 5	15:00-21:00
Friday	7 August	Rd. 6	15:00-21:00
Saturday	8 August	Rd. 7	15:00-21:00
Sunday	9 August	Rd. 8	15:00-21:00
Monday	10 August	Rd. 9	15:00-21:00
Tuesday	11 August	Rapid Championship	
Wednesday	12 August	Blitz Championship	
		Closing Ceremony	
Thursday	13 August	Departure	

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

4. REGISTRATION

Entry shall be submitted by the national federation in the attached registration form on or before 1st July 2015 together with payment of the entry fees. 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

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

6. ENTRY FEE

Upon registration, each official player shall pay to the Asian Chess Federation the entry fee of \$100 on account of the participants. Extra players pay double, \$200 entry fee. Entries are not confirmed unless Registration and Entry fees are received before the deadline. Please send payments to:

Beneficiary Name: Asian Chess Federation
US Dollar Acct Nmbr: 11381190
Bank Name: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank
Address: P.O.Box 68739
Branch: Al Murabba Branch, Al Ain, UAE
IBAN Account: AE64050000000011381190
SWIFT CODE: abdiaead

VISA's will not be mailed unless a clear scan of payments transfer is received
Players who don't fulfill payments till the Technical Meeting will be removed from Pairing.

7. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

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

8. ACCOMMODATION

Playing venue is at the (5★) Hilton Hotel in Al Ain, UAE. All participants are required to stay at the official hotel.

The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from afternoon of 1 August till noon of 13 August. Participants will be accommodated in double (or triple) shared bedrooms.

Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance.

Hilton Hotel - Single Room \$150 / Double Room \$80 per person per day

- Rates are with full board (3 meals a day).

- Transport from Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah airports to Al Ain will be provided by the organizers.

9. PRIZES

Prize fund is \$50,000 for the Open and \$25,000 for Women's as follows:

Open:

1 st	\$11,000	6 th	\$2,000
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 -30 th	\$500 each

Women's

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

Cash prizes shall be shared according to the Hort System.

\$12,000 in cash prizes for Rapid and Blitz, open and women: \$1500, \$1000 and \$500

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

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.

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.

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.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

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

There shall be a Chairman and two other members, all 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.

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.

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.

12. TIE BREAK

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.

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

- a) Direct Encounter if tied players have all played each other;

- 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).

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND TELEVISION

Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue. Flash may be used only during the first ten minutes. An official photographer, designated by the Organizers with the approval of the Chief Arbiter shall be allowed to take photos at any time during the round without flash.

14. VISAS

Entry visa will be issued for registered players. For registration please send scanned passport copy with ID photos and upload clear scanned copies of passports valid for at least six months (valid till 13 February 2016). Deadline for registration for visas is 1st July 2015 after which visas shall not be responsibility of organizers. Visas shall be sent by email on submission of a scanned copy of the entry fee payment slip.

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.

14. CONTACTS

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