









# 15<sup>th</sup> Khazar Cup International Chess Festival

## 19th to 27th January 2017

## Rasht, Iran

### Invitation

This is the official invitation for participation in the "15<sup>th</sup> Khazar Cup" which will be held in Rasht, Iran, from 19<sup>th</sup> of January (arrival) till 27<sup>th</sup> of January (departure) 2017. The competition will be organised and held by Guilan Chess Association under the auspices of Chess Federation of I.R. Iran.

## 1. General Regulations & Rules

The Tournament shall be governed by the Fide Laws of Chess and FIDE Competition Rules.

## 2. Participation

- 2.1 The categories are as below:
  - Category A Master tournament- for Players with Rating 2100 and higher.
  - Category **B** for Player with Rating less than 2100.
  - Category C for women.
  - Category D for Cadets & Youth Players under 14 years Old (Born on or after 1 January 2003)
- 2.2 The tournaments are open to all local chess players and foreign players who have FIDE ID.
- **2.3** Players born on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2003 can participate in D category.

## 3. Financial Regulations

- a. Entry Fee: The entry fee is free for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs.
- b. All other players must pay an entry fee of 100 USD to the organiser.

## 4. Playing Venue & Accommodation

- 4.1. The Playing Venue & Official Hotel located in Rasht.
- 4.2 Free full board accommodation for GMs and IMs will be provided by the organiser from 19<sup>th</sup> of January (arrival) till 27<sup>th</sup> of January (departure) 2017. (First Come First Serve)
- 4.3 Free full board accommodation for one first player from each country will be provided by the organiser (First Come First Serve)
- 4.4 For other Players, hotel for each night will be 50 US\$ in double room per person and hostle for each night will be 25\$ per person.
- 4.5 Bookings of accommodation for the event should be done through the organisers only.











## **5. Technical Regulations**

- 5.1 Time control: Each player shall have 90 minutes with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- 5.2 Each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 or 11 rounds (*Depends on the number of players*).
- 5.3 Default time is 30 minutes.
- 5.4 The Pairings will be made using Swiss Manager Software and shall be announced as soon as possible after each round finishes. Pairings will be published on the www.chess-results.com website.
- 5.5 During play, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone and/or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. If it is evident that a player brought such a device into the playing venue, he shall lose the game. The opponent shall win.
- 5.6 A player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- 5.7 During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing area without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- 5.8 Players cannot "informally" tell an arbiter that they suspect that another player is cheating. This also applies to any other person having a FIDE Identity Number. All cheating-related communications shall be duly recorded, and the arbiter should ask player to make an official In-Tournament complaint.

## 6. Tie-break System

6.1 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken as in accordance to the following:

No.	Category A	Category B,C&D
1	Rating Performance	Direct Encounter
2	Direct Encounter	Buchholz Cut 1
3	Buchholz Cut 1	Buchholz Cut 2
4	Buchholz Cut 2	Median Buchholz 1
5	Sum of Buchholz	Sum of Buchholz











## 7. Schedule

## 9 rounds (Masters and Women sections)

Date	Time	Details
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	14:00	Arrival
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	16:00	Opening Ceremony
	17:00	Round 1
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 3
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	09:30	Round 4
25 January 2017	17:00	Round 5
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 6
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 7
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 8
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:30	Round 9
27 January 2017	15:00	Closing Ceremony

11 rounds (Category B (U2100) and D (U14)

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23 January 2017	17:00	Round 9
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	17:00	Round 10
27th I 2017	09:30	Round 11
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	15:00	Closing Ceremony











## 8. Prizes

## 8.1 The money prizes provided by the Organising Committee are as follows:

Rank	Table A
1st Prize	70.000.000
2nd Prize	50.000.000
3rd Prize	35.000.000
4th Prize	25.000.000
5th Prize	20.000.000
6th Prize	15.000.000
1st Under Elo 2550 & Unrated	12.000.000
1st Under Elo 2450 & Unrated	9.000.000
1st Under Elo 2350 & Unrated	8.000.000
1st Under Elo 2250 & Unrated	7.000.000

Rank	Table B
1st Prize	30.000.000
2nd Prize	25.000.000
3rd Prize	20.000.000
4th Prize	15.000.000
5th Prize	12.000.000
6th Prize	10.000.000
1st Under Elo 2050 & Unrated	9.000.000
1st Under Elo 1950 & Unrated	8.000.000
1st Under Elo 1850 & Unrated	7.000.000
1st Under Elo 1750 & Unrated	6.500.000

Rank	Table C
1st Prize	12.000.000
2nd Prize	10.000.000
3rd Prize	9.000.000
4th Prize	8.000.000
5th Prize	7.000.000
Best Under 2050	6.000.000
Best Under 1950	5.000.000
Best Under 1850	4.500.000
Best Under 1750	4.000.000

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1st Prize	12.000.000
2nd Prize	10.000.000
3rd Prize	9.000.000
4th Prize	8.000.000
5th Prize	7.000.000
Best Under 2050	6.000.000
Best Under 1950	5.000.000
Best Under 1850	4.500.000
Best Under 1750	4.000.000

- Under 8: Born on or after 1 January 2009
- Under 10: Born on or after 1 January 2007
- Under 12: Born on or after 1 January 2005
- Under 14: Born on or after 1 January 2003
- **8.2** All prizes are in IRR (Iranian Rial)
- **8.3** 10% will be deducted from cash prizes.
- 8.4 Only one prize can be awarded to a player. (The highest prize)

Rank	Table D
1st Under 14	10.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 14	9.000.000
3rd Under 14	8.000.000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 12	9.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 12	8.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 12	7.000.000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 10	8.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 10	7.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 10	6.000.000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 8	7.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 8	6.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 8	5.000.000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 6	5.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 6	4.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 6	3.500.000

- **8.5** If two or more players are tied, the tie-breaks systems will be used. (Prizes will not be shared)
- **8.6** Unrated players can achieve rating category prizes.











## 9. Appeals Committee

**9.1** Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in a written form to the Chairman of Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the protest fee of 100 Euros. The fee must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the fee is forfeited to organiser.

**9.2** The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

#### **10. Visa**

**10.1** All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Iran must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organiser before the deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### 11. Travel Information

**11.1** All participants arriving by international flights should take plane to Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA), Tehran, Iran.

**11.2** The host federation will arrange the transportation from airport to the hotel for arrival and departure during the schedule dates.

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