



## 25<sup>th</sup> Fajr Sabalan Cup

# International Open Chess Tournament

*27<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017*

*Sareyn, Ardabil, Iran*

### Invitation

Ardabil Chess Association under the auspices of Chess Federation of Islamic Republic of Iran has the honor to invite all chess players to “25<sup>th</sup> Fajr Cup” which will be held in Sareyn, Ardabil, Iran, from January 27<sup>th</sup> (arrival) till February 5<sup>th</sup> (departure) 2017.

### 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** for Players with Rating 2100 and higher.
- **Category B** for Player with Rating less than 2100.

2.2 The tournaments are open to all local and foreign chess players who have FIDE ID.

2.3 The organizer has the right to let some players with rating less than 2100 play in Category A.

2.4 The deadline of registration is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### 3. Entry Fee

- 3.1 For GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and players with rating > 2400: Free
- 3.2 For other players: 120 USD.

### 4. Playing Venue & Accommodation

4.1. The Playing Venue & Official Hotel shall be Qahve Suyi Complex, Sareyn.

4.2 Players will be accommodated from January 27<sup>th</sup> (arrival) till February 5<sup>th</sup> (departure) 2017.

4.3 For GMs, WGMs and players with rating > 2500: Free full board accommodation

4.4 For IMs, WIMs and players with rating > 2400: Free accommodation

4.5 For other Players, accommodation rates for each person each night will be announced later.

4.6 All participants are obliged to lodge at the official hotel. Bookings official hotel for the event should be done only through the organizers.

### 5. Technical Regulations

5.1 Time control: Each player will have 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment per move starting from the first move.

5.2 Each category will be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.

5.3 Default time will be announced by the Chief Arbiter.



**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](http://www.chess-results.com).

If the number of players in each category is more than 150, the accelerated methods will be used for two rounds.

**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/she 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.

## 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 prizes, the tie will be broken according to the following:

### Category A

- Rating Performance
- Direct Encounter
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz Cut 2
- Sum of Buchholz

### Category B

- Direct Encounter
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz Cut 2
- Median Buchholz 1
- Sum of Buchholz

## 7. Schedule

Date		Time	Details
Friday	27.01.2017		Arrival
Saturday	28.01.2017	16:00	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
Sunday	29.01.2017	09:30	Round 2
		17:00	Round 3
Monday	30.01.2017	17:00	Round 4
Tuesday	31.01.2017	09:30	Round 5
		17:00	Round 6
Wednesday	01.02.2017	17:00	Round 7
Thursday	02.02.2017	09:30	Round 8
		17:00	Round 9
Friday	03.02.2017	17:00	Round 10
Saturday	04.02.2017	09:30	Round 11
		15:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday	05.02.2017		Departure



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## 8. Prizes

8.1 All prizes are in IRR (Iranian Rial). The total amount of prizes is 579,000,000 IRR.

8.2 10% will be deducted from cash prizes.

8.3 Only one prize can be awarded to a player. (The highest prize)

8.4 If two or more players are tied, the tie-breaks systems will be used. (Prizes will not be shared)

8.5 The Organizing Committee shall award money prizes to top players as follows:

Rank	Table A
1 <sup>st</sup>	80,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	60,000,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	50,000,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	40,000,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	30,000,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	25,000,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	20,000,000
8 <sup>th</sup>	10,000,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	10,000,000
10 <sup>th</sup>	10,000,000
Best Under Elo 2300	10,000,000
Best Under Elo 2200	10,000,000

Rank	Table B
1 <sup>st</sup>	30,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25,000,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20,000,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	15,000,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	10,000,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	10,000,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	8,000,000
8 <sup>th</sup>	8,000,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under Elo 2000	6,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under Elo 2000	5,000,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under Elo 1800	6,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under Elo 1800	5,000,000

Rank	Table B
1 <sup>st</sup> Unrated	6,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Unrated	5,000,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Under 16	6,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 16	5,000,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 16	4,000,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Woman	6,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Woman	5,000,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Woman	4,000,000
Best Senior Over 50	5,000,000

Rank	Table B
1 <sup>st</sup> From Ardabil Province	8,000,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> From Ardabil Province	7,000,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> From Ardabil Province	6,000,000
4 <sup>th</sup> From Ardabil Province	5,000,000
5 <sup>th</sup> From Ardabil Province	4,000,000



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## 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 organizer.

**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 visa to enter Iran must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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