



نادي الشارقة الثقافي للشطرنج

Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club

United Arab Emirates

دولة الامارات العربية المتحدة

## 1st Sharjah Masters international Chess championship 2017

### Tournament Rules

Under the Patronage of H.H. Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, Sharjah Chess & Culture Club is pleased to invite you to participate at the 1st Sharjah Masters international Chess Championship , which will be held at Sharjah Chess & Culture Club from 22nd March to 31st March 2017 .

#### Participants & Registration:

- Open to all Fide-rated players with a standard rating of 1500 and above (as of 1st March 2017)
- Online ratings & titles are not accepted
- Last day of registration & payment is 24th February 2017
- Registration is only accepted online via the following link : [www.sharjahchess.ae](http://www.sharjahchess.ae)

fill the registration form and attach a passport copy and one personal photo.

- All participating players accept to fully comply with the regulations of the tournament and the organizer
- All participating players and accompany persons accept to fully comply with the rules and regulations of the United Arab Emirates

#### Number of Rounds & Time Control:

- 9 Rounds Swiss System
- Time Control : 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.

#### Playing Venue:

At Sharjah Chess & Culture Club (Sharjah Hall), Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

#### Entry & Related Fees

- Based on standard rating & title as of 1st February 2017

GM, IM with standard Elo above 2400 & WGM FREE

IM below 2400, WIM, FM, WFM \$100

Players with a standard Elo of 2000-2399 \$150

All other players with a standard Elo below 2000 \$200





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- Entry fee is inclusive of tournament participation and the issuance of entry visa for the participating player only

- Entry fee and related payments have to be paid in FULL prior to the deadline (24th February 2017,) either in cash at Sharjah Chess & Culture club or through Bank Transfer/ Deposit to the following Address:

All payments due to the Organizers on account of registration fee and hotel accommodation expenses must be paid in advance to the credit of Sharjah Chess & Cultural Club with proof thereof (bank transfer certificate) must be sent along with the registration forms.

All payments shall be made payable by 24th February 2017 to:

Beneficiary Name: Sharjah cultural and chess club

Account number: (IBAN) AE800350000000150461887

Beneficiary Bank: NBAD

- Kindly mention your Fide Name & Fide ID in your transfer and send a copy of the transfer to : shjchess@hotmail.com, [ralsusi@yahoo.com](mailto:ralsusi@yahoo.com)

- Total prize fund of the tournament is US\$ 60,000

**- Main Prizes by USD \$ (based on Tie-Break):**

1ST	15000 + trophy	- 2ND	10000	- 3RD	7000	- 4TH	6000	- 5TH	5000
6TH	4000	- 7TH	3000	- 8TH	2000	- 9TH	1500	- 10TH	1000
11TH	800	- 12TH	700	- 13TH	600				

**- Special Prize ( USD \$ ) based on performance:**

Best UAE Male 1	1000	Best UAE Male 2	500
Best UAE Female	700	Best Under 10	500
Best Under 12	500	Best Under 14	500
Best Sharjah chess player	500	Best Sharjah chess player	250
Best Female	500		

- Main Prizes will be awarded based on Tie-Break and will not be shared

- Special Prizes will be awarded based on Rating Performance

- A player cannot be awarded more than one prize, and will be awarded the highest prize

- Winner of the Tournament SHOULD BE PRESENT at the closing ceremony



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- Prize winners are requested to follow the dress code of business casual (or elegant casual) no shorts, sports shoes or sneakers, slippers, hats or caps (except for religious reasons).

## Tie Break

-Direct encounter -Buchholz (lowest) -Buchholz (highest) -Great Number of victories

## Hotel Accommodation

- Players are free to stay at any hotel

- Centro Rotana Sharjah & Holyday in International will be the official Hotels of the tournament.

- Transportation will only be provided to/from the club for the two official Hotels

Tel. : +971 6 5088 000

Single Room 100 USD night Full Board

Double Room 160 USD night Full Board

- For Hotel Booking & Payment kindly Email: shjchess@hotmail.com

Tel: +971 6 545 8880 Fax: +971 6 545 8881 Mob: +971 50 366 1600

Booking and payment shall be done directly to SHJ. CHESS CLUB .

## **Accommodation Condition**

The organizing committee shall provide free accommodation at one of two official hotels for players rated 2600 and above (prior approval from the committee is needed in order to guarantee the accommodation). FIDE ID is required

- Grandmasters with a standard Elo of 2650+ may apply for accommodation by submitting their document to sharjah chess club website before 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 .

- The organizer will provide rooms

- Applying for accommodation doesn't automatically make the player eligible to get a condition

- If a participant is given accommodation, the organizer will contact the player directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed through the email

## Visa

- All participants are required a visa,

unless they are from the following countries:

GCC Countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia)



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Western Europe (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Mario, Malta, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia,

Slovenia, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Cyprus and Liechtenstein)

North America (USA and Canada.)

Far East & Australia (Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.)

- Visa rules are subject to change. Kindly confirm with your airline prior booking.
- Players who require a visa are requested to upload and attach a scanned copy of their passports and colored personal photo in the online application form
- Entry visas to the UAE will be issued for eligible participants and will be valid for 15 days from the date of arrival.

## Schedule

Day & Dates		Rounds	Time
Wensday	22- March - 2017	Arrival	After 12:00 noon
Thersday	23 - March - 2017	Technical Meeting Opening ceremony Round 1	11:30 17:00 17:30
Friday	24 -- March - 2017	Round 2	17:30
Saturady	25 -- March - 2017	Round 3	17:30
Sunday	26 -- March - 2017	Round 4	17:30
Monday	27 - March - 2017	Round 5	17:30
Tuesday	28 - March - 2017	Round 6	17:30
Wensady	29 - March - 2017	Round 7	17:30
Thuersday	30 - March - 2017	Round 8	15:00
Friday	31 - March - 2017	Round 9 Closing ceremony	21:00

## Information

[www.sharjahchess.ae](http://www.sharjahchess.ae)

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