

1st Asian Chess Club Championship

24-31 December 2008, Al-Ain, U. A. E



1. Invitation

The Asian Chess Federation has the honor to invite all Asian National Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE to participate in the 1st Asian Chess Club Championship sponsored by the Abu Dhabi Sports Council and organized by the Al Ain Chess Club under the auspices of the UAE Chess Federation from 24th (arrival) to 31st December 2008 (closing) in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates. Departure is on 1st January 2009.



2. Participation

2.1 National Federations may enter one invited team and one extra team for a maximum of two teams each, counting the host club as one of the two local teams.

2.2 As the only exception, in case of an odd number of teams, the host club may enter a second host club team.

2.3 Every team shall be composed of five (5) Players + one (1) Captain.

2.4 The tournament is open to foreign players as well who are members of the club.



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3. Registration and Travel conditions

3.1 Entry forms must be filled by the National Federations and returned to the organizer not later than 15th December 2008. This date is the registration deadline. Late registration shall not be accepted due to visa processing and hotel reservations.

3.2 The complete registration form must include the surname, first name, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and title, and passport number of each player and each accompanying person. It must also include the name, telephone, fax number and email of the Delegation chief and of the federation official in charge.

3.3 A digital scan of the passport and ID photo of each player and each accompanying person must be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

3.4 All travel expenses shall be paid by the participants or their National Federation.

3.5. Every participant and every accompanying person has to pay to the organizers the amount of US \$100 Participation Fee to be sent by bank transfer and submission by email of a copy of the bank payment order.



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3.6 The above amount of US\$100 includes accreditation and bus transport from the airport to the official hotel (24th December 2008) and for the return on departure day (1 January 2009).

3.7 Teams will not be paired until all payments of their federation have been fulfilled.

3.8 Teams will not be paired if they are not accredited in Al Ain at least one hour before the Technical Meeting.



4. Entry Fees

4.1 In accordance with Asian Chess Federation regulations an entry fee of US\$400 is required for each team.



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5. Hotel Accommodation

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided at five star hotels by the organizer.

5.2 Free board and lodging will be provided the invited teams (total 6 people) from noon of 24th December to noon of 1st January 2009. The organizers shall accommodate invited participants in double or triple rooms.

5.3 All participants and all accompanying persons are obliged to lodge at the official Hotel.

5.4 Hotel payments for all extra players and accompanying persons must be made in advance to the Organizing Committee.

5.5 Cost for full board and lodging (with breakfast, lunch and dinner) for additional and accompanying persons:

- a. in triple rooms: US\$300 per day,
- b. in double/twin room US\$250 per day,
- c. in single rooms: US\$200 per day.



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6. Format

6.1 The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 7 rounds.

6.2 Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the whole game + 30 seconds increment for every move played.

6.3 Competition between teams will be over four boards, in the Chess Olympiad format.

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7. Playing Schedule:

24 th December	Arrival of Delegations	12:00 hrs
25 th December	Technical Meeting	11:00 hrs
	Opening Ceremonies	15:00 hrs
	Round 1	16:00 hrs
26 th December	Round 2	16:00 hrs
27 th December	Round 3	16:00 hrs
28 th December	Round 4	16:00 hrs
29 th December	Round 5	16:00 hrs
30 th December	Round 6	16:00 hrs
31 st December	Round 7	14:00 hrs
	Closing Ceremony	21:00 hrs
1 st January 2009	Departure	12:00 hrs



Players are invited to participate in the Al Ain Winter Chess Festival Rapid and Blitz tournaments on 1st and 2nd January at the Al Ain Mall.



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8. Prizes

8.1 Trophies, medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

8.2 A total of \$60,000 in cash prizes shall be awarded as follows:

First Team	US\$20,000
Second Team	\$12,000
Third Team	\$ 8,000
Fourth Team	\$ 6,000
Fifth Team	\$ 4,000
Total	\$50,000



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Special group prizes of \$5,000 shall be awarded at \$1,000 each for five rating groups to be grouped before the tournament.

Cash prizes of \$5,000 for boards 1 to 5 shall be awarded based on performance rating with \$500 for gold, \$300 for silver and \$200 for bronze medals.

Ties shall be broken and cash prizes shall not be shared.

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9. Visa Information

Entry visa will be sent by email or fax to federations of participants.

10. Contact of the Organizing Committee

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