



## 5<sup>th</sup> International Chess Festival “Sardaran Cup”

**Urmia, Iran, 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

### **INVITATION**

West Azerbaijan Chess Association under the auspices of the The I.R. Iran Chess Federation has the honour of inviting all players of national chess federations to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> International Chess Festival “Sardaran Cup” to be organized in Urmia, Iran from 21<sup>st</sup> July (arrival) to 29<sup>th</sup> July (departure) 2016.

### **1. General Regulations & Rules**

**1.1** The Tournament shall be governed by the Fide Laws of Chess.

**1.2** Definition of Tournament is:

- **Category A** Master tournament- for Players with Rating 2050 and higher.
- **Category B** for Player with Rating less than 2050.
- **Category C for Blitz** (3 Min + 2 Sec/Move)
- **Category D** for Cadets & Youth Players under 14 years Old (Born on or after 1 January 2002)

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

### **2. Financial Regulations**

**2.1 Entry Fee:** The entry fee is free for GMs, IMs

**2.2** . All other players must pay an entry fee of 100 USD to the organizer.

### **3. Playing Venue & Accommodation**

**3.1.** The Playing Venue & Official Hotel shall be in Urmia.

**3.2** Accommodation and full board will be provided by the organizers. Hostel fees are as below:  
(per person/ per night)

Hostel	Rate
Hostel (Bed & Breakfast)	20 USD
Hostel (Full board)	30 USD

**3.3** All participants and all accompany persons are obliged to lodge at the official Hostel. Bookings of official Hostel for the event should be done through the organizers only.



#### 4. Format of Play

**4.1** Time control: Each player shall have 90 minutes with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

**4.2** Each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.

**4.3** 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) website.

**4.4** If the number of participants is more than 150 players Accelerated methods for the first two rounds will use to help make the tournament more competitive.

**4.5** Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 30 minutes.

#### 5. Schedule

Date	Time	Details
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	17:00	Arrival
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2016	17:00	Round 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2016	09:30	Round 2
	17:00	Round 3
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	17:00	Round 4
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	09:30	Round 5
	17:00	Round 6
26 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	17:00	Round 7
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	09:30	Round 8
	15:00	<b>Blitz Tournament</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	09:30	Round 9
		Departure

#### 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	Direct Encounter	Direct Encounter
2	Rating Performance	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. Prizes

7.1 The money prizes provided by the Organizing Committee are as follows

Rank	Table A
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	70.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	50.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	35.000.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	25.000.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	15.000.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	10.000.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	7.000.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	5.000.000
Best player U-2300	4.000.000
Best player U-2200	4.000.000

Rank	Table B
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	30.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	22.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	15.000.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	10.000.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	9.000.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	8.000.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	7.000.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	6.000.000
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	5.000.000
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	4.000.000
Best player U-1850	3.000.000
Best player U-1750	3.000.000
Best unrated player	2.000.000

Rank	Table C
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	15.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	12.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	9.000.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7.000.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	5.000.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	3.000.000
Best player U-2200	1.000.000
Best player U-2000	1.000.000
Best player U-1800	1.000.000
Best woman player	1.500.000
Best unrated player	1.000.000
Best player under 14	1.000.000

Rank	Table D
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	15.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	10.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	8.000.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	7.000.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	6.000.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	5.000.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	4.000.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	3.000.000
Best youth U-10	2.000.000
Best girl U-10	2.000.000

- Under-10: Born on or after 1 January 2006
- Under-14: Born on or after 1 January 2002

7.2 All prizes are in IRR (Iranian Rial)

7.3 Tax for Cash prizes is 10%.



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

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

## **8. Appeals Committee**

**8.1** Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or any other Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals committee within 30 minutes after completion of the playing session. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 500000 IRR (Iranian Rial), as a deposit from the signatory. If the protest is accepted and the decision changed, then the deposit will be returned back to the claimant.

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

## **9. Visa**

**9.1** 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 [Shohreh\\_b1987@yahoo.com](mailto:Shohreh_b1987@yahoo.com) and [info@azarchess.com](mailto:info@azarchess.com) before the **deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016** after which the Organizer shall not be responsible.

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