



Asian Nations Chess Cup

26 July - 4 August 2018, Hamadan, Iran

**To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federation in Asia
Zone 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7**

The Chess Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the 2018 Asian Nations Cup (Chess Team Championship) to be held 26 July to 4 August 2018 in Hamadan, Iran.

Regulation

1. Participation

1.1 All chess federations in Zones 3.1 to 3.7 shall have the right to participate in the Asian Nations Cup.

2. Team Composition

2.1. Each federation shall have the right to be represented by a men's team of four players and one reserve and by a women's team of four players and one reserve.

2.2 The Captain may be a player or a reserve.

2.3 The Chief of Delegation represents the federation and takes full responsibility for the conduct of members of its delegation.

2.4 Composition of Delegation

Men's Team (4 players plus 1 reserve) = 5 (including captain)

Women's Team (4 players plus 1 reserve) = 5 (including captain)

Total 10 persons

2.5 Eligibility: The players must be a member of their Federation per detailed eligibility rules in FIDE Handbook Reg. B.04.

3. Schedule of the tournament

26 Jul	Thursday	Arrival	
27 Jul	Friday	Rapid Chess Ch	09:30
28 Jul	Saturday	Round 1	15:00
29 Jul	Sunday	Round 2	15:00
30 Jul	Monday	Round 3	15:00
31 Jul	Tuesday	Round 4	15:00
1 Aug	Wednesday	Round 5	15:00
2 Aug	Thursday	Round 6	15:00
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4. Organization

4.1 Confirmation of Entry – 23 June 2018, each federation accepting the invitation will send its confirmation to the organizing federation with copies to the Asian Chess Federation President and Zone President concerned.

4.2 Passport Copies for Visas should be sent by email by the deadline of 6th July 2018

4.3 Submission of team lists – One month before the scheduled start of the Team Championships, i.e. 23 June 2018, each participating federation shall send to the organizing federation the overall team lists of 5 men (4 players and 1 reserve) for the men's competition and 5 women (4 players and 1 reserve) for the women's competition.

5. Expenses

5.1 The travelling expenses of the teams are to be paid by their federations.

5.2 The organizing federation is responsible for the living expenses of the participating teams (assuming a maximum 10 persons per delegation) during the days of arrival, play and departure.

5.3 The Chess Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran shall be entitled to send a second men's team and a second women's team ("B" teams).

5.4 The Chess Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran shall hold a third team in reserve in each tournament to enter the competition in case of an odd number of teams to avoid a bye.

5.5 Registration fees: Each person will pay US\$100 to the Chess Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5.6 The entry fee of US\$300.00 as stipulated in the Asian Chess Federation Financial Regulations shall be paid to the Organizing Committee.

6. Tournament Regulations

6.1 The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 7 or 9 Rounds, depending on the number of participants teams: for 16 or less 7 rounds and for more, 9 rounds Swiss system on the model of the Olympiads, with one section for the men's teams

and one section for the women's teams, considered as separate competitions, or Round Robin with ten or fewer teams.

6.2 Time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves and 30 Minutes for the rest of the game with 30 second increments per move from move 1.

6.3 Default time is zero tolerance.

6.4 The teams of the host country may receive only one Cup. The Second teams of the host country may receive individual board medals.

6.5 Every match in the open competition shall be played over four boards and each match in the women's competition shall be played over four boards.

6.6 Following the Olympiad schedule, the team captain shall present to the arbiter the specific lists, in board order, of the 4 men for the open competition and of the 4 women in the women's competition who are to play in each round.

6.7 If any specific team list is not presented on time, the team in question must play the round using the top four players in the case of the men's team, and the top four players in the case of the women's team.

6.8 The order of the players, as indicated by the overall team list, cannot be altered, hence reserves may play on the bottom boards only.

6.9 If the board order in which a team plays differs from the board order of its overall list, the team's score for the round shall be reduced by one game point for every deviation from the correct sequence. (Example: for playing 1-2-4-3, (considering only the men's team), two points are forfeited; the score shall not, however, be reduced below zero). The use of any player who does not figure in the overall list will cause the round to be forfeited 4-0.

6.10 Rapid Chess: A Rapid Chess tournament shall be held in 5 round Swiss.

6.11 Blitz Chess: A Blitz Chess tournament shall be held in 5 round Swiss.

7. Time Control

7.1 The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with DGT clocks.

7.2 Time control Rapid chess is 15 minutes per player with increment of 10 seconds per move from move 1.

7.3 The time control for blitz is 3 minutes per player with increment of 2 seconds per move from move 1.

8. Technical Delegate and Chief Arbiter

8.1 The Asian Chess Federation President shall nominate the Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters.

8.2 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, and with the approval of the Asian Chess Federation President, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

9. Appeals Committee

9.1 Before the beginning of the tournament an Appeals Committee shall be selected.

9.2 The Asian Chess Federation President shall nominate the Chairman. The Committee shall be composed of five members and two reserves elected at the technical meeting. The persons chosen for the Appeals Committee shall represent seven different federations.

9.3 No member of the committee shall have the right to vote on questions concerning his own federation. However, every member is entitled to participate in the discussions.

9.4 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after completion of the playing session.

9.5 A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$200 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned. Otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing federation.

10. Scoring & Qualification

10.1 The scores determining the finishing order are calculated as follows.

Each team's place in the order of classification will be decided by the number of match points it has scored. Winner will get 2 points, a draw will give each team 1 point, and a loss is scored as 0 points.

10.2 If any teams finish with equal match points, the tie shall be resolved as follows:

- a. by game points in total.
- b. if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide, i.e. Direct Encounter.
- c. if a tie again results, then the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points will be used, calculated as follows:
 1. By the sum of the game points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the game points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved. If a tie still results, then
 2. match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of game points achieved against this opponent;
- d. if a tie again results, it shall be decided by Direct Encounter board count (Berlin System) as follows:
 - win on Board 1 = 4 points
 - win on Board 2 = 3 points
 - win on Board 3 = 2 points
 - win on Board 4 = 1 point

In case of drawn games these points are shared. If the board-count results in no victory for either side then the board points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upwards until the tie is broken.

10.3 If a tie still results between teams in contention for medals, these teams shall play one blitz match (with 3 mins + 2 sec increment) against each other. In the case of two teams, colors on top board will be reversed from previous encounter; in case of tie apply (d) above. In case of tie, one player from each team shall play a sudden death match.

10.4 The title of "Asian Nations Cup Men's (or Women's) Champion 2018 is bestowed on the winning team.

10.5 Each winning team shall receive a trophy from the organizers.

10.6 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal, respectively.

10.7 Individual Chess Medals for Board Prizes

10.8 Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition for individual board prizes namely: gold, silver and bronze medals. For the purposes of this award, the players' performance rating shall be compared. If the performance rating is equal, the tie shall be broken in the following order:

- (a) The number of games;
- (b) Direct Encounter;
- (c) Average rating of opponents, higher is better.
- (d) The greater number of wins.

10.9 Only players who have played a minimum of 7 games shall be eligible for board prizes.

11. Qualification for the World (Women's) Chess Team Championship

11.1 The winning teams will represent the continent of Asia in the 2019 World (Women's) Team Championship.

12. Payments

12.1 All payments should be made in US\$ and must be paid upon arrival in cash.

13. Accommodation

13.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided by the organizing committee from 26 July (Arrival) and 4 August (Departure)

13.2 Cost for full board and lodging in the official Hotel (with breakfast, lunch & dinner) for additional delegates and accompanying persons is as follows:

- a. In Single rooms: US \$ 90 per day.
- b. In Double rooms: US\$ 65 per person per day.
- c. In Triple rooms: US\$ 55 per person per day.

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