

# **Asian Zonal Chess Championship-2021, Zone-3.2, Open**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

## **Chief Arbiter Report**

First I would like to thanks to Mr. Syed Shahab Uddin Shamim, President of FIDE Zone-3.2 and Bangladesh Chess Federation for appointed me as Chief Arbiter in the prestigious chess championships in FIDE Zone-3.2, by Hybrid system. It's a great honor for me.

### **Playing Schedule**

#### **1. Schedule (Bangladesh time)**

30 May	Technical Meeting	15:30 hours
31 May	Trial Run	15:30 hours
1 June	Round 1	15:30 hours
2 June	Round 2	15:30 hours
3 June	Round 3	15:30 hours
4 June	Round 4	15:30 hours
5 June	Round 5	15:30 hours
6 June	Round 6	15:30 hours
7 June	Round 7	15:30 hours
8 June	Round 8	15:30 hours
9 June	Round 9	15:30 hours

**2.** The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE Hybrid Chess regulations. Games shall be played on the Tornelo platform. Same country players will played OTB (Over the Board) and FIDE rules and Regulations followed in OTB games,

#### **3. Fair Play Rules**

- 3.1.** Players can play only on laptop or desktop and log into Zoom with their 3-letter country code + Tornelo name. The Local Chief Arbiter shall inspect the devices of players before the start of each game.
- 3.2.** Only players and arbiter are allowed access to the playing area. During a game a player may leave the playing area or the playing venue only with the permission of the Local Chief Arbiter.
- 3.3.** Each playing venue must be monitored by cameras. Only players with approved webcam and panoramic cameras will be allowed to play. The panoramic camera should show clear view of the playing area.

3.4. In each playing venue, the fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. Unless authorised by the arbiter, it is forbidden for anybody to use a mobile phone or any kind of communication device in the playing venue or any contiguous area designated by the arbiter.

3.5. The Local Technical Assistant should see that each player is connected to Zoom. Audio should be open. It is not allowed for players to use headphones or virtual Zoom background. Playing venue should be well lit. There should be no external noise.

3.6. A traditional chessboard may be used by a player. Each player is responsible for moving pieces on his traditional board. The only allowed action on the traditional board is reproducing the moves played on the virtual board made by each side. The virtual chessboard and virtual chess clock remain the definitive record of the game.

3.7. In case two players playing from the same playing venue are paired together, the Local Chief Arbiter may decide the game between them may be played over the traditional board. Such a decision may be taken, only if the playing conditions are suitable and both players agree. Then, for such games, the FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. The result and pgn file should be submitted after the round to the Zonal Chief Arbiter.

3.8. All participants shall comply and co-operate with the Fair Play rules. Players may be removed from the Championship at any time on final decision of the Chief Arbiter based on fair play rules.

3.9. All the players agree that they have no right to appeal the aforementioned actions either through arbitration, consultation or in a court of law within any jurisdiction.

3.10. Participants have no right to appeal for pairings made during the Championship.

#### **Pairing**

#### **4. Pairings:**

4.1. Swiss pairings made on Tornelo (Javafo). The highest ranked received White in the first round.

4.2. Pairings published in chess-results.com as soon as possible after each.

#### **4.3. Technical Meeting**

According to the Regulations of the Championships a Technical Meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 15:30 hours, Dhaka time. It was announced before that the event would be held according to the Regulation by Bangladesh Chess Federation approved by FIDE and the Asian Chess Federation. As per regulations the default time was 30 minutes after scheduled round time.

## **Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony was held on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 15:00 Hours, Dhaka time. Dr. Benazir Ahmed BPM (BAR), President of Bangladesh Chess Federation and South Asian Chess Council and Inspector General of Bangladesh has inaugurated the event On Zoom Meeting. Mr. Tarafder Md Ruhul Amin, Managing Director of SAIF POWERTEC Limited, the sponsor company was present as special guest and General Secretary of Bangladesh Chess Federation and President FIDE Zone 3.2 Mr. Syed Shahab Uddin Shamim delivered speeches in the opening ceremony.

## **Time Control**

The tournament conducted as a Swiss system competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE Regulations.

The time control was 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the games with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

## **Prize money and Tie-breaking systems.**

- a)** Total 3,000.00 US dollars prize money given among the winners of the event. Cash prize money not shared among same pointers. The tie-breaking systems used for establish the Champion and to establish other all positions.

Ties shall be broken by the following tie break order:

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)\*
- b) Buchholz Cut 1\*\*;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;

\* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

\*\* Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

If this results in a tie again, they will play one Armageddon game with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black. Players should not use traditional boards during tie break games. After move 60, both players receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61.

## **Technical Delegate:**

IA, IO Abundo Casto . Executive Director of Asian Chess Federation was Technical Delegate of the event.

## **Tournament Director**

FIDE Zone-3.2 President Syed Shahb Uddin Shamim was Tournament Director, he performed excellent and worked hard for make the event successes.

## **Arbiters**

IA Wijesuriya, G. Luxman (9900144) of Sri Lanka, IA Umesh K. C. (12301493) of Nepal, FA Kabir Shahajan (10201653), FM Chowdhury Mahmuda Hoque (10203095), Anisuzzaman Jewel

(10204695), NA Mohammad Shameem (10201700) are Zoom Arbiters and NA Michael Joseph Pagaran (5211980) was pairing Arbiter and operating Arbiter on tornelo. All of them the required level knowledge in handing hybrid chess. They performed excellent mutual cooperation and well done the players. In accordance with the strict new FIDE Laws.

### **Games transmission**

OTB and tornelo played games were live broadcast in on-line on many renowned chess web site and also Bangladesh Chess Federation official site.

### **Technical Equipment**

Electronic Chess Board, Standard Chess board, DGT 3000 used OTB games, players used laptop on tornelo game with zoom, shared screen and always open their task manager.

### **Appeal Committee**

Three members and two reserves Appeal Committee made before the beginning of the tournament lead by Asian first GM Eugene Torre of Philippines as Chairman. No appeal submitted.

### **Organising Staff**

The Bangladesh Chess Federation carried out an exceptional work and showed a great hospitality for the organising the Asian Zonal 3.2 Chess Championships, events on such a high level. The whole organising staff did their best to work jointly and to achieve high standard.

### **Winners**

GM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh became champion with 8 points out of 9 games. GM Ziaur Rahman qualified for the FIDE World Cup 2021 from Zone 3.2. GM Enamul Hossain became runner-up with 7½. Six players earned 6 points each. Their positions are: 3<sup>rd</sup> – Liyanage Ranindu Dilshan of Sri Lanka, 4<sup>th</sup>-CM Manon Reja of Bangladesh, 5<sup>th</sup>-IM Mohammad Fahad Rahman of Bangladesh, 6<sup>th</sup>-FM Khandaker Aminul Islam of Bangladesh, 7<sup>th</sup>-IM Mohammad Minhaz Uddin of Bangladesh and 8<sup>th</sup>-CM Amarasinghe A A C B of Sri Lanka.



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