



## **Asian Women's Online Chess Championship 23-25 August 2021 \* Torneo**

### **INVITATION**

The Asian Chess Federation (ACF) on behalf of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), has the honor to invite all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 2021 Asian Women's Online Chess Championships to be played online on Torneo from 23-25 August 2021.

### **General Rules & Regulations**

Each national federation may be represented by any number of players.

The Championships shall be governed by the FIDE Online Chess Regulations.

### **Participation**

The players must be members of their Federation per detailed eligibility rules in FIDE Handbook Reg. B.04.

Registration must be made by the national chess federations. Individual registrations will not be accepted.

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

By 17 August 2021, each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry using the attached Entry Form to the Asian Chess Federation.

### **Financial Regulations**

The Entry Fee is \$75.00 per player. All payments must be finalized on or before 17 August 2021. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared. Please send payment to:

Account Name: Asian Chess Federation  
Bank: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank  
Address: Al Murabba Branch, Al-Ain, United Arab Emirates  
US Dollar Account Number: 11381190  
SWIFT Code: abdiaead  
IBAN: AE64050000000011381190

## **Tournament System**

The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE Regulations for Online Chess with Supervision.

## **Fair Play Rules**

Players may play only on laptop or desktop. Players should log into Zoom with their 3-letter country code and name. The Zoom Arbiters shall virtually inspect the Setup of Playing Devices and Zoom Set up of players before the start of each game. Only players are allowed access to her playing area.

Each player shall be monitored by cameras, front videocam and side panoramic camera (usually a mobile phone). Only players with approved cameras and device set up will be allowed to play. The camera should show clear view of the player.

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. Players shall be monitored by Tornelo Live Fair Play Reports.

Unless authorized by the arbiter, it is forbidden for anybody to use a mobile phone or other kind of communication or electronic device in the playing venue, or any contiguous area designated by the Zoom Arbiters.

The Zoom Arbiters should see that each player is connected to Zoom. Front Audio in Zoom should always be open during live games. Close audio of the side camera to avoid feedback. 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.

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.

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

By registering in the Championship, players will not have the right to claim any financial compensation or redress related to the Championship.

For the success of the event the Organizer has the right to change the schedule with due notice, update the regulations or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.

## **Video Conferencing System (Zoom) Arbiters**

Before the game starts the Zoom Arbiters assigned for each federation should make it mandatory that all computers run only one tab in one browser. No other website, application or software can be open on the playing device except Tornelo and Zoom.

Players should share their desktop screen in Zoom and make Task Manager “Always on top”.

The images of the video conferencing platform may be recorded by the organizer. It must be ensured that only the Chief Arbiter, the panel of experts, if any, and the members of Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) and Fair Play Commission (FPL) may access it if deemed necessary.

### **Time Control:**

Time control is Rapid Play - Each player shall have 25 minutes for the game with the addition of 10 seconds per move starting from the first move. The clocks of all games shall be started by the Chief Arbiter.

### **Pairings:**

Swiss pairings shall be made on Tornelo (Javafo). The highest ranked shall receive White in the first round.

In the last round, players from the same federation who have more than 50% shall not be paired with each other if alternate pairings are available. Forbidden pairings shall be controlled by Swiss Manager. Official pairings and results will be published in chess-results.com as soon as possible after each round unless there are pending appeals.

### **Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>UAE Time</b>	<b>Details</b>
Wednesday 18 August 2021	10:00	Technical Meeting
		Trial Run
Monday, 23 August 2021	09:00	Opening Ceremony
	10:00	Round 1
	12:00	Round 2
	14:00	Round 3
Tuesday, 24 August 2021	10:00	Round 4
	12:00	Round 5
	14:00	Round 6
Wednesday, 25 August 2021	10:00	Round 7
	12:00	Round 8
	14:00	Round 9
Thursday, 26 August 2021	10:00	Awards Ceremony

### **Scoring**

Scoring is one (1) point for a win, half (1/2) point for a draw and zero (0) for a loss.

### **Tie-break System**

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 in accordance with the following:

- 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.

## **Prizes**

The Asian Women's champion shall represent the Continent in the FIDE Chess.com Women's Grand Swiss 2021. In case the champion is already seeded, the next in line qualifies and so forth. A total of \$1,500 in cash prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 placers as follows

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$700
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$500
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$300

Cash prizes shall not be shared and shall be determined by points and tie break.

Electronic Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to the top 3 players (Gold, Silver and Bronze). Electronic Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players.

## **Appeals Committee**

The Chairman of Appeals shall be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, including two members and two reserves from different federations.

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.

Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 10 minutes after the end of the respective game.

A protest fee of USD100 shall be paid to which is refundable if the protest is upheld. Protest fee should be sent by Paypal to [asianchessfederation@yahoo.com](mailto:asianchessfederation@yahoo.com)

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

## **Chief Arbiter and his Assistants**

The Asian Chess Federation President will appoint the Technical Delegate and the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

## **Organizing Committee**

Technical Delegate: ACF Executive Director Casto Abundo [casto.abundo@gmail.com](mailto:casto.abundo@gmail.com)

Tournament Director: IA/IO Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh [mehrdad.pahlevanzadeh@gmail.com](mailto:mehrdad.pahlevanzadeh@gmail.com)

Chief Arbiter: IA/IO Abdulrahim Mahdi [mahdi.abdulrahim2020@gmail.com](mailto:mahdi.abdulrahim2020@gmail.com)

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