



19th Caspian Sea Cup (Rasht Cup)

International Chess Festival

12th to 20th February 2023 – Rasht, Gilan, IRAN

Invitation

This is the official invitation for participation in the “19th Caspian Cup” which will be held in *Rasht, Gilan, Iran*, from 11th of February (arrival) till 20th of February (departure) 2023. The competition will be organized and held by Gilan Chess Association under the auspices of Chess Federation of I.R. IRAN.

1. General Regulations & Rules

1.1 The Tournament shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Competition Rules.

2. Participation

2.1 The categories are as below:

- **Category A** Master tournament- for Masters (GM, IM, WGM and WIM) and players with Rating 1800 and higher.
- **Category B** for players with Rating less than 1800.
- **Category C** for cadets and youth under 14.

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

2.3 Players age categories are as below:

- Under 6: Born on or after 1 January 2017
- Under 8: Born on or after 1 January 2015
- Under 10: Born on or after 1 January 2013
- Under 12: Born on or after 1 January 2011
- Under 14: Born on or after 1 January 2009
- +65: Born on 1958
- +50: Born on 1973

3. Financial Regulations

- Entry Fee: The entry fee is free for GMs, IMs, WGMs.
- All other players must pay an entry fee of 50 EUR. to the organizer.

4. Playing Venue & Accommodation



4.1 The playing venue & official hotels are located in the Rasht.

4.2 Free full board accommodation for GMs and IMs will be provided by the organizer from 11th of February (arrival) till 20th of February (departure) 2023. (First Come First Served)

4.3 Free accommodation for the first registered player from each country will be provided by the organizer (Early Bird registration priority)

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

5. Technical Regulations

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

5.2 Each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 or 11 rounds, depending on number of participants. (150 participants and less be 9 rounds, 151 to 200 participants be 11 rounds and more than 200 participants be Baku Acceleration System.)

5.3 Default late time is 30 minutes.

5.4 The Pairings will be made using Swiss Manager program and shall be announced as soon as possible after each round finishes. Pairings will be published on the www.chess-results.com website.

5.5 During play, a player is forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief arbiter in the playing venue.

5.6 A player may talk only to an arbiter, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

5.7 During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

5.8 Players cannot “informally” tell an arbiter that they suspect that another player is cheating. This also applies to any other person having a FIDE Identity Number. All cheating-related communications shall be duly recorded, and the arbiter should ask player to make an official In-Tournament complaint.

5.9 If players inform the Chief Arbiter to be absent in one round, they will be scored 0.5 (half-point bye). No player may request a half-point bye after round 5. **This option does not exist in Category A for GM's, WGM's, IM's and WIM's.**

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
1	Direct Encounter	Direct Encounter
2	Rating Performance	Buchholz Cut 1
3	Buchholz Cut 1	Buchholz Cut 2
4	Buchholz Cut 2	Sum of Buchholz
5	Sonneborn-berger	Sonneborn-berger

7. Schedule

9 rounds (categories with 150 players and less)

Date	Time	Details
11 th February 2023	14:00	Arrival
12 th February 2023	15:30	Opening Ceremony
	16:30	Round 1
13 th February 2023	16:30	Round 2
14 th February 2023	16:30	Round 3
15 th February 2023	09:30	Round 4
	16:30	Round 5
16 th February 2023	16:30	Round 6
17 th February 2023	16:30	Round 7
18 th February 2023	Free Day	
19 th February 2023	16:30	Round 8
20 th February 2023	09:30	Round 9
	15:00	Closing Ceremony



11 rounds (Categories with more than 200 players)

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	15:00	Closing Ceremony

8. Prizes

A Category	
Rank	Prizes (IRR -Iranian Rial)
1 st Place	300.000.000
2 nd Place	200.000.000
3 rd Place	160.000.000
4 th Place	100.000.000
5 th Place	70.000.000
6 th Place	50.000.000
1 st Under Elo 2300	30.000.000



1 st Under Elo 2200	30.000.000
1 st Under Elo 2100	30.000.000
1 st Under Elo 2000	30.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1900	30.000.000
1 st Seniors +50	30.000.000
1 st Women	30.000.000
2 nd Women	25.000.000
1 st under 14	25.000.000
1 st under 12	25.000.000
Best Performance	20.000.000

B Category	
Rank	Prizes (IRR -Iranian Rial)
1 st Place	150.000.000
2 nd Place	100.000.000
3 rd Place	80.000.000
4 th Place	60.000.000
5 th Place	40.000.000
6 th Place	30.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1600	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1550	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1500	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1450	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1400	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1350	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1300	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1250	25.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1200	25.000.000
1 st without Rating	25.000.000
1 st Women	25.000.000
1 st Seniors +50	25.000.000
1 st Seniors +65	25.000.000
2 nd Women	20.000.000
2 nd Seniors +50	20.000.000

C Category	
Rank	Prizes (IRR -Iranian Rial)
1 st Place	60.000.000
2 nd Place	50.000.000
3 rd Place	40.000.000



4 th Place	35.000.000
5 th Place	30.000.000
6 th Place	25.000.000
1 st Under 12	20.000.000
1 st Under 10	20.000.000
1 st Under 08	20.000.000
1 st Under 06	20.000.000
1 st Girls Under 12	20.000.000
1 st Girls Under 10	20.000.000
1 st Girls Under 08	20.000.000
1 st Girls Under 06	20.000.000
2 nd Under 12	15.000.000
2 nd Under 10	15.000.000
2 nd Under 08	15.000.000
2 nd Under 06	15.000.000
3 rd Under 12	10.000.000
3 rd Under 10	10.000.000
3 rd Under 08	10.000.000
3 rd Under 06	10.000.000

8.1 All prizes are in IRR (Iranian Rial)

8.2 10% will be deducted from cash prizes.

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

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

8.5 All Winners must be participant at Closing Ceremony.

9. Appeals Committee

9.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in a written form to the Chairman of Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the protest fee of 100 Euros. The fee must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the fee is forfeited to organizer.

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

10. Visa and Covid 19:

10.1 All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Iran, must send a Scan of their passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before **the deadline of 20th January 2023**.

10.2 According to the new guidelines issued by the National Corona Headquarters, visa applicants must meet the following conditions:



- * Having a negative corona PCR test up to 72 hours before travel (for people over 12 years old)
- * Have a vaccine card for every 2 doses
- * The vaccine approved by Iran is approved
- * The applicant is not from high-risk countries, or his next destination is not high-risk countries

11. Travel Information

11.1 All participants arriving by international flights should take plane to Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA), Tehran, Iran.

11.2 The host federation will arrange the transportation from airport to the hotel for arrival and departure during the schedule dates.

12. Health Protocols and Covid19:

- * Providing Covid 19 vaccination card (by receiving at least 2 doses of valid vaccines) for all players over 18 years old, referees and executives of the tournament and also providing Covid 19 vaccination card (by receiving 1 dose of valid vaccines) for all players below 18 years and over 12 years are required. Registration and admission of players who do not have a Covid 19 vaccination card will be canceled and their entry fee will not be refunded.
- * Masks are required for all participants, referees and executives throughout the game.
- * The organizer can ask all players to submit a negative PCR test if necessary.
- * If a player has symptoms of a cold (Covid 19), he will be quarantined by the medical team stationed at the venue and will not be able to participate in the Covid 19 test until the result is determined.
- * If it is found that a player has the symptoms of Covid 19 and has not informed the organizers, he will be expelled from the tournament and will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of the Chess Federation.
- * Before entering the hall, all players, arbiters, and executives will have a fever test.

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