



Asian Online Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities

8-9 December 2023

1. SCOPE

- 1.1. The Asian Chess Federation (ACF) is the Governing Body of the Asian Chess Federation Online Cup for Players with Disabilities represented by the ACF Commission for the Disabled (hereinafter referred to as DISA).
- 1.2. At any time, any circumstance or an unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the ACF for the final decision.
- 1.3. The Online Asian Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities is an open individual tournament for chess players who belong to any of the three disability categories (visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically disabled), in online format.

2. FORMAT

- 2.1. ACF invites National Federations in Asia to nominate players for the open section and players for the women's section for the Online Asian Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities. Players should be members of their national federation with FIDE ID number.
- 2.2. If there are not enough players for the women's section, they will be merged with the open section.
- 2.3. The event will be played as a Swiss system tournament of five (5) or seven (7) rounds on Tornelo.
- 2.4. The event will adhere to the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE General Regulations for Online Competitions with Supervision in all aspects except those where the contrary is explicitly announced otherwise by the Chief Arbiter.
- 2.5. Time control: 10 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move starting from move 1 (10' + 10" incr.).
- 2.6. The 1st December 2023 FIDE Rapid ratings will be used for pairing purposes. Should a participant have no FIDE Rapid rating, their standard rating will be used and if they have no standard rating, they will be considered as unrated for seeding purposes.

2.7. 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 any place, then the following tie-break criteria will be applied in the listed order:

1. Direct encounter
2. Greater number of wins with white and black,
3. Buchholz
4. Sonneborn-Berger.

Should there still be a tie for first place after the above tie break criteria, then those players tied for 1st place will be declared as joint winners.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1. The tournament will take place from 8th or 9th of December.

3.2. An online Technical Meeting will be held 3pm Dubai time on 7th December 2023.

3.3. Round 1 starts at 11am Dubai time.

3.4. Round times for the event are as follows for a 7 round event:

Date	Round	Time
8 th	1	11am Dubai time
8 th	2	12pm Dubai time
8 th	3	1pm Dubai time
8 th	4	2pm Dubai time
9 th	5	11am Dubai time
9 th	6	12pm Dubai time
9 th	7	1pm Dubai time
9 th	Awards	2pm Dubai time

3.5. Round times for the event are as follows for a 5 round event:

Date	Round	Time
8 th	1	11am Dubai time
8 th	2	12pm Dubai time
8 th	3	1pm Dubai time
9 th	4	11am Dubai time
9 th	5	12pm Dubai time
9 th	Awards	1pm Dubai time

3.6. There is no default time. No penalty is imposed on a player if they are late for any of their games; their clock simply keeps running until the flag falls.

4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- 4.1. Registration deadline is **3pm Dubai time** on the **4th of December**. Practice sessions on Tornado will be announced after registration.
- 4.2. All Federations must register their players and have all details filled in correctly. Registration forms shall be submitted to asianchessfederation@yahoo.com and to disabledasia@gmail.com before the deadline of the tournament and this is considered acceptance of regulations for the event.
- 4.3. Every player consents to appear in promotional videos and interviews before and/or after the event at the request of the Tournament Coordinator.
- 4.4. Every player undertakes to create and validate a Tornado account no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The Online Play Administrator will be available to help players with this task.
- 4.5. A players' Tornado moniker shall contain his or her actual first and last names in full. Example: for a player called "Jane Doe", shall be registered on Tornado as Jane Doe.
- 4.6. Every player undertakes to create and validate an updated Zoom account using the same rules for the real names as in 4.5 no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The Online Play Administrator will be available to help players with this task.
- 4.7. Every player undertakes to communicate to DISA, at the disabledasia@gmail.com address, his Tornado account no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline.
- 4.8. Every player explicitly consents to constant monitoring via a Zoom call during every round. The general instructions are in the Fair Play Measure section. The more specific instructions will be given at the Technical Meeting.
- 4.9. It is every player's individual responsibility to have two devices in working order on the day of the tournament: a device to play his games online (a desktop or a laptop computer) and a device to enable monitoring (a smartphone is recommended). A failure to have either of the devices operational during the tournament may result in forfeit of player's game(s) or even an exclusion from the event.
- 4.10. Players should share their desktop screen in Zoom and open Task Manager "Always on top". Before the game starts it is 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 Zoom.
- 4.11. It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. Delayed or lost connection may lead to a forfeit upon the decision of the Chief Arbiter.

- 4.12. In case of server-side failures, the Chief Arbiter will make a decision in the best interest of the competition, upon consultations with the Online Play Administrator.
- 4.13. It is strongly recommended that participants use a wired (Ethernet) LAN connection inside their homes. Many problems and disconnects arise from use of Wi-Fi.

5. PRIZES

- 5.1. The virtual prizes are allocated as follows: First place – Gold Certificate, Second place – Silver Certificate, Third place – Bronze Certificate. The prizes are the same for Open and Women sections.
- 5.2. Every player is only eligible to win or share one prize, and will receive the biggest. (For instance, if the second-place finisher is at the same time the best among women, she will receive the Best among women prize).

6. APPEALS

- 6.1. The Appeals procedure is governed by Art. 10 of the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions except where specified otherwise in the present Regulations or announced by the Tournament Director.
- 6.2. The fee for an appeal for this tournament is zero (\$0)
- 6.3. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Asian Chess Federation. Two other members of the Appeals Committee will be announced at the Technical Meeting before the start of Round 1.
- 6.4. All appeals and protests shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing, via an e-mail to the disabledasia@gmail.com address, no later than ten (10) minutes after the completion of a particular game or a particular infringement complained against.
- 6.5. The Appeals Committee shall not accept or review any appeals against computer generated pairings.
- 6.6. The Appeals Committee shall not accept or review any appeals related to failed Internet connection or player's equipment failures.
- 6.7. Upon receipt of an e-mail with an appeal, the Appeals Committee shall summon the player(s) on a private Zoom call and shall conduct an appropriate investigation. Player(s) shall give their testimony orally. The call shall be recorded.
- 6.8. All decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

7. FAIR PLAY MEASURES

- 7.1. The Fair Play Measures are governed by the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines except where specified otherwise in the present Regulations or announced by the Tournament Director. Additional strict measures to prevent online cheating will be taken.
- 7.2. For the purposes of this event, the playing area is defined as a room in a dwelling where a player has the device that he uses for online play. All usual FIDE regulations related to the playing area shall apply.
- 7.3. A player shall be allowed to have only two electronic devices in the playing area: a device to play the game and a device to enable monitoring (see 4.8). If a player has any other electronic device in the playing area, he shall lose the game.
- 7.4. No spectators are allowed in the playing area.
- 7.5. Tornelo Live Fair Play reports will analyze all games and players' behaviour in real time.
- 7.6. All players will be constantly monitored during the rounds (see also 4.7 and 4.8). A monitoring device shall be positioned in such a way that the camera covers both the player and his screen (see example in the photos below). Zoom audio shall be always turned on. The entire Zoom monitoring sessions, including audio, will be recorded.
- 7.7. The Organizers are authorized to exclude any player from the tournament for a Fair Play violation reported by Tornelo. Players excluded for a Fair Play violation have no right to an appeal.

8. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1. Any request for a special arrangement, in particular a request to have an assistant, shall be communicated to the disabledasia@gmail.com address no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The organizers shall attempt to grant the request in good faith. Their decision shall be final and no appeal shall be entertained.
- 8.2. By registering for and entering into the tournament, each player accepts all the clauses of the present Regulations in their entirety and agrees to release, indemnify, defend and forever discharge Asian Chess Federation, DISA, Tornelo, Officials and their staff, volunteers, employees and agents of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action in respect of death, injury, loss or any damage.

9. CLASSIFICATION

- 9.1. Please submit together with registration a medical report confirming the players' disability and any other medical matters for classification of a player who has a disability.

10. OFFICIALS

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