



# ILAM IM NORM

## International Chess Tournament



**Ilam, Iran December 14-20, 2024**



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## 1. General Information

The **1st Ilam IM Norm** International Chess Tournament will be held from **December 14 to December 20, 2024**, in the historic city of **Ilam, Iran**. Hosted at the 3-Star Zagros Hotel, this prestigious closed event will bring together Grandmasters (GMs), International Masters (IMs), and talented players seeking IM norms from around the world, promising a week of exciting competition set against Ilam's rich history and cultural charm.



Participants will not only face the challenge of competing at the highest level but also experience the renowned warmth and hospitality of the Kurdish people, who eagerly welcome players and visitors to their beloved city. The tournament offers a unique blend of intense chess, cultural discovery, and the opportunity to explore one of Iran's most captivating regions, where history, tradition, and strategy come together for an unforgettable experience.

## 2. Chess Tournament Format

The tournament will follow a **10-player Round Robin** format, with all games streamed live on [Lichess](https://www.lichess.org) and [Chess.com](https://www.chess.com).

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## 3. Schedule

Schedule	Date	10:00	17:00
Saturday	December 14, 2024	Arrival	Opening Ceremony (16:30) Round 1
Sunday	December 15, 2024	Round 2	Round 3
Monday	December 16, 2024	✕	Round 4
Tuesday	December 17, 2024	Round 5	Round 6
Wednesday	December 18, 2024	✕	Round 7
Thursday	December 19, 2024	✕	Round 8
Friday	December 20, 2024	Round 9	Departure

## 4. Entry Fees and Registration

**4.1** The entry fee for **IM Norm Seekers** is **\$700**.

**4.2** The deadline for submitting registration forms is 11:59 PM (local time), **December 4, 2024**. Late registrations may not be accepted.

**4.3** To confirm your participation, please contact Arman Aryanejad, the Executive Director of the tournament, at your earliest convenience. Priority will be given to players who confirm their spot earlier and have a FIDE rating of 2200 or higher.

**4.4** For the convenience of international participants, the entry fee may be paid during the registration session at the tournament venue.

## 5. Tournament Rules

**5.1** The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply and the event will be subject to official FIDE rating.

**5.2** The tournament will follow a 9-round Round Robin format, in accordance with official regulations.

**5.4** The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1.

**5.5** The default time shall be 30 minutes after the start of each round.

**5.6** The pairings will be generated using Swiss Manager software, which utilizes the JaVaFo engine, and will be promptly announced after the conclusion of each round.

**5.7** The pairings will be published on [chess-results.com](http://chess-results.com) and displayed in front of the entrance to the playing hall.

**5.8** The tournament will be conducted in full compliance with FIDE's anti-cheating regulations to ensure fair play. Strict measures, including advanced monitoring systems and adherence to FIDE's Fair Play guidelines, will be implemented to maintain the integrity of the competition.

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## 6. Tie Break

The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. In cases where two or more players have the same total number of points, the following tiebreak criteria will be used:

1. Direct Encounter (if the tied players have all played against each other)	2. Rating Performance	3. Koya
	4. Most wins with Black	5. Sonneborn–Berger

## 7. Players' Behaviors

**7.1** During the game, players are not permitted to leave the designated playing area, which includes the Playing Hall, toilet facilities, smoking room, and buffet area, nor may they engage in conversation with other players and spectators. While the game is in progress, players may only communicate with the arbiters or their opponent, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

**7.2** In accordance with FIDE guidelines, all mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronic devices (even if switched off) are prohibited from the playing areas. If it is discovered that a player has brought or used such a device during their game, they shall lose the game. Players must deposit all of their electronic devices with tournament staff at the designated Electrical Devices Area before entering the Playing Area.

**7.3** Players are not permitted to informally inform an arbiter of suspicions regarding another player's breach of Anti-Cheating (AC) regulations. Instead, a formal complaint must be filed. All written complaints and any written communications related to such complaints shall be duly recorded by the arbiter and subsequently presented to the chief arbiter and Anti-Cheating Committee (ACC) of the tournament.

## 8. Appeals Procedure and Appeals Committee









The Appeals Committee will be selected prior to the first round and will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves. Players may lodge an appeal against the decision of the chief arbiter. The appeal must be submitted in writing and presented to a member of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game. A deposit of 7,000,000 IRR must accompany the written appeal. If the appeal is successful, the deposit shall be refunded. If the appeal is denied, the deposit shall be retained by the tournament Organizing Committee, unless otherwise decided by the members of the Appeals Committee.

## 9. Visa Support

For all international participants requiring visas, the organizing committee will provide official invitations upon request. To facilitate this process, please complete the registration form and submit it to [armantino@gmail.com](mailto:armantino@gmail.com), along with a copy of your passport and an official photo against a white background. All documents must be received no later than **December 1, 2024**. Please note that failure to submit your application before this deadline may result in delays or inability to process your visa in time for the tournament.

## 10. Contact information

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## 11. Local Transportation



The Organizers can arrange transfer to the official hotel upon arrival on December 14, 2024, and return transfer upon departure on December 20, 2024, from:

Location	Service	Distance	Rates
Tehran, Iran (IKA Airport)	Airplane	669 km	\$100
Tehran, Iran (IKA Airport)	Taxi	669 km	\$100
Ilam, Iran (IIL Airport)	Taxi	7 km	Free





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## 12. Tournament Venue and Official Accommodations



The tournament venue and the official hotel for foreign players will be the 3-star **Zagros Hotel**, located at Chogha Sabz Park, Imam Hossein Square, Ilam, Iran. The organizers are offering the following package for 7 days and 6 nights:

Hotel	Breakfast included	Full-board
Zagros Hotel ★★★	\$200	\$300

We warmly invite you to join us in Ilam, Iran, for the 1st Ilam IM Norm International Chess Tournament. Experience a celebration of chess, rich cultural traditions, and the unmatched hospitality of the Kurdish people. We look forward to welcoming you to Ilam!