



Asian Zonal 3.2 Chess Championship-2025

(Open & Women's Championships)
10th to 19th March 2025 at Colombo, Sri Lanka

Chess Federation of Sri Lanka, on behalf of the Zone 3.2 President, Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites all member federations of Asian Zone 3.2 affiliated with FIDE and Asian Chess Federation to participate in the Asian Zonal (Zone 3.2) Chess Championships Open & Women's from 10th to 19th March 2025 at Colombo, Sri Lanka

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. Each Federation from FIDE Zone 3.2 can enter one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Division.
- 1.2. In addition each Federation may send extra players for the Open and Women's Division. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee.

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 2.1. The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.
- 2.2. The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 second per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with FIDE approved chess clocks. Pairing will be made by Swiss Manager Program.
- 2.3. The drawing of colors for round 1 shall be carried out during the players' technical meeting.

3. SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Time	Event
Monday, 10 March 2025	After 14:00	Arrival / Check-in
Tuesday, 11 March 2025	09:30	Opening Ceremony
		Players' Technical Meeting
	10:00	Round 1
	16:00	Round 2
Wednesday, 12 March 2025	15:00	Round 3
Thursday, 13 March 2025	15:00	Round 4
Friday, 14 March 2025	15:00	Round 5
Saturday, 15 March 2025	15:00	Round 6
Sunday, 16 March 2025	15:00	Round 7

Monday, 17 March 2025	15:00	Round 8
Tuesday, 18 March 2025	10:00	Round 9
	15:00	Blitz tournament
	18:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday, 19 March 2025	Before 12:00 nn	Departure

3.1. Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. Default time shall be 30 minute after scheduled round starting time.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1. All entries shall be submitted by the National Federation in the attached registration form on or before 25th February 2025 together with payment of the entry fees.

4.2. A Digital ID Photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

5.1. Each player or accompanying person must pay US \$ 100 (One Hundred) to the Organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

6. ENTRY FEE

6.1. Upon registration, each official player shall pay the entry fee of US \$ 75 (Seventy-Five). Extra players pay double, US \$ 150 (One Hundred and fifty) entry fee.

6.2. Entries are not confirmed unless Registration and Entry fees are received before the deadline. Please send payments to:

Beneficiary Name : Chess Federation of Sri Lanka
Address : 151/12, Siridhamma Mw, Colombo 01000, Sri Lanka.
Account Number : 718386
Bank Name : Bank of Ceylon
Branch : Bambalapitiya
Bank Address : Unity Plaza, 20, Galle Rd, Colombo 00400, Sri Lanka
SWIFT Code: BCEYLKX

6.3. Players who do not fulfill payments till the Technical Meeting will be removed from Pairing.

7. TRAVEL EXPENSES

7.1. In accordance with Regulations, air travel expenses shall be borne by the players' own federation.

8. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

- 8.1. Twin sharing A/C room including attached bathroom and 3 (Three) times meal (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) will be provided for all official players from arrival date to departure date (Only Breakfast for departure date).
- 8.2. Additional players and accompanying person will be charged cost of US \$ 80 (Eighty) per person per day for twin sharing room and US \$ 120 (One Hundred and Twenty) for single room. Rates are full board (3 meals a day). We will consider providing cheaper decent accommodation on request of the players in different class level.
- 8.3. Extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee. Transport from Hazrat Shahjalal Airport Dhaka will be provided by the organizers.

9. PRIZES

OPEN DIVISION (\$ 3,650)

- 1st Place - US \$ 1,500
- 2nd Place - US \$ 1,000
- 3rd Place - US \$ 500
- 4th Place - US \$ 300
- 5th Place - US \$ 200
- 6th Place - US \$ 150

WOMEN'S DIVISION (\$2,500)

- 1st Place - US \$ 1,000
- 2nd Place - US \$ 600
- 3rd Place - US \$ 400
- 4th Place - US \$ 250
- 5th Place - US \$ 150
- 6th Place - US \$ 100

Cash Prizes shall not be shared among tied players.

- 9.1. The champion of the Open Section of 3.2 Zonal Championship 2025 shall qualify for the 2025 FIDE World Cup. Champion of 3.2 Zonal Women's Championship 2025 shall qualify for the 2025 FIDE Women's World Cup.

10. CHIEF ARBITER & ASSISTANTS

- 10.1. The Chief Arbiter, his Deputies and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the FIDE Zone 3.2 President/Asian Chess Federation.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 11.1. An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations. There shall be a Chairman, two members and two reserves all from different Federations. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

- 11.2. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than ½ an hour after the relevant Game, for the particular infringement complained against.

- 11.3. The Committee may decide on the following matters.

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter
- b) a protest against a player's behavior
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important

- 11.4. If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto.

- 11.5. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of US \$ 100 (One Hundred) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

12. TIE BREAK

- 12.1. In the Zonal Chess Championships, Open & Women's Divisions, tie-breaks are following cases.

- to establish the Champion ;
- to establish other positions

- 12.2. Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:

- a) The Average Rating of opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
 - b) The Buchholz System Cut 1 **
 - c) The Buchholz System
 - d) Direct encounter between the players in the tie
 - e) Greater number of victories, inclusive forfeit points
- * Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.
** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND TELEVISION

- 13.1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue. Flash may be used only during first ten minutes. An official photographer shall be designated.

14. VISAS

- 14.1. All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Sri Lanka must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information), registration form (attached) and passport size photo to the Organizer before the deadline of 25th February 2025 for extending visa invitation after which the Organizer shall not be responsible. The Invitation letters will be sent after the payment is done.

15. DRESS CODE

- 15.1. All Players are urged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

16. CONTACT

Luxman Wijesuriya
President - Chess Federation of Sri Lanka
General Secretary – Commonwealth Chess Association
Vice President – Asian Chess Federation
Mobile : +94715397829
E-mail : chessfederationsl@gmail.com