



Asian Zonal Chess Championships 2025

Men & Women Zone 3.1

7 to 16 April 2025, Erbil, Iraq

INVITATION

The Iraqi Chess Federation on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations of Zone 3.1 affiliated with FIDE to participate in the Asian Zonal Chess Championships 2025 (Men & Women) Zone 3.1 which will be held from 7 - 16 April 2025 in Erbil, Iraq.

1. Participation

1.1 National Federations in Zone 3.1 may enter two invited players (one man and one woman) of each Federation. Federations may register additional players with a minimum rating of 1600 for the Open and 1500 for the Women. Additional players are considered extra players.

2. Registration and Travel Condition

2.1 Players have to be registered by their National Federations. The passport copies of participants must be sent by the National Federations to the organizing committee via e-mail on or before 15th March 2025. This date is the registration deadline.

2.2 Travel Expenses must be borne by the player's own Federation.

2.3 A copy of photo of players and accompanying person must be sent to the organizing committee by e-mail.

2.4 The registration fee is US\$ 100 for each participant and each accompanying person including accreditation and transportation from the airport to the accommodation (7 April Arrival and 16 April Departure)

2.5 Players will not be paired until all payments are made.

2.6 visa reference numbers will be issued by Iraqi Chess Federation and will be sent by E-mail for the Participants

3. Entry Fee

3.1 In accordance with the regulations an entry fee of US \$75 is required for each invited player, Extra Players should pay entry fee of US \$150. Their National Federation must pay this amount to the organizing Committee. 50% of entry fees shall be shared by Asian Chess Federation..



4. Hotel Accommodation

4.1 Accommodation and full board for two invited players (one man and one woman) from each federation will be provided by the organizing committee from 7 April (Arrival) and 16 April (Departure). Federations may register additional players who must pay for their own meals and accommodation.

4.2 The official Hotel is 5* Ankawa Holiday Hotel.

4.3 Cost of full board and lodging of the accompanying person is (with breakfast, lunch and dinner) US\$ 80 per day per person in double room and US\$110 per person per day in single room.

5. Schedule

Monday	07 April	Arrival	Any time
Tuesday	08 April	Technical Meeting	10:00 hours
		Round 1 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Wednesday	09 April	Round 2 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Thursday	10 April	Round 3 (Men & Women)	10:00 hours
		Round 4 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Friday	11 April	Round 5 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Saturday	12 April	Round 6 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Sunday	13 April	Round 7 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Monday	14 April	Round 8 (Men & Women)	16:00 hours
Tuesday	15 April	Round 9 (Men & Women)	10:00 hours
		Closing Ceremony	18:00 hours
Wednesday	16 April	Departure	12:00

6. Format

6.1 The Swiss system of play shall be used unless number of participants is ten players or fewer.

6.2 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 seconds per move starting from move one. The game shall be played with DGT clocks.



7.Prizes

7.1 Total Prize money will be US\$ 5000 (Five Thousand) which will be given for Men US\$3300 and Women US\$1700.

7.2 Men: 1st: US\$ 1000, 2nd – US\$ 700, 3rd – US\$ 500, 4th- US\$ 300, 5th-US\$ 200, 6th-US\$ 200, 7th-US\$ 200 & 8th-US\$ 200

Women: 1st: 600, 2nd – 400, 3rd – 300, 4th- 200, 5th-US\$ 100, 6th-US\$ 100

Cash Prizes are not shared and will be determined by tie break.

7.3 According to FIDE Table of Zonal Divisions the top two (champion and runner-up) of Men's group will qualify into the World Cup and Women's group champion will qualify into the Women's World Cup.

8.Tie Breaks:

In case of a tie for the qualifying place(s) for the World Cup, the following methods shall be used for Swiss System in the following order:

- Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*
- Buchholz Cut 1**
- Buchholz;
- Direct encounter between the players in tie
- 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*

9.Appeals Committee:

An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.

There shall be a Chairman appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president, 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.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than 1 hour after the relevant playing session, for the particular infringement complained against.

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. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of US \$ 200 (Two Hundred Dollars) 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 Organising Committee. The written decision of the appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

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