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His Excellency Arif Al Awani (right), Secretary General of the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, addresses the press conference together with Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifa bin Shakhbout Al Nahyan (center), President of the Asian Chess Federation and President of Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club, and Hisham Al Taher, club Managing Director and CEO and Asian Chess Federation General Secretary (left).

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Asians Rule FIDE World Schools Chess Championship in Serbia



The 2025 FIDE World School Chess Championship in Vrnjačka Banja has concluded, bringing together 470 young players from 43 national federations in a thrilling competition. Kazakhstan emerged as the most successful nation, winning four gold, three silver, and one bronze medal across twelve tournaments in six age categories. The home crowd had much to celebrate as Leonid Ivanović claimed silver in the Under-11 category, and Andrej Ljepić secured second place in the Under-17 category.

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2025 FIDE World School Championship winners:

Open 7

1. Kairat, Abdul-Malik (KAZ) – 9 points

Girls 7

1. Pragnika, Vaka Lakshmi (IND) – 9

Open 9

1. Nematillakhonov, Nurmuhammad (UZB) – 7½

Girls 9

1. Bissaliyeva, Alisha (KAZ) – 8

Open 11

1. Zhaiynbay, Alimzhan (KAZ) – 7

Girls 11

1. Nandinjiguur, Chinzorig (MGL) – 8

Open 13

1. Yurasov, Matfey (FIDE) – 7½

Girls 13

1. Begmuratova, Sarvinoz (UZB) – 7½

Open 15

1. Scheglov, Gleb (FIDE) – 8

Girls 15

1. Imomkuzieva, Nilufarkhon (UZB) – 7

Open 17

1. Bogdanov, Artyom (KAZ) – 7

Girls 17

1. Buyankhishig, Batpelden (MGL) – 7½

Goryachkina clinches 2nd FIDE WGP title in Monaco in dramatic finish



We have reached the end of a spectacular Grand Prix leg 17-28 Feb. 2025 in Monaco, filled with intense battles, unexpected turns, and a newly crowned champion.

After nine grueling rounds, three players—Aleksandra Goryachkina, Batkhuyag Munguntuul, and Humpy Koneru—finished tied for first place. However, it was Goryachkina who emerged as the tournament winner, securing her second Grand Prix leg victory, thanks to the superior Sonneborn-Berger tiebreak.

The final round delivered high-stakes drama, with Munguntuul and Goryachkina drawing their encounter, allowing Humpy Koneru to join them at the top after defeating Bibisara Assaubayeva. Meanwhile, Alexandra Kosteniuk bounced back with a victory over Elisabeth Paehtz, Tan Zhongyi and Harika Dronavalli drew, and in a shocking twist, Sarasadat

Khademalsharieh defeated Kateryna Lagno, dashing her hopes for the title. Goryachkina remains the clear favorite in the overall Grand Prix standings and will play her third and final leg in Cyprus (March 14-25). Will she cement her place at the top? Meanwhile, Munguntuul, who had a tough start in Shymkent but shone in Monaco, will return for the Indian leg (April 13-24).

This tournament showcased fighting chess, resilience, and the unpredictable nature of round-robin events. It brought forth brilliant games, moments of heartbreak, and a reminder of the incredible talent in women's chess. But the battle for the overall title is far from over. With three legs remaining—and top contenders like Lei Tingjie still set to compete—the race for the FIDE Women's Grand Prix crown is heating up. Visit asianchess.com

Anna Muzychuk, Zhu Jiner, Harika Dronavalli Top Women's Grand Prix



Champion Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine (center), runner-up Zhu Jiner (left) of China and third placer Harika Dronavalli (right) of India.

Both Anna Muzychuk and China's young prodigy Zhu Jiner scored solid +2600 performances and tied for first on 6/9, a point ahead of Harika Dronavalli, Aleksandra Goryachkina and Mariya Muzychuk in the Women's Grand Prix 14-25 March in Cyprus.

The next stop of the Grand Prix will be in Pune (India) from April 13 to April 24. Zhu Jiner, Harika Dronavalli and Divya Deshmukh, all three outstanding participants here in Cyprus, will be joined by seven other formidable female cycle players.



Pranav and Shukhman win 2025 World Juniors and Girls Chess Championship



The 2025 World Junior Chess Championship concluded 23rd February to 8th March 2025 in Petrovac, Montenegro. Over the last thirteen days, almost two hundred and sixty boys and girls from sixty-seven countries competed for the prestigious titles.

Indian Grandmaster and second seed Pranav Venkatesh (pictured above, third from left) emerged as the winner in the open section. He delivered an impressive 9/11 score, remaining unbeaten throughout the tournament with a rating performance of 2721, fully deserving the title.

In the girls' section, Anna Shukhman of Russia triumphed with a 9/11 score. Remarkably, she finished the tournament with a strong 5/5 streak in the last five rounds.

Slovenian IM Matic Lavrencic and Norwegian GM Amar Elham tied for second place, both finishing with 8.5/11. Lavrencic claimed silver due to a superior Buchholz score. Second place went to Ayan Allahverdiyeva of Azerbaijan, who scored 8/11, while third place belonged to top seed Lu Miaoyi of China. Visit asianchess.com.



Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club Wins UAE Cup Rapid Chess Team



The Al Ain Chess and Mind Games Club (ACMG1) team of Russian Grandmasters Vladislav Artemiev and Volodar Murzin topped undefeated the UAE Cup Rapid Chess Team Championship held over the weekend of 15th and 16th March 2025 at the Dubai Chess and Culture Club in Dubai, UAE. In photo are, from left, ACMG CEO Hisham Al Taher, GM Volodar Murzin, UAE Chess Federation president Taryam Matar Taryam and GM Vladislav Artemiev.

The Al Ain team won seven matches and drew two in nine rounds to tally 16 match points. Artemiev, 27, had a perfect score of 9 out of 9 while Murzin, 19, the reigning World Rapid Chess Champion, won 7 and lost 2 games. ACMG1 team won the top prize of 12,000 dirhams out of a total of 40,000 dirhams in cash prizes sponsored by National Paint and Sidrat Alsalwa Beauty Centre. The Shams team of GM Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova and IM Mokhliss El Adnani of Morocco finished second place with 15 match points for second prize of 8,000 dirhams.

Iordachescu registered a 7-2-1 win-draw-loss slate while El Adnani won 5, drew 2 and lost 2 games.

The Sharjah team of GM Saleh A.R. Salem of the UAE and GM Bassem Amin of Egypt followed in third place with 14 match points for 6,000 dirhams. Salem scored 6 wins and 3 losses while Amin scored 7 wins, one draw and one loss. The Sharjah team prevailed in the tie break over Al Ain Chess and Mind Games ACMG2 and Signature Club Master with similar 14 match points apiece.

ACMG2 was composed of GMs Daniil Dubov and Parham Maghsoudloo of Iran. Playing for Signature Club Master were GM Farrukh Amonatov of Tajikistan and GM Asghar Golizadeh of Iran.

Rounding up the top ten teams were We Chess, Sharjah Coaches, Al Ain ACMG3, EKCC1 and Signature Club Nexus at 13 match points each. Fourth to tenth places received AED2,500, AED2,000, AED1,700, AED1,300, AED1,100, AED1,000 and AED900, respectively.

A record 116 teams composed of players from 33 countries participated in the Swiss system tournament with Rapid time control of ten minutes plus two second increments per move. Prizes were sponsored by National Paint and Sidrat Alsalwa Beauty Centre. A large number of fans were present from 9:30pm to midnight to watch the exciting rapid chess games.

Teams were composed of two players each. Fourteen top ranked Grandmasters and ten International Masters saw action.

Special awards were given. Gold medal for most number of teams went to Chess Lab Academy as Participating Chess Club/Academy, silver to Chess Signature Academy, and bronze to Master Move Academy.

Ajman Twins won Best Family Team, Tatar Ladies won Best Women's Team, UAE Ladies won best Emirati Women's Team, AlQasimia University 1 won Best Emirati Men's Team, Night Riders won Best Boys' Team Under 14, The Twins won Best Girls' Team Under 14 and DCPD won Best Special Needs Team.



The second place Shams team receive their prize. From left are Hisham Al Taher, GM Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova, UAE Chess Federation president Taryam Matar and IM Mokhliss El Adnani of Morocco.



The third place Sharjah team receive their prize. From left are Hisham Al Taher, GM Bassem Amin of Egypt, UAE Chess Federation president Taryam Matar and GM Saleh A.R. Salem of the UAE.



ACMG2 was composed of GMs Danil Dubov (second from right) of Russia and Parham Maghsoodloo of Iran (second from left). At left is Tournament Director IA Abdulrahim Mahdi.

IM Reja Neer Manon and WFM Ahmed Wadifa Top Zone 3.2 Zonals



IM Reja Neer Manon (left photo) and WFM Ahmed Wadifa (right photo), both of Bangladesh, receive their Zone 3.2 Men's and Women's Zonal trophies, respectively, from Asian Chess Federation Deputy President Bharat Singh (left) and Senior Prof. HD Karunaratne, Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo (right) and Sri Lanka Chess Federation president Luxman Wijesuriya, Chief Organizer of the event held in the plush Ramada Hotel. Visit asianchess.com

Asian Zonal Chess Championship 2025 - Zone 3.2 (Open)

Date : 2025/03/11 to 2025/03/18

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	1	IM	Manon, Reja Neer	BAN	2431	7
2	5	FM	Zia, Tahsin Tajwar	BAN	2327	6.5
3	3	IM	Liyanage, Ranindu Dilshan	SRI	2402	6.5
4	2	IM	Mohammad Fahad, Rahman	BAN	2431	6.5
5	10	FM	Rahman, Syed Mahfuzur	BAN	2113	6.5
6	12		Liyanage, Pesandu Rashmitha	SRI	2039	6
7	18		Weerasekara, Dishal Nimsara	SRI	2001	6
8	4	IM	Thilakarathne, G M H	SRI	2351	6
9	36		Nanayakkara, Sanuk	SRI	1813	5.5
10	11	FM	Muhammed, Shuaau	MDV	2107	5.5

Asian Zonal Chess Championship 2025 - Zone 3.2 (Women's)

Date : 2025/03/11 to 2025/03/18

Final Ranking after 9 Rounds

Rk.	SNo		Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.
1	2	WFM	Wadifa, Ahmed	BAN	2097	7
2	1	WIM	Gunawardhana, Devindya Oshini	SRI	2121	7
3	12	AFM	Rathnayake, R M Dulima Hemalni	SRI	1781	6.5
4	4	WCM	Sanudula, K M Dahamdi	SRI	2053	6.5
5	10	WCM	Newansa, M Esandi	SRI	1801	6
6	13		Palliyage, Sethumlee Devhara	SRI	1776	5.5
7	7	WIM	Hamid, Rani	BAN	1882	5.5
8	19		Mendis, Imethra	SRI	1620	5
9	5		Gunasekara, K P K Hesara	SRI	1911	5
10	6	WCM	Wijesuriya, G P Y	SRI	1884	5



Praggnanandhaa bests Gukesh to clinch 87th Tata Steel Masters



R Praggnanandhaa needed a draw in the final round to become a clear champion as the World Champion, D Gukesh lost to compatriot and World no.4, Arjun Erigaisi. Praggnanandhaa suffered defeat against Vincent Keymer (GER) and then also went down against Gukesh in the first tie-break game. However, he regrouped himself, won the second tie-break and then the sudden death game. In 2006, Vishy Anand jointly won this event with Veselin Topalov (BUL). His last solo triumph was in 2004, back then it was named Corus tournament instead of Tata Steel. A little over 19 years later, Praggnanandhaa became the second Indian to win the 'Wimbledon of chess' and once again solidified himself as one of the top players of

the world. Photo: Lennart Ootes/Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2025
Two of his 45th Olympiad Gold medal teammates greatly helped him in winning this tournament. Arjun Erigaisi defeated the world champion, D Gukesh in the final round, to force the latter playing tie-breaks. Pentala Harikrishna drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (UZB) to keep him away from the Playoffs. Without these results going in his way, who knows what the final outcome would have been. Unlike the India edition, which is held in faster time controls - Rapid and Blitz formats, the prize fund for this prestigious event, is not known. However, one can only hope it will be mentioned in future editions before the tournament makes a century
From [Chessbase India](#)

Safarli wins Indonesian GM Tournament, Bernadskiy claims IM



GM tournament top 3 (L to R): 1st GM Eltaj Safarli (AZE) 8.5/11, 2nd IM Yoseph Theolifus Taher (INA) 7.5/11 and 3rd IM Sugar Gan-Erdene (MGL) 7/11. Eka Putra Wirja doing the honors. Story and photos by Peter Long. Visit asianchess.com

IM Yoseph Theolifus Taher (INA) scored his maiden GM-norm at Indonesia GM tournament 2025. He scored an unbeaten 7.5/11 to secure his norm. GM Eltaj Safarli (AZE) won the event scoring 8.5/11. IM Sugar Gan-Erdene (MGL) finished third 7/11. GM Vitaliy Bernadskiy (UKR) clinched the IM tournament scoring 9/11. FM Satria Duta Cahaya (INA) scored 8.5/11 to finish second. He also earned his final IM-norm and crossed 2400 in the live ratings to become the latest International Master of India. IM Nayaka Budhidharma (INA) was placed third scoring 7.5/11. The top three prizes in the GM event was – US\$ 4500, 2700 and 1700, for IM event they were – US\$ 2500, 1800 and 1200 along with a trophy each.

The Indonesia Grandmaster Tournament 2025 was held at the brand new Mewangi Hotel in Bandung, Indonesia from 15th to 25th February 2025.

As has long been the norm in Indonesia, when organized by the All Indonesia Chess Federation (PERCASI) under the leadership of GM Utut Adianto, these were played as two 12 player, 11 round robins, a GM tournament and an IM tournament.

Eka Putra Wirja, PERCASI board member, in his time also a strong player and long time Indonesian Chess Patron, officiated the closing ceremony.

He also announced PERCASI's plans to hold such events quarterly in 2025, with the Mewangi Hotel located in the Indonesia Summer City of Bandung

Celebration of family, friends, and colleagues at Indonesia Chess Museum



Indonesian Chess Federation president GM Utut Adianto opening the Indonesian Chess Museum.

There are few chess museums in various countries – Iceland, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, Türkiye and now in Indonesia. Museum Catur Indonesia (Indonesia Chess Museum) was soft launched on 26th February 2025. Who are the people who made it happen? Visit asianchess.com for Peter Long's information and attractive photos. It is located together with Cafe Tutur at the Headquarters of the Utut Adianto Chess School (SCUA) in Bekasi, Indonesia, a FIDE Tier 1 Academy also founded by Eka Putra Wirya. The soft launch of the Indonesia Chess Museum (ICM) on 26th February 2025 was indeed a celebration of family, friends, and colleagues of Eka Putra Wirja.

ICM is of course located together with Cafe Tutur at the Headquarters of the Utut Adianto Chess School (SCUA) in Bekasi, a FIDE Tier 1 Academy also founded by Eka (photo below).



With ICM, something that no other Asian country has yet to see, Indonesian chess now has a showcase of both the history and achievements of their champions, and to serve as an inspiration to those to come after.

FIDE delegation visits Uzbekistan in preparation for 46th Chess Olympiad



In early March, a FIDE delegation led by President Arkady Dvorkovich visited Uzbekistan as part of preparations for the 46th Chess Olympiad, which the country will host in 2026 in Silk Road International Exhibition Center, Samarkand.

Upon arriving in Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent, on March 6, the FIDE delegation participated in a session of the organizational committee for the Olympiad, held at the Ministry of Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In his opening speech, Minister of Sports Adkham Ikramov expressed gratitude for the trust FIDE had placed in Uzbekistan and assured that the 46th Chess Olympiad would be organized at the highest level. Alisher Sadullayev, 1st Vice-President of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation, echoed this sentiment, stating that the country is well-prepared to host such a prestigious competition.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich commended the organizers' efforts and thanked Uzbekistan for its

unwavering support of chess.

"We are grateful to the Minister of Sports and all our colleagues for their contributions and input to the organizational process.



"We discussed all aspects of the preparations for the 46th Chess Olympiad and the FIDE Congress. Everyone is involved, everyone knows their responsibilities, and we are confident that, as a united team—FIDE and Uzbekistan's authorities—we will achieve the best possible result. This is especially true with the support of top-level officials, including the President of Uzbekistan, the government, the President of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation, and the Minister of Sports," said Arkady Dvorkovich. Visit asianchess.com



FIDE News



Fair Play Commission leadership update

The leadership of the FIDE Fair Play Commission has changed. The current Commission's Councilors Andrew Howie (above left) and Vincent Geeraets (right) will take over the roles of Chair and Secretary, respectively. Both are experienced fair play specialists, committed to strengthening FIDE's efforts in ensuring a fair and secure chess environment.

In recent years, FIDE has made significant strides in fair play: enhancing detection methods, conducting training, establishing titles and providing control routines at major events. These efforts will continue with even greater intensity. We sincerely thank Bojana Bejatović and Yuri Garrett for their contributions to the Commission's work.

Moving forward, our priorities include

expanding the use of advanced fair play detection tools, training and streamlining the work with arbiters, and strengthening collaboration with federations, tournament organizers, and online platforms.

FIDE extends fee waiver for Rapid/Blitz

The FIDE Council has announced the extension of its rating fee waiver for all Rapid and Blitz tournaments through 2025-2026

The FIDE Council—the organization's strategic and oversight body—stated that the decision aims to expand player participation and promotion of chess. These rating fees, covered by federations, are outlined in the Financial Regulations of the FIDE Handbook. According to the regulations, "All rated tournaments are subject to rating fees. The FIDE Council, at its sole discretion, may waive or reduce rating fees for Rapid and Blitz tournaments for a given year."

Freedom Asian Chess Initiative

From five to eight countries



In 2025, the Freedom Asian Chess Initiatives (FACI) project, which supports chess federations in Asian countries where chess is still underdeveloped, will expand from five participating countries to eight.

Since 2024, the Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KazChess/KCF), with financial support from Freedom Holding Corp. and in partnership with FIDE and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), has been implementing the Freedom Asian Chess Initiatives (FACI) program. This initiative provides assistance to chess federations in Asian countries where chess is not yet sufficiently developed. The first beneficiary countries were Cambodia, Nepal, Oman, Tajikistan, and Sri Lanka. Starting in April 2024, Kazakhstani coaches have been conducting training sessions in these countries:

Kirill Kuderinov in Sri Lanka, Dmitry Stativkin in Oman, Murtas Kazhgaleyev in Nepal, Evgeniy Vladimirov in Tajikistan and Bakhtiyor Askarov in Cambodia.

The program includes training sessions for youth and adult national teams, as well as educational seminars for local coaches. After the in-person sessions, training continues online.

Overall, the program structure ensures that each coach spends approximately one month on-site, followed by eight weeks of online training, and then one final month in the country.

A working group consisting of Victor Bologan (FIDE), Hisham Al-Taher (ACF), Darmen Sadvakasov, and Gulmira Dauletova (KazChess/KCF) reviewed applications for FACI 2025 in February. They decided to expand the program to include three more countries, bringing the total to eight (listed alphabetically): Bhutan, Jordan, Cambodia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Sri Lanka.

The [FACI official website](#) has been launched.

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Asian Mind Sports Association established at Bangkok meeting



A new chapter for mind sports in Asia began in Bangkok on Tuesday, February 25. The foundation meeting of the Asian Mind Sports Association (AMSA) took place in the Thai capital with delegates from 29 National Olympic Committees in attendance.

OCA Executive Board member Mr. Gordon Tang Yigang was elected President, alongside an elected Executive Board to lead the association. The meeting also saw the approval of its constitution. Galastein Tan of Singapore was elected Director General.

OCA Director General Captain Husain Al Musallam delivered the opening address, emphasizing the growing importance of mind sports across Asia.

“Exciting times ahead for the future of mind sports,” the OCA said.



Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham Tolentino (left) was elected AMSA Vice President for Southeast Asia. At right is Vepa Malikgulyyev, president of the Turkmenistan Chess Federation.



Dorji Thinley Palden (left), president of Bhutan Chess Federation, was elected AMSA Vice President for South Asia, shown here in Bangkok with Vepa Malikgulyyev, president of the Turkmenistan Chess Federation.

Adham Fawzy clinches 1st Kuwait International Chess Festival Masters



GM Adham Fawzy (EGY) scored 7.5/9 to win 1st Kuwait International Chess Festival 2025 Masters, a half point ahead of the field. GM Shahin Lorparizangeneh (IRI) and GM Stany G A scored 7/9 each. They secured second and third place respectively according to tie-breaks. The top three prizes were US\$ 2400, \$1800 and \$1200 each. 9-year-old Krithik Muthukumar won the Challengers section scoring an unbeaten 8/9. 14-year-old Kushagra Jain scored 7.5/9 to secure second place in the Rapid Rating Open. Stany won the Blitz Rating Open with a perfect 9/9. He finished a whopping two points ahead of the field. IM Viani Antonio Dcunha finished third scoring 7/9. Visit asianchess.com



Simon Bibby perfect score at Osaka Chess Championship 2025



Left to right: 3rd place Yoshiki Kohei (JPN) 4/5, 1st place FM FI Simon Bibby (JPN) 5/5 and 2nd place Takahiro Mizumoto (JPN) 4/5

Simon Bibby of Japan registered a perfect score of 5 points in as many rounds to win the Osaka Chess Championship held 1-2 March 2025 in Osaka, Japan. Twenty six players participated in the weekend tournament.



Join Western Asia Youth Chess Championship in Tajikistan



The Official Venue is the National Library of Tajikistan.



The Tajikistan Chess Federation and Group of Companies “KOINOTI NAV”, under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invite national chess federations in the region to participate in the Western Asia Youth Chess Championship and Western Asia Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. This event will be held from 20th (arrival) to 29th April (departure) 2025. Entitled to participate are chess players from Western Asia

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U-16	1 st -Norm	1 st equal-Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-14 & U-12	N.A.	1 st -Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-10 & U-8	N.A.	N.A.	1 st & 2 nd & 3 rd -Title
N.A.: Not applicable			

federations (Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8). The participant must not have reached respective birthday before January 1st 2025. Visit asianchess.com. Each Western Asia federation can register only one official player in each category and any number of extra players. The Organizer shall provide free board and lodging at the official hotel to one official player in each category per federation and one Head of Delegation on double or triple sharing basis.

Join Zone 3.3 Men's and Women's Zonal Chess Championships



The top two in the Men's section shall qualify into the 2025 FIDE World Cup.

The Mongolian Chess Federation (MCF) under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE has the honor to invite all Chess Federations in Zone 3.3 affiliated to FIDE to participate in the Asia Zone 3.3 Chess Championships 2025 Open and Women from 22 April to 2 May 2025 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Organiser will provide FREE board and lodging for one player in open section and one player in women section (total 2 players) for all member Federations from zone 3.3

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The winner of the Women's section shall qualify into the 2025 Women's World Cup.

**A total of US\$15,000 in cash prizes shall be given as follows:
Open US\$9,000 and
Women US\$6,000**