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DUBAI CHESS & CULTURE CLUB

25th Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2025

26th May – 5th June 2025

USD 52,000 Prize Fund

Dubai Chess & Culture Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the **25th Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2025**, which will be held at Dubai Chess & Culture Club from **26th May – 5th June 2025**.

1. Participants & Registration:

- 1.1. Tournament is open to all FIDE-rated players in the following categories.
 - 1.1.1. **Category A:** For players rated 2300 (**FIDE Standard**) and above.
 - 1.1.2. **Category B:** For players rated 1600 – 2299 (**FIDE Standard**).
- 1.2. Registration is only accepted online via the following
 - 1.2.1. Category A [link](#)
 - 1.2.2. Category B [link](#)
- 1.3. Maximum number of players in each category is **80 players**
- 1.4. Last day of registration & payment is **5th May 2025**.
 - 1.4.1. Late Registration fees Applied after this date.
 - 1.4.2. Unpaid applications are rejected automatically.
 - 1.4.3. Application approval/Rejection is done after **10th May 2025**.
 - 1.4.4. Rejected Applications will be refunded in FULL on **20th May 2025**
- 1.5. All participating players and accompany persons accept to fully comply with the rules and regulations of the tournament, the organizer & the United Arab Emirates.
- 1.6. Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules and regulations and UAE Laws.

2. Number of Rounds & Time Control:

- 2.1. **9 Rounds** Swiss System.
- 2.2. **Time Control:** 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.
- 2.3. **Delay Time:** 30-minute delay will apply.

3. Playing Venue:

- 3.1. At **Dubai Chess & Culture Club** (*Sheikh Saeed Bin Hamdan Al Maktoum Hall*), AlMamzar - Dubai, United Arab Emirates. [How to get there?](#)
- 3.2. Players are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual / elegant casual or smart casual. **No shorts, slippers, hats or caps.**



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4. Entry & Related Fees:

4.1. Based on **FIDE Standard rating & title** as of 1st May 2025

Category A For players rated 2300 (**FIDE Standard**) and above

GM / WGM / WIM	Free
IM with standard Elo above 2400	Free
IM below 2400, FM, WFM	USD 100
All other players with a standard Elo below 2400	USD 250

Category B For players rated 1600 – 2299 (**FIDE Standard**).

Titled Players	USD 150
Non-Titled Players	USD 250

4.2. Online Rating / Titles are not considered on above table

4.3. Entry fee is inclusive of tournament participation only.

4.4. Additional fee is required for arranging an entry visa requested via Dubai Chess Club.

4.5. **Visa Charges:**

Processing Visa Fee for all players (except invited) USD 100

Processing Visa Fee of an accompanying Person USD 125

Additional charges for special requests such as:

a) Indian Citizens requiring “Okay to Board Confirmation”	USD 15
b) Uzbek Citizens requiring a “verification stamp”	USD 20

4.6. Entry fee and related payments have to be paid in FULL Through online form.

4.7. Late Registration Fees are 25% of Total Amount

4.8. Registration and Visa fees are non-refundable.

5. Prizes & winners:

5.1. Total prize fund of the tournament is **USD 52,000**

Category A (USD 39,500)		Category B (USD 12,500)	
1 st Place	USD 12,000 + Trophy	1 st Place	USD 2,000 + Trophy
2 nd Place	USD 8,000	2 nd Place	USD 1,800
3 rd Place	USD 6,000	3 rd Place	USD 1,600
4 th Place	USD 4,000	4 th Place	USD 1,400
5 th Place	USD 2,000	5 th Place	USD 1,200
6 th Place	USD 1,800	6 th Place	USD 1,000
7 th Place	USD 1,600	7 th Place	USD 900
8 th Place	USD 1,400	8 th Place	USD 800
9 th Place	USD 1,200	9 th Place	USD 700
10 th Place	USD 1,000	10 th Place	USD 600
Best Rated Players			
2300 – 2399	USD 250	1600 – 1799	USD 250
2400 – 2499	USD 250	1800 – 1999	USD 250



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- 5.2. Main Prizes will be awarded based on **Hort-System**, only 10 winners will get prizes.
- 5.3. Special Prizes will be awarded based on **Tie-Break** and will not be shared.
- 5.4. A player cannot be awarded more than one prize, and will be awarded the highest prize only.
- 5.5. Winners of the Tournament **MUST BE PRESENT** at the closing ceremony.
- 5.6. Absent Winners Prizes will be cancelled.
- 5.7. Prize winners are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual / elegant casual or smart casual. **No shorts, slippers.**

Tie Break

1. Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)
2. Direct encounter.
3. Buchholz Cut 1.
4. Median Buchholz.
5. Great number of victories by Black.

6. Hotel Accommodation:

- 6.1. **Players are free to stay at any hotel.**
- 6.2. The **Copthorne Hotel Dubai** is the official Hotel of the tournament.
 - 6.2.1. Transportation will only be provided to/from the club for Copthorne Hotel Dubai only. Transportation Badges will be distributed for Copthorne Hotel Dubai Residents.
 - 6.2.2. Hotel Provides free Pickup & Dropoff to Dubai Airport (DXB) ONLY on arrival / Departure Dates.
 - 6.2.3. Hotel Provides daily free Pickup & Dropoff to Dubai Chess Club
 - 6.2.4. For Hotel Booking & Payment:
 - 6.2.5. All prices are Net Prices inclusive (7% Municipality fee, 10% service charges, 5% VAT & 15AED Tourism Dirhams)

Single Room	Double Room
AED 325/night Full Board	AED 435/night Full Board
AED 235/night Breakfast Only	AED 235/night Breakfast Only
Booking and Reservation Contacts	
Ms. Oula Aly	sm.cdxb@millenniumhotels.com
Tel: +971-4-2094244	Mob: +971-56-5051090
Kindly mention "Dubai Open Chess Tournament" to get the above rates Note: Booking and payment shall be done directly to the hotel	



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7. Accommodation Condition:

- 7.1. **GMs** with a standard Elo of **2600**, **WGMs** with a standard Elo of **2300** may apply for Free accommodation in the Tournament's official Hotel by submitting the following form (subject to approval).
- 7.2. Last day of accepting Accommodation Condition applicants is **30th March 2025**.
- 7.3. The organizer will accept a **limited** number of Accommodation Condition applicants.
- 7.4. **Applying for accommodation does not automatically make the player eligible to get a condition.**
- 7.5. If a participant's application for accommodation condition was accepted, the organizer will contact the player directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed through the email.

Invited Players (Arrival/Departure)

- Expected Arrival on **26th May 2025** after 14:00 (Early Arrivals Charges to be borne by player)
- Expected Departure on **5th June 2025** before 12:00 Noon (Late Departure Charges to be borne by player)

8. Visa:

- 8.1. Please check the requirements of visa via the following link
- 8.2. **Visa rules are subject to change. Kindly confirm with your airline prior booking.**
- 8.3. Players / accompany persons who require a visa are requested to upload and attach a clear scanned colored copy of their passports and clear scanned colored personal photo (both in JPEG Format) in the online application form.
 - 8.3.1. For Indian citizens, last page of the passport is required for visa.
 - 8.3.2. For Syrian citizens, "Issue/Expiry page" of the passport is required for visa.
 - 8.3.3. For Bangladeshi citizens, "Information of the Bearer page" of the passport is required for visa.
 - 8.3.4. For Pakistani Citizens, "National ID is required"
 - 8.3.5. For Afghanistan Citizens, "National ID is required"
- 8.4. Entry visas to the UAE issued for eligible participants **subject to the approval** of the **General Directorate of Residency & Foreigner Affairs – Dubai** and will be valid for 30 days from the date of arrival.
- 8.5. All Visa application fees are non-refundable
- 8.6. For Visa inquiries, please contact info@dubaichess.ae



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9. Schedule:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	26 th May	Arrival	14:00 ~ 23:59
Tuesday	27 th May	Technical Meeting	10:00
		Opening Ceremony & Round 1	17:00
Wednesday	28 th May	Round 2	17:00
Thursday	29 th May	Round 3	17:00
Friday	30 th May	Round 4	17:00
Saturday	31 st May	Round 5	17:00
Sunday	01 st June	Round 6	17:00
Monday	2 nd June	Round 7	17:00
Tuesday	3 rd June	Round 8	17:00
Wednesday	4 th June	Round 9	10:00
		Closing Ceremony	19:00
Thursday	5 th June	Departure for all Invited players	12:00

10. Other:

For other queries, please contact us at info@dubaichess.ae