



# Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2025

4-14 October 2025

Erbil, Iraq

## 1. Invitation

The Iraqi Chess Federation under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and International Chess Federation, has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the 2025 Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over 50 and over 65 years old (and best women), from 4-14 October in Erbil, Iraq.

## 2. Participation

The Asian Seniors Championship is open for all players over 50 and 65 years old by 31st December 2025, regardless of the rating and title, who have FIDE ID and are members of National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.8. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation.

If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in the over 65 Category, then it shall be merged with the over 50 Category.

## 3. Registration

The entries must be submitted on the attached registration form, with ID photo and passport copy (color scan) to the official email [dhafer.madhloom@yahoo.com](mailto:dhafer.madhloom@yahoo.com). The last date for registration is 4th of September 2025.

## 4. Fees

Entry fees: Each player must pay 100 USD as entry fees.

Registration fees: Each player must pay 110 USD as registration fees to the event for registration and accreditation, transport from airport to hotel and back. All fees and the hotel booking must be paid before the Technical Meeting.

The last date for registration is 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. After that date, a late registration fee of 50 USD will be charged. Players whose payment has not been received shall not be paired.

## 5. Accommodation

All players, except local players are obliged to be accommodated in the official hotel through the organiser.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organiser. Players should attend the technical meeting for the drawing of lots.

The official hotel and venue of the event is Van Royal Hotel (★★★★★), a five-star, Erbil, Iraq.

### Room rates for players (per person per night, with three meals):

Room Type	Occupancy	Rate per person
Single Room	1 person	USD 110
Twin Room	2 persons	USD 80



## 6. Tournament System and Rate of Play

The tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. Time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes each plus 2 seconds increment per move.

## 7. Tie-Break System

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) and to (e).

- a) Direct Encounter
- b) Buchholz
- c) Buchholz Cut 1
- d) Buchholz Cut 2
- e) Sonnenborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one Armageddon blitz game between the top two shall decide.

## 8. Tournament schedule

The Championship will be held from 4-12 October 2025 as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Event
Saturday	4 Oct.		Arrival
		14:00	Check-in
Sunday	5 Oct.	09:00	Technical Meeting
		10:00	Opening Ceremony and Round 1
Monday	6 Oct.	10:00	Round 2
Tuesday	7 Oct.	10:00	Round 3
Wednesday	8 Oct.	10:00	Round 4
Thursday	9 Oct.	10:00	Round 5
Friday	10 Oct.	10:00	Round 6
Saturday	11 Oct.	10:00	Round 7
Sunday	12 Oct.	10:00	Round 8
Monday	13 Oct.	10:00	Round 9
		16:00	Blitz Championship
			Closing ceremony
Tuesday	14 Oct.	Before 12:00	Departure

## 9. Chief Arbiter and Technical Delegate

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters, Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different federations.



## 10. Appeals

A protest against a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a protest fee of USD 200.00 (Two Hundred US Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately. No Appeals are possible in Blitz where the Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

## 11. Prizes

Top three winners of each category (Standard and Blitz) will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Certificate. A total of \$3,000 USD for standard chess shall be awarded as follows:

Over 50		Over 65	
First	US\$500	First	US\$350
Second	US\$400	Second	US\$200
Third	US\$300	Third	US\$150
Fourth	US\$200	Fourth	US\$100
Fifth	US\$150	Fifth	US\$100
Sixth	US\$150		
Best woman	US\$300	Best woman	US\$100

Money prizes are not shared. In case of merged groups, prizes apply for the specific age group.

## 12. Direct Titles

Gold medallist (first after tiebreak) in Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm. 1st equal (first three after tie break) will receive the IM title.

Silver and bronze medallists shall receive IM norms and FM titles.

For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM = 2200; FM = 2100;

## 13. Airport Transfers

The organiser will provide airport transfers for the participants from International Airport to the Official Hotel and back. All participants are required to send by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 their flight details of arrivals and departures.

## 14. Other Matters

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above will be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation President.



## 15. Contact Information

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