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Asian Zonal Chess Championships 2021

Zone 3.2 Zonal (Open)

INVITATION

National Chess Federations
FIDE Zone 3.2

FIDE Zone 3.2 President and Bangladesh Chess Federation on behalf of FIDE and the Asian Chess Federation have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations of Zone 3.2 affiliated with FIDE to participate in the Zone 3.2 Asian Zonal Chess Championships 2021 (Open) which will be held online 1-9 June 2021 by hybrid chess.

1. Participation

National Federations may register any number of players rated at least 2000 current standard rating. Exceptions may be made by Asian Chess Federation on request of national federations.

2. Registration

2.1. National Federations should submit the registration form before 25 May 2021. This date is the registration deadline.

3. Schedule (Bangladesh time)

30 May	Technical Meeting	15:30 hours
31 May	Trial Run	15:30 hours
1 June	Round 1	15:30 hours
2 June	Round 2	15:30 hours
3 June	Round 3	15:30 hours
4 June	Round 4	15:30 hours
5 June	Round 5	15:30 hours
6 June	Round 6	15:30 hours

7 June	Round 7	15:30 hours
8 June	Round 8	15:30 hours
9 June	Round 9	15:30 hours
Date to be announced	Closing Ceremony	

4. Tournament System

4.1. The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE Hybrid Chess regulations. Games shall be played on the Tornelo platform.

5. Fair Play Rules

5.1. Players may play only on laptop or desktop and log into Zoom with their 3-letter country code + Tornelo name. The Local Chief Arbiter shall inspect the devices of players before the start of each game.

5.2. Only players and arbiter are allowed access to the playing area. During a game a player may leave the playing area or the playing venue only with the permission of the Local Chief Arbiter.

5.3. Each playing venue must be monitored by cameras. Only players with approved webcam and panoramic cameras will be allowed to play. The panoramic camera should show clear view of the playing area.

5.4. In each playing venue, the fair play measures should be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and FIDE Anti-Cheating Protection Measures. Unless authorised by the arbiter, it is forbidden for anybody to use a mobile phone or any kind of communication device in the playing venue or any contiguous area designated by the arbiter.

5.5. The Local Technical Assistant should see that each player is connected to Zoom. Audio should be open. It is not allowed for players to use headphones or virtual Zoom background. Playing venue should be well lit. There should be no external noise.

5.6. A traditional chessboard may be used by a player. Each player is responsible for moving pieces on his traditional board. The only allowed action on the traditional board is reproducing the moves played on the virtual board made by each side. The virtual chessboard and virtual chess clock remain the definitive record of the game.

5.7. In case two players playing from the same playing venue are paired together, the Local Chief Arbiter may decide the game between them may be played over the traditional board. Such a decision may be taken, only if the playing conditions are suitable and both players

agree. Then, for such games, the FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. The result and pgn file should be submitted after the round to the Zonal Chief Arbiter.

- 5.8. All participants shall comply and co-operate with the Fair Play rules. Players may be removed from the Championship at any time on final decision of the Chief Arbiter based on fair play rules.
- 5.9. All the players agree that they have no right to appeal the aforementioned actions either through arbitration, consultation or in a court of law within any jurisdiction.
- 5.10. Participants have no right to appeal for pairings made during the Championship.
- 5.11. By registering in the Championship, players will not have the right to claim any financial compensation or redress related to the Championship.
- 5.12. Asian Chess Federation has the right to change the schedule, update the regulations or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations, with sufficient notice.

6. Arbiters

- 6.1. Each federation should propose one Local Chief Arbiter and one Local Technical Assistant for nomination by the Asian Chess Federation in consultation with FIDE GSC. Local Chief Arbiters should have FIDE license.
- 6.2. Before the game starts the Local Chief Arbiter should make it mandatory that all computers run only one tab in one browser. No other website, application or software can be open on the playing device except Zoom.
- 6.3. Players should share their desktop screen in Zoom and open Task Manager “Always on top”. The images of the video conferencing platform may be recorded by the organiser. It must be ensured that only the Chief Arbiter, the panel of experts, if any, and the members of EDC and FPL may access it if necessary.
- 6.4. Expenses for Local Arbiters are the responsibility of each national federation.

7. Time Control:

- 7.1. 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 clocks of all games shall be started by the Zonal Chief Arbiter.

7.2. Default time is 30 minutes from starting time. Players who do not make a move before Default time shall lose by forfeit.

8. Pairings:

- 8.1. Swiss pairings shall be made on Tornelo (Javafo). The highest ranked shall receive White in the first round.
- 8.2. Pairings will be published in chess-results.com as soon as possible after each round unless there are pending appeals.

9. Qualification for the World Championships:

- 9.1. The champion shall qualify for the World Cup 2021.

10. Appeals Committee:

- 10.1. The Asian Chess Federation shall appoint an Appeals Committee comprising a Chairman and 2 members plus 2 reserves. Protests should be submitted in writing to the Local Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the game together with a refundable protest fee of USD100 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld the protest fee shall be returned. If the protest is denied, the Local Chief Arbiter shall transfer the protest fee to the Bangladesh Chess Federation account below.
- 10.2. 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. Tie Break:

- 11.1. All players should complete the tournament. In case of a tie for the qualifying place for the World Cup, the following methods shall be used in the following order.
- 11.2. Ties shall be broken by the following tie break order:
 - a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*
 - b) Buchholz Cut 1**;
 - c) Buchholz;
 - d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.
** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.
- 11.3. If this results in a tie again, they will play one Armageddon game with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black. Players should not use traditional boards during tie break games. After move 60, both players receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61.

Colors shall alternate from the previous game between the tied players. If they did not meet, then the higher rated shall have White. White needs to win and Black needs a draw to qualify.

12. Registration:

12.1. One player is free entry of each country of zone 3.2. Additional player's Entry fee is US\$100 per player to be paid all together by their National Federation to the Bangladesh Chess Federation. All payments should be received before the Technical Meeting. Unpaid players will not be paired. Copies of bank transfers should be sent to banchessfed@gmail.com before the deadline of 24 May 2021.

12.2. Please send payment to the following account:

Account Name: Bangladesh Daba (Chess) Federation
Account Number: 0939901015693
Bank Name: Pubali Bank Limited
Branch: Dhaka Stadium Corporate Branch
Bank Address: Lal Bhaban, 18, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka.
SWIFT Code: PUBABDDH199

13. Prizes:

A total of US\$ 3,000 in cash prizes shall be given as follows: 1st - US\$1000; 2nd – US700, 3rd- US\$500, 4th-300US\$, 5th-200 US\$. 6th-100 US\$, 7th-100 US\$, 8th-100 US\$. In case of ties, cash prizes are decided by tie break.

14. Organizing Committee

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