



Western Asia Youth Chess Championship
30th June-10th July 2023
Korumdu, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan

The Kyrgyzstan Chess Federation (Kyrgyz Chess Union), under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites national chess federations in the region to participate in the Western Asia Youth Chess Championship and Western Asian Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held in Korumdu, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan. This event will be held from 30th June (arrival) and 10th July (departure).

Participation

1. Entitled to participate are chess players from Western Asia federations (Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8). The participant must not have reached respective birthday before January 1st 2023 as follows:

Under 6	Born on or after 1 st January 2017
Under 8	Born on or after 1 st January 2015
Under 10	Born on or after 1 st January 2013
Under 12	Born on or after 1 st January 2011
Under 14	Born on or after 1 st January 2009
Under 16	Born on or after 1 st January 2007
Under 18	Born on or after 1 st January 2005

1.1 In each age group will be an open category and a girl's category.

1.2 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 on double or triple sharing basis. Extra players will cover their board and lodging by themselves.

1.3 In case there are fewer than ten players and five federations in an age group, that group shall be merged with another group.

1.4 All players must have a FIDE ID before registration.

Playing Schedule

2. The Championships will be played according to the Swiss System of 9 rounds or round robin for 10 players. Rapid and Blitz will be played in 7 rounds.

DATE:	TIME:	REMARK:
30TH JUNE 2023	After 14:00	Arrival/Check in
30TH JUNE 2023	20:00	Technical Meeting
1ST JULY 2023	09:30	Opening Ceremony
1ST JULY 2023	10:00	Rapid Chess Championship
2ND JULY 2023	09:30	1 st round
2ND JULY 2023	15:00	2 nd round
3RD JULY 2023	09:30	3 rd round
4TH JULY 2023	09:30	4 th round
4TH JULY 2023	15:00	5 th round
5TH JULY 2023	09:30	6 th round
6TH JULY 2023	09:30	Tour
7TH JULY 2023	09:30	7 th round
8TH JULY 2023	09:30	8 th round
9TH JULY 2023	09:30	9 th round
9TH JULY 2023	15:00	Blitz Chess Championship
9TH JULY 2023	20:00	Closing Ceremony
10TH JULY 2023	Before 12:00	Departure

Playing Conditions

3. The tournament will be played according to the Rules of Play of FIDE.

3.1 The games shall be played using electronic clocks.

The time control for standard chess is 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

3.2 The time control for rapid chess is 15 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1.

3.3 The time control for blitz chess is 3 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 1.

3.4 In the last round, players from the same Federation who have scored more than 50% shall not be paired to play each other if alternate pairings are available.

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

4. The Asian Chess Federation President will - after consultation with the organizing federation – appoint the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

4.1 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

4.2 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within fifteen minutes after completion of the relevant playing session.

A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of \$100 or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing federation. No protests will be entertained in case of separate Blitz events.

Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee

5. The Technical Delegate and Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President in consultation with the organizing federation. The Committee shall be composed of three members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of national federations present.

5.1 No member of the committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such cases the member concerned shall have the right only to partake in the discussions of the committee.

Designation of the winner

6. The order of the players is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied, the tie shall be broken by the tiebreak systems in the following order:

- a) Direct Encounter.
- b) The greater number of wins (forfeits counted)
- c) Buchholz Cut 1
- d) Buchholz Cut 2
- e) Sonnenborn-Berger

Medals and titles

7.1 Medals shall be awarded to the top three positions in each category. The three best federations, by ranking of standard chess medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy, based on first by number of gold, then silver and then bronze medals.

7.2 A minimum number of federations for Direct titles in standard chess is 5 federations per category.

7.3 Gold medalists of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM) / Woman International Master (WIM). 1st equal player (best 3 after tie break) shall get IM/WIM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM) / Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.

7.4 Gold medalists of the U16 category shall be awarded IM/WIM norm. 1st equal player will get the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM) / Woman Candidate Master (WCM) title.

7.5 Gold medalists of U12 & U14 categories shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM / WCM title.

7.6 Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal winners of the U8 & U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

7.7 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, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900, CM 2000, WCM 1800

7.8 Team medals will also be granted considering total results of the best 3 players from a country. A country should have at least 2 players to claim a team medal.

7.9 Certificates of Participation shall be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, managers, and the appointed Technical Officials.

Registration and Entry Fee

8.1 The registration form must be filled by National Chess Federation officials and delivered to the OC before the registration deadline.

8.2 **Each participant shall register to OC by the 20th May 2023**, which is the Registration deadline. The participant must pay a registration fee, which is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation and includes accreditation and transportation from and to Manas International Airport and the official hotel.

Please submit registration form and passport copy by deadline date to medina.zhumashova@gmail.com

8.3 A **registration fee** to the Organizing Committee of **\$100** is required for each player and accompanying person. **An entry fee of \$75** is required for the official player and **\$150 for each additional player**. This must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the moment of registration. All fees must be paid by **20th May 2023**.

8.4 The OC reserves the rights to refuse or decline a late registration, or accepting if there is availability with a penalty of **USD 50** for each entry.

8.5 All players and participants of event should stay at the official hotel – **“Solemar” or other official hotel**. 50(fifty)% of prepayment of the cost for board and lodging for the additional players and accompanying persons (hotel at full board basis) must be paid by the deadline of 20th May 2023.

8.6 All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

8.7 Payments (entry fees, registration fees, hotel prepayment) should be made to:

Beneficiary: Association of legal entities "Kyrgyz Chess Union"

Account: 1091609812970161

Beneficiary's Bank: Branch of OJSC Optima Bank in Bishkek No.5

S.W.I.F.T.: ENEJKG22

BIC: 109016

Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

9.1 The Official Hotel (3stars) is **Solemar Recreation Center**. The Official Venue is the **Solemar arena**.

9.2 Federations should book through the Organizing Committee. Selection will be done by the OC on first come first served basis.

9.3 Official players and one HOD are offered full board accommodation from 30th June 2023 (arrival) to 10th July 2023 (departure). Any additional dates will be charged at full rate of the hotel subject to availability. Hotel Rates for additional players and accompanying persons on full board basis are as below:

ROOM	PRICE
SINGLE	USD 130 per person per night
DOUBLE	USD 80 per person per night
TRIPLE	USD 70 per person per night

Visas

Those who need visas should apply at the Kyrgyzstan consulate in their area. For assistance, please contact the Kyrgyzstan Chess Federation (Kyrgyz Chess Union):

Medina Zhumashova - medina.zhumashova@gmail.com /+996 707 064 000 (WhatsApp)

Airport Transfers

The Organizer shall provide all participants with airport transfers from International Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to the airport. All participants are required to send their flight details of arrivals and departures to the Organizer before 10th June 2023 to provide transfer service.

Dress Code

All Players are urged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sunglasses, sports caps, and revealing attire is not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremonies.

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