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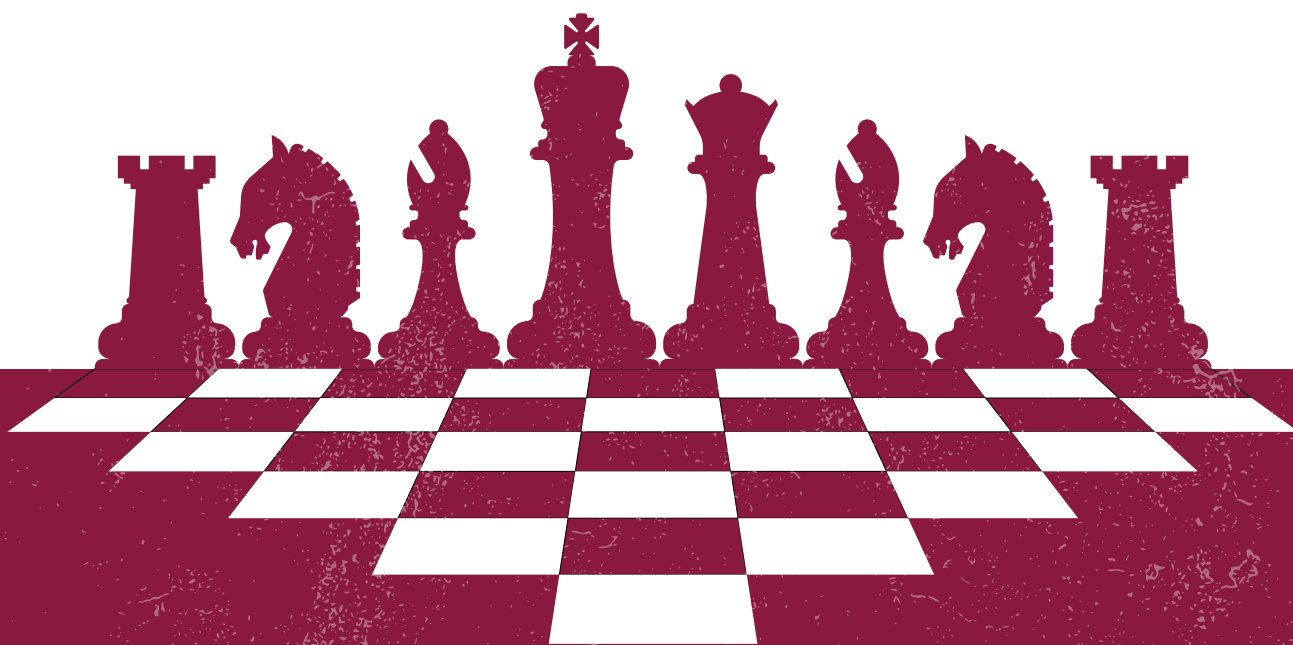
MASTERS OPEN 2023



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Organization: The Qatar Masters Open 2023 (hereinafter referred to as Tournament) is organized by the Qatar Chess Association.



02 Schedule and System of Play.

10 October 2023	Arrival day Opening Ceremony Technical Meeting	7 PM After the opening Ceremony
11 October 2023	Round 1	3 PM
12 October 2023	Round 2	3 PM
13 October 2023	Round 3	3 PM
14 October 2023	Round 4	3 PM
15 October 2023	Round 5	3 PM
16 October 2023	Rest Day	
17 October 2023	Round 6	3 PM
18 October 2023	Round 7	3 PM
19 October 2023	Round 8	3 PM
20 October 2023	Round 9 Play-Off (if necessary) Closing Ceremony	12 PM To be announced 7 PM or after the Play-off
21 October 2023	Departure Day	

- 2.1 The Tournament will be conducted according to the Swiss System, which includes 9 rounds and Play-Off matches if necessary.
- 2.2 The Tournament will be played according to the schedule from October 10th till October 21st.
- 2.3 Players with a FIDE rating of 2300 or higher are required to fulfil the registration requirements.
- 2.4 The Zero Tolerance Rule is not applicable in this Tournament, but there is a 15 minutes default time at the start of each round.
- 2.5 Players cannot offer or agree to a draw before 30 moves are played on the board by both players.



2.6 The registration fee for all players and accompanying persons amounts to \$150 which covers transportation during the event, including airport-to-hotel, hotel-to-playing hall, and hotel-to-airport transfers. The registration will be closed on 10th August.

2.7 Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE rules & Regulations and Qatar Laws.

03 Playing Hall: The Tournament venue will be decided later.

04 Hotels: All participants must stay in one of our two official 5-star hotels where the cost of a single room inclusive of full board, is \$150 and a double room with full board costs \$180.

05 Drawing of colors: The drawing of colors will be conducted during the Gala Dinner on 10th of October by the Chief Arbiter and the top seeded player of the Tournament as of October 2023 FIDE rating list.

06 Time Control:

6.1 Time control for each Tournament game shall be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

6.2 Games shall be played using the DGT electronic clocks.

07 Pairings: Swiss Manager Software will be used to manage pairings. They shall be announced as soon as possible after each round finishes. Pairings will be published on the official website and placed in front of the entrance to the Playing Hall.

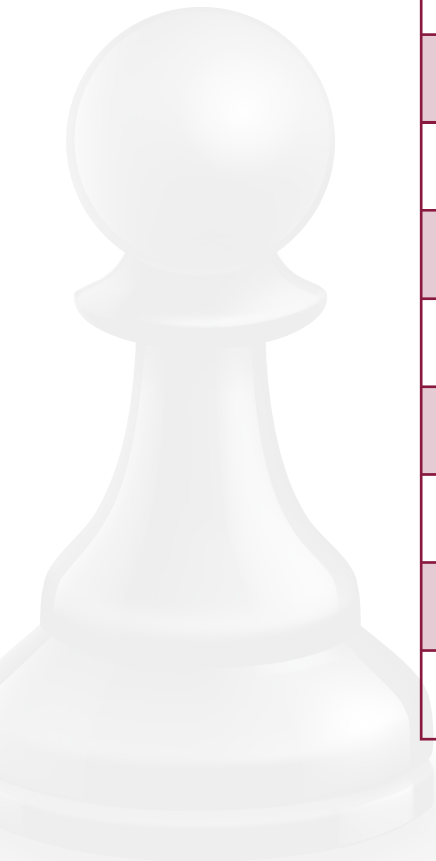


08 Prizes and tie-Breaks.

- 8.1 The Tournament winner, best Woman and best Arabic player will be awarded with trophies accordingly.
- 8.2 The total prize fund of \$108,250 provided by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

General Prizes for the Best Players of the Tournament:

1	\$25,000
2	\$15,000
3	\$10,000
4	\$7500
5	\$6000
6	\$5000
7	\$4000
8	\$3000
9	\$2000
10	\$1750
11	\$1500
12	\$1250
13	\$1000
14	\$750
15	\$500
TOTAL	\$84,250



Best Female Players Prizes:

1	\$5000
2	\$3000
3	\$2000
TOTAL	\$10,000

Best Arabic Player Prizes:

1	\$2500
2	\$1500
3	\$1000
TOTAL	\$5000

Best Junior Player Prizes:

1	\$2000
2	\$1500
3	\$1000
TOTAL	\$4500

Rating Band Prizes:

ELO 2500-2599	ELO 2400-2499	ELO 2300-2399
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL ALL GROUPS	\$4500	



- 8.3 The first prize may not be shared. All the other cash prizes shall be split equally where players have the same score (except the Women's and Arab's first prizes).**
- 8.3.1 When performance rating is used to determine a prize winner or qualified player for the play-off, it is calculated with the actual rating of the player (no 400 points rule).
- 8.4 If there is a tie for the top women's prize, the tie is resolved in favor of the woman with the highest performance rating, who will receive the prize of \$5000. All other prizes will not be subject to a tie-break and prize money other than the first prize will be divided equally among the remaining tied players.**
- 8.5 If there is a tie for the top Arab's prize, the tie is resolved in favor of the Arabic player with the highest performance rating, who will receive the prize of \$2,500. All other prizes will not be subject to a tie-break and prize money other than the first prize will be divided equally among the remaining tied players.**
- 8.6 In the event of a tie for the first place in the Tournament, there shall be conducted a Play-Off for the first prize of \$25,000 and Trophy.**
- 8.6.1 There shall be a separate drawing of colors for each match of the Play-Off conducted by the Chief Arbiter of the Tournament.
- 8.6.2 The Play-Off will consist of blitz games matches with a time control of 5 minutes with 3 seconds increment per move starting from the move 1.
- 8.6.3 **If two players are tied for first**, there will be a two-game mini-match played between them. In the event of a tie in the match, another two-game match will be played. If the second match tied as well, a new drawing of lots will take place, and the winner will be revealed after the decisive game. After each odd-numbered game the colors will be reversed.
- 8.6.4 **If three players are tied for first**, the player with the highest performance rating will be seeded directly into the Final of the Play-Off; the other two players will contest the Semi-Final. In the event of a tied mini-match on any leg, paragraph 7.6.3 system will be applied.
- 8.6.5 **If four players are tied for first**, there will be a knock-out Play-Off (Semi-Final and Final) conducted. After the winner is decided, the player which lost in the Final gets the second prize, while third and fourth prizes are equally shared between the players knocked in the Semi-Final.
- 8.6.6 **If more than four players are tied for first**, the four players with the highest rating performances shall qualify for the Play-Off to decide the first prize and follow the same procedure as in 7.6.5. The remaining tied players share the prizes from the fifth accordingly.



8.7 One player may not win more than one prize and (or) trophy. If a participant qualifies for different awards, the prize of a bigger amount of money will be given out, the remaining prize will be split among the remaining tied players.

8.7.1 In case a player is eligible for several prizes with the same amount of money, the following priorities will be used:

- 1) General Prizes
- 2) Female Players Prizes
- 3) Arabic Players Prizes
- 4) Junior Players Prize
- 5) Rating Band Prizes

09 Additional Rules:

9.1 All players are expected to adhere to the dress code at all times during the event. This includes the playing hall and awards ceremony. Participants who do not comply with the dress code regulations may face penalties from the organising committee.

9.2 Smoking is forbidden in the playing hall and adjacent areas or in the commentary room.

9.3 After each game players must hand the original scoresheets to the arbiter, signed by both of them.

9.4 Talking to other players and spectators is not allowed during the game. Players may talk to the arbiter or their opponent only, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

9.5 Players who have finished their games shall be considered as spectators and are not allowed to stay in the playing area.

9.6 Players are asked not to bring mobile phones or any other electronic devices (even switched off) into the playing hall. Bringing any device to the playing hall will result in forfeit.

9.7 The arbiter may require the player to allow his clothes, bags or other items to be inspected, in private. The arbiter or a person authorized by the arbiter for inspection shall be of the same gender as the player. If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9. of the Laws of Chess.

9.8 Random checks of players may be carried out before and after every game.

9.9 Fair Play measures will be taken according to the FIDE Anti cheating regulations.

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The cooperation of players is expected, in accordance of Art. 8.6 above.

9.10 The players shall take no action that will bring the game of chess into disrepute.

9.11 Players are obliged to obey Tournament Regulations.



- 9.12 Pictures may be only taken with flash during the first ten minutes of the rounds. After that, only Media representatives holding an accreditation are allowed to film or photograph in the playing hall.
- 9.13 Only players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area. Exceptions may only be granted by the Tournament Organiser and Chief Arbiter.
- 9.14 The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

10 Procedure of Appeals:

In the event of a protest against a decision by the Chief Arbiter or any other arbiter, the protest must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session, accompanied by a deposit of 100 EUR from the signatory. If the protest is accepted and the decision changed, the deposit will be returned to the claimant. Otherwise, the money will be transferred to the Tournament Organising Committee. Otherwise money will be transferred to the Tournament Organising Committee.

- 10.1 The Appeals Committee will be made up of three persons selected by the majority of players during the Technical Meeting prior to the first round.

11 Unforeseen Situations:

Any of the matter not mentioned in the present Regulations shall be decided by the Tournament Organising Committee.



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