



Abu Dhabi 3rd to 14th Aug 2023

Under the Patronage of **H.H Sheikh Nahyan bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Sport Council, the Organizing Committee has the honor of inviting you to take part in the 29th Abu Dhabi International Chess Festival, an annual event, which includes numerous FIDE registered tournaments. It will be held in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates, from 3rd until 14th August 2023.

Organizing Committee

Abu Dhabi Chess Club & Mind Games is organizing the 29th Abu Dhabi Chess Festival in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Sports Council and guarantees that the tournament will be held in accordance with FIDE chess rules and regulations.

1. Events

- 1.1 Masters Tournament:** Open to all Fide rated players with standard rating of 2300 ELO and above "Exception Abu Dhabi Chess Club players" (as of 1st Jun 2023). The tournament will be 9 rounds Swiss System with a time control of 90 min for each player and 30 seconds' increment. 30 minutes tolerance will be applied. The organizing committee shall provide free accommodation in a five-star hotel for players rated 2600+ and women with standard Elo of 2400+ (prior approval from the committee is needed to guarantee the accommodation, only for limited players, in order of registration).
- 1.2 Open Tournament A:** FIDE Rated Open for players with ELO 2299 and below (as of 1st Jun 2023,). The tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, with the time control of 90 min for each player and 30 seconds increment for each move. 30 minutes tolerance will be applied, FIDE ID is required.
- 1.3 Open Tournament B:** FIDE Rated Open for players with ELO 2000 and below (as of 1st Jun 2023,). The tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, with the time control of 90 min for each player and 30 seconds increment for each move. 30 minutes tolerance will be applied, FIDE ID is required.
- 1.4 Juniors Tournament (under 16 years):** FIDE Rated Open for players born in 2007 or later. The tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, with time control of 70 min for each player for the whole game. 30 minutes tolerance will be applied, FIDE ID is required.
***Juniors can play at same time the Open tournament.**
- 1.5 Blitz tournament:** FIDE Rated, Swiss system, 11 rounds, 3 min + 2 sec increment.
- 1.6 Juniors Blitz Tournament (under 16):** FIDE Rated Open for players born in 2006 or later; Swiss system, 9 rounds, 3 min + 2 sec increment.
- 1.7 Simultaneous exhibition:** Held by a renowned international GM. Open for Abu Dhabi Chess Club players only.
- 1.8 Frontline Heroes Chess tournament:** Open to members of military, police and national service, health workers in the UAE. Swiss system, 7 rounds, with the time control of 5 minutes + 5 seconds' increment. **Free Registration**
- 1.9 Family Team Tournament:** Open for teams of 2 players (player + one parent Swiss system, 7 rounds, with the time control of 5 minutes + 5 seconds.). **Free Registration**
- 1.10 Senior Chess Tournament:** Open for players aged 55 years and above. Swiss system, 7 rounds, with the time control of 5 minutes + 5 seconds increment. **Free registration**
- 1.11 Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament:** Open for Under 18 (born 2004 and after) school students or chess academies students based in UAE (UAE Residents). Swiss system, 7 rounds, 5 minutes + 5 seconds increment.



1.12 Community Teams Tournament: Open for teams of 3 players (2 playing + 1 substitute), UAE Residents with same nationality. The team will represent their country (or city). Swiss system, 7 rounds, with the time control of 5 minutes + 5 seconds increment. **Free registration**

2. Tiebreak

- 2.1** Direct Encounter (The Result of the Players in the Same Point Group)
- 2.2** BUCHHOLZ (Cut 1)
- 2.3** BUCHHOLZ (Cut 2)
- 2.4** SONNEBORN-BERGER
- 2.5** ARCO (Average rating of opponents Cut 1)

3. Prizes in US \$

All Prizes in (US Dollar)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Masters' tournament	15,000	10,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	1,500	1,000	800	700	600
Open tournament A	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	800	500				
Open tournament B	1,500	1,200	1,000	700	500	400	300	200	150	100
Juniors' tournament	1,500	1,000	700	500	400	300				
Juniors' tournament best U14	500	300	150							
Juniors' tournament best U12	500	300	150							
Juniors' tournament best U10	500	300	150							
Juniors' tournament best U8	300	200	100							
Blitz Open tournament	1,000	700	500	300	200					
Blitz Juniors Under 16	500	400	300	200	100					
Family team tournament	700	500	300							
Front line Heroes Chess tournament	700	500	300							
Senior Chess Tournament	700	500	300							
Community Teams Tournament	700	500	300							
Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament	350	300	250	200	150					
Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament – U14	150	100	50							
Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament – U10	150	100	50							
Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament – U8	150	100	50							



- 3.1** The prizes will be awarded based on tie-break and will not be shared. A player cannot be awarded more than one prize in a tournament, and he will be awarded the highest prize only.
- 3.2** Prize winners are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual/elegant casual or smart casual. No shorts, hats, caps, sneakers, or slippers.

4. Schedule

Date	Tournament										
	Masters	Open A & B	Juniors	Blitz Open	Blitz U16	Simultaneous	Abu Dhabi Chess Academy	Community Teams	Family Teams	Homeland protectors'	Senior Chess
Thursday 03.08.2023	Arrival	Arrival									
Friday 04.08.2023				05.00 PM	05.00 PM						
Saturday 05.08.2023	Rd 1 05.00 PM	Rd 1 05.00 PM									
Sunday 06.08.2023	Rd 2 05.00 PM	Rd 2 05.00 PM	Rd 1 10.00 AM								
			Rd 2 02.00 PM								
Monday 07.08.2023	Rd 3 05.00 PM	Rd 3 05.00 PM	Rd 3 10.00 AM					02.00 PM			
Tuesday 08.08.2023	Rd 4 05.00 PM	Rd 4 05.00 PM	Rd 4 10.00 AM								
			Rd 5 02.00 PM								
Wednesday 09.08.2023	Rd 5 05.00 PM	Rd 5 05.00 PM	Rd 6 10.00 AM						02.00 PM	02.00 PM	
Thursday 10.08.2023	Rd 6 05.00 PM	Rd 6 05.00 PM	Rd 7 10.00 AM								
			Rd 8 02.00 PM								
Friday 11.08.2023	Rd 7 05.00 PM	Rd 7 05.00 PM	Rd 9 10.00 AM			03.30 PM					
Saturday 12.08.2023	Rd 8 05.00 PM	Rd 8 05.00 PM					10.00 AM				
Sunday 13.08.2023	Rd 9 10.00 AM	Rd 9 10.00 AM									
Monday 14.08.2023	Departure	Departure									

The closing ceremony will take place on 13th of August at 7:00 PM.

5. Registration & Fees

- 5.1** Registration is accepted online via the following link. <http://adchessfestival.ae>. The last day of registration is 15th July 2023. **Entry fee and related payments must be paid in FULL prior to the deadline (25th of July 2023)**
- 5.2** All participating players and accompanying persons accept to fully comply with the regulations of the tournament and the organizer.
- 5.3** Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules and Regulations and UAE Laws.



Tournament	Registration fees		Exempted Players
	USD	AED	
Masters Tournament	120	440	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Open Tournament A	75	275	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Open Tournament B	75	275	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Juniors Tournament (under 16 years)	50	185	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Blitz tournament (Open)	50	185	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Blitz Under 16	15	55	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Abu Dhabi Chess Academy Tournament	15	55	
Simultaneous exhibition	50	185	GM / WGM / IM 2400+
Frontline Heroes tournament	Free	Free	
Community Teams Tournament	Free	Free	
Family Team Tournament	Free	Free	
Senior Chess Tournament	Free	Free	
Late Registration fees after 15th July 2023	27	100	

6. UAE Entry Visa

Processing Visa Fee for all Players (except Invited players by organizer)	100 USD	385 AED
Processing Visa Fee of an accompany person	100 USD	385 AED
Special request such as: "okay to Board Confirmation"	15 USD	60 AED

- 6.1** Visa rules are subject to change. Kindly confirm with your airline prior booking
- 6.2** Players / accompany persons who require a visa are requested to upload and attach a clear scanned colored copy of their passports including the validity date and expiry date and scanned colored personal photo in the online application
- 6.3** Entry Visas to the UAE issued for eligible participants subject to the approval of the GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF RESIDENCY & FOREIGNER AFFAIRS – UAE and will be valid for 30 days from the date of arrival
- 6.4** Visa Fees must be paid in full to Issue the Entry Permit.

7. Hotel & Playing Venue

- 7.1** The official hotel and playing venue will be the 5* hotel.
- 7.2** Single room will be approximately: 500 AED (137 USD) per night – include 3 meals/day for 1 person.
- 7.3** Double room will be approximately: 550 AED (150 USD) per night – include 3 meals/day for 2 persons.
- 7.4** Triple Room (limited availability): 675 (185 USD) per night – include 3 meals/day for 3 persons.
- 7.5** To book your room, please email us at adchessfestival@gmail.com
- 7.6** Any electronic equipment (computers, cameras, mobile phones, tablets, hand-watches, pencils, etc.) is strictly forbidden in the Playing Hall, as per FIDE Handbook.
- 7.7** Prize winners are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual/elegant casual or smart casual. No shorts, hats, caps, sneakers, or slippers.

For further information, kindly contact Mr. Zuhair Ahmad, general coordinator of the festival on (+971506113117) or email: adchessfestival@gmail.com or visit our official websites: www.adchessfestival.ae & www.abudhabichess.ae