



3rd

ALAMTO CUP

International Chess Festival



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1. General Information

The **3rd Alamto Cup** International Chess Festival is set to take place from December 7 to December 13, 2024, in the historic city of **Ilam, Iran**. Hosted at the **3-Star Zagros Hotel**, this event offers participants a chance to compete in a region renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and deep historical roots. Nestled within the majestic Zagros Mountains, Ilam provides a captivating backdrop that perfectly complements the spirit of this international chess festival.

This festival aims to unite chess enthusiasts and players of all skill levels from around the globe in a competitive yet welcoming environment. Participants will experience the warm hospitality of Ilam and explore its historic landmarks and scenic attractions, including Mount Qalaqiran, Siah Gav Twin Lakes, and the Arghavan Valley.

Whether you are an experienced chess master or a passionate fan, the Alamto Cup promises a week of intense competition and cultural discovery in one of Iran's most fascinating regions.

2. Chess Festival Format

The festival features three open tournaments, each designed to accommodate players of varying skill levels and FIDE ratings:

Tournament A	Players with a FIDE rating of 2000 or higher
Tournament B	Players with a FIDE rating from 1700 to 1999
Tournament C	Players with a FIDE rating below 1700

3. Schedule

Schedule	Date	10:00	17:00
Saturday	December 7, 2024	Arrival	Opening Ceremony (16:00) Round 1
Sunday	December 8, 2024	Round 2	Round 3
Monday	December 9, 2024	✗	Round 4
Tuesday	December 10, 2024	Round 5	Round 6
Wednesday	December 11, 2024	✗	Round 7
Thursday	December 12, 2024	Blitz	Round 8
Friday	December 13, 2024	Round 9	Closing Ceremony (16:00) Departure

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4. Tournament Rules

- 4.1 The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply and the event will be subject to official FIDE rating.
- 4.2 Tournament will be played according to the rules of the Swiss System in 9 rounds.
- 4.3 If the number of players exceeds 250 in each tournament, pairings will be determined using the Baku Acceleration Method.
- 4.4 The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1.
- 4.5 The default time shall be 30 minutes after the start of each round.
- 4.6 The pairings will be generated using Swiss Manager software, which utilizes the JaVaFo engine, and will be promptly announced after the conclusion of each round.
- 4.7 The pairings will be published on chess-results.com and displayed in front of the entrance to the playing hall.

5. Tie Break

The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. In cases where two or more players have the same total number of points, the following tiebreak criteria will be used:

Tournament A

1. Direct Encounter (if the tied players have all played against each other)	2. Rating Performance	3. Buchholz Cut 1
	4. Sonneborn–Berger	5. Sum of Buchholz

Tournaments B & C

1. Direct Encounter (if the tied players have all played against each other)	2. Buchholz Cut 1	3. Most wins
	4. Sonneborn–Berger	5. Sum of Buchholz

6. Registration

- 6.1 All players must complete the registration form by visiting: <https://form.chessboard.ir/alamtocup> and emailing it to Arman Aryanejad, Executive Director of the tournament.
- 6.2 The deadline for the submission of registration forms will be 11:59 PM on December 2, 2024.
- 6.3 All players must provide their FIDE Identification Number (FIN) at the time of entry. If you do not have a FIN, you must apply to your own federation for one before entering the festival.
- 6.4 For the convenience of foreign players, the entry fee will be accepted during the registration session at the tournament venue.
- 6.5 The tournament organizers reserve the right to register a limited number of players with lower FIDE ratings for Tournaments A and B.

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7. Entry Fees

The entry fee for Tournament A is \$35, and for Tournaments B & C, it is \$20 for all players. Entry is free for players holding the GM, IM, WGM, or WIM titles, as well as for players with a FIDE rating of +2400.

8. Prizes



8.1 The total prize fund of **4,300,000,000 IRR** (approximately 6,150 USD) will be distributed among the ranking and categories listed below:

Tournament A

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	700,000,000 IRR	8th Place	60,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	500,000,000 IRR	Best U2300 Player	50,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	350,000,000 IRR	Best U2200 Player	40,000,000 IRR
4th Place	250,000,000 IRR	Best Woman	50,000,000 IRR
5th Place	200,000,000 IRR	Best Senior	50,000,000 IRR
6th Place	150,000,000 IRR	Best Ilami Player	50,000,000 IRR
7th Place	100,000,000 IRR	Total	2,550,000,000 IRR

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Tournament B

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	200,000,000 IRR	Best U1800 Player	40,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	150,000,000 IRR	Best Player U14 Y/O	40,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	100,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+50)	40,000,000 IRR
4th Place	80,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+65)	40,000,000 IRR
5th Place	70,000,000 IRR	Top Ilami Player	40,000,000 IRR
6th Place	60,000,000 IRR	Runner-up Ilami Player	35,000,000 IRR
Best Woman	40,000,000 IRR	Third-ranked Ilami Player	30,000,000 IRR
Second Best Woman	35,000,000 IRR	Total	1,000,000,000 IRR



Tournament C

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	100,000,000 IRR	Best Player U10 Y/O	30,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	80,000,000 IRR	Best Player U8 Y/O	30,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	70,000,000 IRR	Best Player U6 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR
4th Place	55,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+50)	30,000,000 IRR
5th Place	45,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+65)	30,000,000 IRR
6th Place	40,000,000 IRR	Top Ilami Player	30,000,000 IRR
Best Woman	30,000,000 IRR	Second-Best Ilami Player	25,000,000 IRR
Second Best Woman	25,000,000 IRR	Third-Best Ilami Player	20,000,000 IRR
Best Player U14 Y/O	30,000,000 IRR	Best Ilami Woman Player	30,000,000 IRR
Best Player U12 Y/O	30,000,000 IRR	Total	750,000,000 IRR

8.2 If there is a tie, the prize money will not be divided.

8.3 Only one prize will be awarded to a player (the highest one).

8.4 According to the laws of the I.R.Iran, a 10% tax must be deducted from monetary prizes.

8.5 Winners of sub-awards in Tournament C are only eligible to receive their prize in their respective age categories.

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9. Players' Behaviors



9.1 During the game, players are not permitted to leave the designated playing area, which includes the Playing Hall, toilet facilities, smoking room, and buffet area, nor may they engage in conversation with other players and spectators. While the game is in progress, players may only communicate with the arbiters or their opponent, as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

9.2 In accordance with FIDE guidelines, all mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronic devices (even if switched off) are prohibited from the playing areas. If it is discovered that a player has brought or used such a device during their game, they shall lose the game. Players must deposit all of their electronic devices with tournament staff at the designated Electrical Devices Area before entering the Playing Area.

9.3 Players are not permitted to informally inform an arbiter of suspicions regarding another player's breach of Anti-Cheating (AC) regulations. Instead, a formal complaint must be filed. All written complaints and any written communications related to such complaints shall be duly recorded by the arbiter and subsequently presented to the chief arbiter and Anti-Cheating Committee (ACC) of the tournament.

10. Appeals Procedure and Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee will be selected prior to the first round and will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves. Players may lodge an appeal against the decision of the chief arbiter. The appeal must be submitted in writing and presented to a member of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game. A deposit of 7,000,000 IRR must accompany the written appeal. If the appeal is successful, the deposit shall be refunded. If the appeal is denied, the deposit shall be retained by the tournament Organizing Committee, unless otherwise decided by the members of the Appeals Committee.

11. Visa Support

For all international participants requiring visas, the organizing committee will provide official invitations upon request. To facilitate this process, please complete the registration form and submit it to armantino@gmail.com, along with a copy of your passport and an official photo against a white background. All documents must be received no later than **November 25, 2024**. Please note that failure to submit your application before this deadline may result in delays or inability to process your visa in time for the tournament.

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12. Local Transportation



The Organizers can arrange transfer to the official hotel upon arrival on December 7, 2024, and return transfer upon departure on December 13, 2024, from:

Location	Service	Distance	Rates
Tehran, Iran (IKA Airport)	Airplane	669 km	\$100
Tehran, Iran (IKA Airport)	Taxi	669 km	\$100
Piranshahr, Iran (Tamarchin Border)	Taxi	685 km	\$60
Marivan, Iran (Bashmaq Border)	Taxi	350 km	\$40
Ilam, Iran (IIL Airport)	Taxi	7 km	Free

Please note: Transportation on other days is possible upon personal request.

13. Contact information

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14. Tournament Venue and Official Accommodations



The tournament venue and the official hotel for foreign players will be the 3-star **Zagros Hotel**, located at Chogha Sabz Park, Imam Hossein Square, Ilam, Iran. The organizers are offering the following package for 7 days and 6 nights:

Hotel	Breakfast included	Full-board
Zagros Hotel ★★★	\$200	\$300

We eagerly anticipate your presence in Ilam, Iran, for the 3rd Alamto Cup International Chess Festival. Join us to celebrate chess, vibrant culture, and the renowned hospitality of the Kurdish people. See you in Ilam!