



ASIAN AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

14-23 Dec 2024
AL AIN - UAE



Asian Amateur Chess Championships (Men & Women)
FIDE Rating Categories Under 1700, Under 2000
14 Dec - 23 Dec 2024 AL Ain, U.A.E.
Invitation and Regulations

The Al Ain Chess Club and Mind Games, on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), FIDE and UAE Chess Federation, has the honor to invite all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the **2024 Asian Amateur Chess Championships**, which will be held from 14th (arrival) to 23rd (departure) December 2024 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

● Participation

- 1.2 The Asian Amateur Championships 2024 is open to all Asian amateur players, registered by their federation, who should not have a FIDE rating **above 2000** at the start of the tournament.
- 1.3 If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in a group that group shall be merged with another.
- 1.4 Players should not have a FIDE title higher than FIDE Master (i.e., WIM, WGM, IM and GM).
- 1.5 All participants must have a FIDE ID to participate in this tournament.
- 1.6 All participants should fill this registration form: <http://horizonavenue.plementus.ae> (**Password: AACC@2024**)

● Financial Regulations

- Entry Fee: The Entry Fee is **75 USD** each player. After the deadline of **25th Nov 2024**, the surcharge of **50 USD** shall be applicable for late entries.
- Registration Fee: All players and accompanying persons must pay registration fee of **110 USD**, and should be received by bank transfer before the deadline of 25th Nov 2024. The registration fee includes the cost for airport transfers, accreditation cards, certificates, etc.
- The travelling costs of all participants must be paid by themselves or by their national federations

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- The deadline for registration is **25th Nov 2024**.
- All the remaining payments must be paid upon arrival in **cash or Bank Transfer**.
- Participants are advised to pay total cost through the Bank account before **25th Nov 2024**, the registration Deadline. Players should settle all fees before the Technical Meeting.

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>HORIZON AVENUE EVENT MGMT SP LLC</u>
<u>Bank</u>	<u>Sharjah Islamic Bank (SIB)</u>
<u>Branch</u>	<u>U.A.E- HBZ Stadium</u>
<u>Account no.</u>	<u>001 2254975 001</u>
<u>IBAN</u>	<u>AE540410000012254975001</u>
<u>SWIFT</u>	<u>NBSHAEAS</u>

Once the bank transfer has been received, the Organizing Committee will issue and send the assigned booking confirmation

• Accommodation: (Hotel, Meals)

Playing Venue & Official Hotel

- The playing venue shall be at the official Hotel **Danat Al Ain Resort**.
- Check in time is **14:00** noon. Checkout Time is **12:00**.
- All players and all accompanying persons should pay the cost for board and lodging (with breakfast, lunch & dinner) per person per night with prices as given below in the official Tournament Hotel.
- All players and guests are invited to stay in Official Hotel: **5-star Danat AL Ain Resort (*****)** with following prices: Full Board (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) for per person per day:

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Room Type	Rate Single occupancy	Rate Double Occupancy
Standard Rm/night	US\$125	US\$180 US 90 dollar each player

Extra nights can be requested in advance and upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:

- All participants are obliged to lodge at the official hotels.
- Booking of official hotel for the event should be done only through the Organizing Committee.

• Participant Registration Guidelines

After submitting your initial registration, you will receive a **confirmation message**. Below the confirmation, you will find a link or button labelled '**New Registration**'.

Please note: The registration link is designed for either **one person in a single room** or **two people sharing a double room**. If your federation needs to register more than two people, use the '**New Registration**' option to input details for additional participants."

• Airport transfers

- The official airports for the event are Dubai, Sharjah & Abu Dhabi International Airports:
 - **Zayed International airport (AUH)** is located 154 kilometres from the official hotel.
 - **Dubia airport (DXB)** is located 118 kilometres from the official hotel.
 - **Sharjah international airport (SHJ)** is located 158 kilometres from the official hotel.

Transfers to and from these airports during the official competition period (14 to 23 Dec 2024) will be provided based on the arrival and departure dates declared by the teams, as this is covered within the Basic registration Fee.



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All travellers must meet the airport representative near the baggage collection area upon arrival.

NOTE: The Organizing Committee will not refund or be in charge for any taxi fare payment.

● Tournament Format

- The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.
- Standard Time control: Each player will have 90 minutes with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- Rapid chess time control shall be 15 minutes for each player with an increment of 10 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- Blitz time control shall be 3 minutes for each player with an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- The games shall be played with DGT clocks. Pairings will be made by the Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation may be paired together in the last round.
- The default time will be 30 minutes for each round of standard chess. Default for Rapid and blitz is clock time.
- Tie Break: The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for ranking or any prize, ties shall be broken as in accordance with the following:
 - Buchholz Cut 1
 - Buchholz.
 - Direct encounter.
 - Sonneborn Berger.
 - Greater number of wins including forfeits and byes



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• Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>
<u>14 – December 2024</u>	After 14:00	Arrival
15- December 2024	11:00	Technical Meeting
	15:00	Rapid Chess 7 rds
16- December 2024	10:00	Round 1
	17:00	Round 2
17- December 2024	17:00	Round 3
18- December 2024	10:00	Round 4
	17:00	Round 5
19- December 2024	10:00	Round 6
	17:00	Blitz 9 rds
20- December 2024	17:00	Round 7
21- December 2024	17:00	Round 8
22- December 2024	10:00	Round 9
	18:00	Awards Ceremony
<u>23- December 2024</u>	Before 12.00	Departure

• Prizes

- Direct titles shall be awarded for Standard Chess in accordance with FIDE handbook <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>
- The Gold Medallist Under 2000 shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.



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- Certificates and cash prize will be awarded to top players in each category as given below.
- The winner from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section is qualified with personal rights (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) to the 2025 World Amateur and their places cannot be substituted.
- Money prizes are not shared. In case of merged groups, prizes apply for the specific category.
- A total of **US \$ 25,000** in cash prizes shall be at stake as follows:

Men	Under 2000	Under 1700	Rapid	Blitz
1 st Place	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 600	\$ 600
2 nd Place	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 400	\$ 400
3 rd Place	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 300	\$ 300
4 th Place	\$ 800	\$ 800	—	—
5 th Place	\$ 500	\$ 500	—	—
Women	Under 2000	Under 1700	Rapid	Blitz
1 st Place	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 500
2 nd Place	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 400	\$ 400
3 rd Place	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 300	\$ 300
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● Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and Appeals

- The Asian Chess Federation President will nominate the Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.
- The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated 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.
- Protests 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. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing committee.
- The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.
- No protests in Rapid and Blitz. The Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

● Visa Arrangements

- Some of nationalities need to obtain a visa on arrival while others need to apply for a visa in advance. Find out if you need a visa to enter the UAE.
<https://www.emirates.com/english/before-you-fly/visa-passport-information/uae-visa-information/>.
- All players and accompanying person who are not on the above list and require a visa to enter the UAE, are required to send a colour copy of their passport and a photo to the organizer's email.
- **Visa Fee: \$100** for each player and accompanying person. Those who need to obtain a permit to enter the UAE from the organizing committee must pay the visa fee, no later than **25th November 2024**.
- A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be uploaded in the below registration form and submitted to the Organizing Committee <http://horizonavenue.plementus.ae> (Password: **AACC@2024**)

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• Dress Code

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

• Organizer Contacts:

<u>Local Organization Committee (LOC)</u>	<u>Asian Chess Federation:</u>
Horizon Avenue Event Management	WhatsApp: +971 55 5154554
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