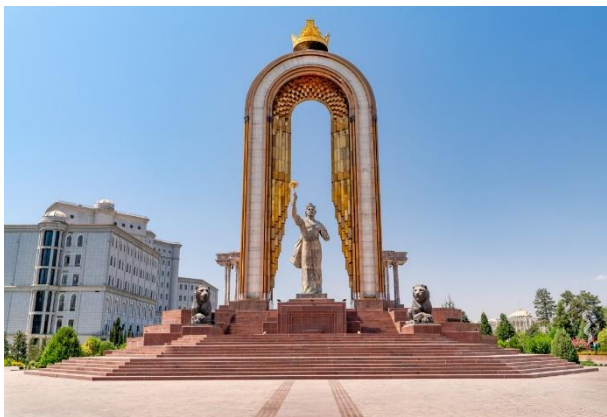




Western Asia Youth Chess Championship 20th – 29th April 2025 Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The Tajikistan Chess Federation and Group of Companies "KOINOTI NAV", under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invite national chess federations in the region to participate in the Western Asia Youth Chess Championship and Western Asia Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. This event will be held from 20th (arrival) to 29th April (departure) 2025.





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 2025 as follows:

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

- 1.1 In each age group will be an open category and a girls' 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 and one Head of Delegation 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 or less. Rapid will be played in 7 rounds, and Blitz in 9 rounds.

DATE	TIME	Event
Sunday 20th April 2025	After 12:00 20:00	Arrival/Check in Technical Meeting
Monday 21st April 2025	10:00	Rapid Chess Championship
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	9:30 15:00	1 st round 2 nd round
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	9:30	3 rd round
Thursday 24th April 2025	9:30 15:00	4 th round 5 th round
Friday 25th April 2025	9:30	6 th round
Saturday 26th April 2025	9:30 15:00	7 th round Blitz Chess Championship
Sunday 27th April 2025	9:30	8 th round
Monday 28th April 2025	9:30 18:00	9 th round Closing Ceremony
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Before 12:00	Departure

Playing Conditions

3. The tournament will be played according to the FIDE Rules of Play.
- 3.1 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. The games shall be played using digital clocks.
- 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 may be paired to play each other.

Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

4. The Asian Chess Federation President will 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.

Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee

5. The Technical Delegate and Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President. The Appeals 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.

5.2 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 Rapid and Blitz events.

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 if all tied players have met each other;
- 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 delegations, by ranking of standard chess medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy, based 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. Direct Titles shall be awarded based on [FIDE Handbook B.01](#)

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 delegation/federation. A delegation/federation should have at least two 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 March 2025, 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 Dushanbe International Airport and the official hotel.

Please submit registration form and passport copy by deadline date.

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 main player and **\$150 for each additional player**. This must be paid to the Organizing Committee at the moment of registration. 50% of entry fee shall be shared with Asian Chess Federation. All fees must be paid by **20th March 2025**.

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 – **“FIRDAVSI” or other official hotels**. 50(fifty)% of prepayments 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 March 2025**.

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: Public organization "The Tajikistan Chess Federation "

Account: 20206840900000102094

Beneficiary Bank: CJSC DUSHANBE CITY BANK

SWIFT: LCMDTJ22

Correspondent account: 21002840100090307001

Correspondent bank: JOINT-STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK ASAKA

SWIFT: ASBKUZ22XXX

Intermediary bank: CITIBANK N.A.

SWIFT: CITIUS33XXX.

Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

9.1 The Official Hotels (4stars) are Hotels **Baland, Firdavsi, Aram.**

The Official Venue is the **National Library of Tajikistan.**

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 20th April 2025 (arrival) to 29h April 2025 (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 120 per person per night
DOUBLE	USD 70 per person per night
TRIPLE	USD 60 per person per night

Visas

Those who need visas should apply at the Tajikistan consulate in their area. For assistance, please contact the Tajikistan Chess Federation

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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 29th March 2025 to provide transfer service.

Firdavsi, Baland, Aram hotels



The National Library of Tajikistan.



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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