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6th جام پایتخت Paytakht Cup

International Chess Festival

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1. Invitation

The Tehran Chess Association, in collaboration with the esteemed Chess Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, cordially invites all National Chess Federations affiliated with FIDE and chess enthusiasts worldwide to participate in the prestigious **6th Paytakht Cup** International Chess Festival. This exciting event is scheduled to take place from August 5th to 12th, 2024, in the vibrant metropolis of Tehran, Iran.

2. Type of Chess Festival

The festival consists of three open tournaments:

Tournament A	For players with a FIDE rating 2100 or higher
Tournament B	For players with a FIDE rating lower than 2100
Tournament C	For players under 14 years old

3. Schedule

Tournament A (9 rounds)		
Date	10:00	17:30
Monday August 5, 2024	Arrival	Round 1
Tuesday August 6, 2024	Round 2	Round 3
Wednesday August 7, 2024	✗	Round 4
Thursday August 8, 2024	✗	Round 5
Friday August 9, 2024	✗	Round 6
Saturday August 10, 2024	✗	Round 7
Sunday August 11, 2024	✗	Round 8
Monday August 12, 2024	Round 9	Closing Ceremony (16:30) Departure

Tournaments B & C (11 rounds)		
Date	10:00	17:30
Monday August 5, 2024	Arrival	Round 1
Tuesday August 6, 2024	Round 2	Round 3
Wednesday August 7, 2024	✗	Round 4
Thursday August 8, 2024	Round 5	Round 6
Friday August 9, 2024	✗	Round 7
Saturday August 10, 2024	Round 8	Round 9
Sunday August 11, 2024	✗	Round 10
Monday August 12, 2024	Round 11	Closing Ceremony (16:30) 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 A will be played according to the rules of the Swiss System in 9 rounds, while Tournaments B and C will be played in 11 rounds each.
- 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.
- 4.8** The tournament will be conducted in compliance with FIDE anti-cheating regulations.

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	Rating Performance
2	Direct Encounter
3	Buchholz Cut 1
4	Buchholz Cut 2
5	Sum of Buchholz

Tournaments B & C	
1	Direct Encounter
2	Buchholz Cut 1
3	Buchholz Cut 2
4	Sonneborn–Berger
5	Sum of Buchholz

6. Registration

- 6.1** All players must complete the registration form by visiting: Paytakhtchessfestival.ir 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 July 24, 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 very limited number of players with a FIDE rating under 2100 for Tournament A.

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7. Entry Fees

The entry fee for Tournament A is \$40, and for Tournaments B & C, it is \$25 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 7,000 USD) will be distributed among the ranking and categories listed below:

Tournament A

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	600,000,000 IRR	Best U2300 Player	40,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	400,000,000 IRR	Best U2200 Player	40,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	300,000,000 IRR	Best Woman	40,000,000 IRR
4th Place	150,000,000 IRR	Second Best Woman	35,000,000 IRR
5th Place	100,000,000 IRR	Best Senior	40,000,000 IRR
6th Place	90,000,000 IRR	Top Tehrani Player	40,000,000 IRR
7th Place	80,000,000 IRR	Runner-up Tehrani Player	35,000,000 IRR
8th Place	70,000,000 IRR	Third-ranked Tehrani Player	30,000,000 IRR
9th Place	60,000,000 IRR	Total	2,200,000,000 IRR
10th Place	50,000,000 IRR		

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Tournament B			
Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	300,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+65)	30,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	200,000,000 IRR	Best Senior (+50)	30,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	130,000,000 IRR	Second Best Senior (+50)	20,000,000 IRR
4th Place	80,000,000 IRR	Top Tehrani Player	30,000,000 IRR
5th Place	60,000,000 IRR	Runner-up Tehrani Player	25,000,000 IRR
6th Place	50,000,000 IRR	Third-ranked Tehrani Player	20,000,000 IRR
7th Place	45,000,000 IRR	Best U2000 Player (1900-1999)	20,000,000 IRR
8th Place	40,000,000 IRR	Best U1900 Player (1800-1899)	20,000,000 IRR
9th Place	35,000,000 IRR	Best U1800 Player (1700-1799)	20,000,000 IRR
10th Place	30,000,000 IRR	Best U1700 Player (1600-1699)	20,000,000 IRR
Best Woman	30,000,000 IRR	Best U1600 Player (1500-1599)	20,000,000 IRR
Second Best Woman	25,000,000 IRR	Best U1500 Player	20,000,000 IRR
Third Best Woman	20,000,000 IRR	Total	1,350,000,000 IRR
Best Senior Woman (+50)	30,000,000 IRR		

Tournament C			
Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1st Place	100,000,000 IRR	Best Girl U8 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR
2nd Place	80,000,000 IRR	Second Best Boy U12 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
3rd Place	70,000,000 IRR	Second Best Girl U12 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
4th Place	50,000,000 IRR	Second Best Boy U10 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
5th Place	40,000,000 IRR	Second Best Girl U10 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
6th Place	35,000,000 IRR	Second Best Boy U8 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
7th Place	30,000,000 IRR	Second Best Girl U8 Y/O	15,000,000 IRR
8th Place	25,000,000 IRR	Third Best Boy U12 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Best Girl	25,000,000 IRR	Third Best Girl U12 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Top Tehrani Player	25,000,000 IRR	Third Best Boy U10 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Best Boy U12 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR	Third Best Girl U10 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Best Girl U12 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR	Third Best Boy U8 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Best Boy U10 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR	Third Best Girl U8 Y/O	10,000,000 IRR
Best Girl U10 Y/O	20,000,000 IRR	Total	750,000,000 IRR
Best Boy U8 Y/O	20,000,000 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 **July 20, 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 August 5, 2024, and return transfer upon departure on August 12, 2024, from:

Location	Service	Distance	Rates
Tehran, Iran (IKA Airport)	Taxi	57 km	\$20
Tehran, Iran (Mehrabad Airport)	Taxi	8 km	Free
Mashhad, Iran (MHD Airport)	Airplane	900 km	\$90

Transportation on other days is possible upon personal request.

13. Tournament Venue and Official Accommodations



The venue and official hotel for the tournament will be the 5-Star **Laleh International Hotel**, located at Dr. Fatemi Street, District 6, Tehran. The organizers offer the following package for 9 days and 8 nights:

Hotel	Breakfast included	Full-board
Laleh International Hotel ★★★★★	\$250	\$400

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15. Overview of the Paytakht Cup

The Paytakht Cup, the biggest chess festival in the metropolis of Tehran, is an event of great significance in the international chess calendar. The word "Paytakht" means "the capital" in Persian, and hence, the "Paytakht Cup" translates to the "Capital Cup."



In previous editions of this festival, numerous chess Grandmasters have participated, adding prestige and competitive edge to the event. Notable participants include GM Alireza Firouzja, GM Parham Maghsoodloo, GM Amin Tabatabaei, GM Anton Demchenko, GM Alexandr Fier, GM Samvel Ter-Sahakyan, and GM Stanislav Bogdanovich, among others.

The tournament has seen various champions over the years, with GM Homayoon Toufighi winning in 2016, GM Anton Demchenko in 2017, GM Seyed Khalil Mousavi in 2018, GM Ehsan Ghaem Maghami in 2019, and GM Masoud Mosadeghpour in 2023.

The 6th Paytakht Cup International Chess Festival is scheduled to take place from August 5th to 12th, 2024, at the luxurious 5-star International Laleh Hotel (formerly InterContinental Hotels & Resorts) in Tehran, providing an exquisite venue for players and spectators alike. This year's festival promises to continue its tradition of excellence, drawing elite players and enthusiastic fans from around the world.

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16. About Tehran

Tehran, the capital and largest city of [Iran](#), boasts a population of approximately 12 million, making it the most populated city in Iran and Western Asia. It also ranks as the second-largest metropolitan area in the Middle East, following Cairo. This bustling metropolis serves as the political, cultural, and economic hub of the country, offering a vibrant blend of modernity and tradition.



Tehran is steeped in history, with roots tracing back to the Safavid dynasty in the 16th century. The city became Iran's capital in the late 18th century during the Qajar dynasty. Today, it is a city of contrasts, where historical sites like the Golestan Palace and the Grand Bazaar stand alongside modern skyscrapers and contemporary art galleries. Tehran's rich cultural scene includes numerous museums, such as the National Museum of Iran, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Carpet Museum, which showcase the nation's diverse heritage and artistic achievements.

The city is also known for its vibrant arts scene, with numerous theaters, music venues, and galleries. Tehran hosts several international film and theater festivals, reflecting its role as a cultural beacon in the region. The Tehran Symphony Orchestra, the oldest and largest in Iran, is a testament to the city's thriving music culture.

Tehran's climate is largely defined by its geographical location, nestled at the foot of the Alborz mountain range. It experiences a semi-arid climate with distinct seasons: hot, dry summers and cold, wet winters. The mountains to the north often bring cooler temperatures and snow in the winter, making Tehran a city of climatic diversity.

This bustling city is home to people from many different ethnic backgrounds, which adds to its diverse food culture and lively streets. [Tehran](#) has a mix of busy markets and modern cafes, as well as peaceful parks and hiking trails in the nearby mountains. This combination of old and new offers a variety of experiences that show the city's vibrant and constantly changing nature.

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16.1 Azadi Tower (Liberty Tower)



Azadi Tower is one of the most iconic symbols of the great city of Tehran. Its elegant, simple forms, crafted from snow-white marble, rise prominently on a hill in the western part of the city. This memorable piece of architecture has made the tower one of the top attractions in Tehran. The monument remarkably represents

a strong connection between the past and the future, history and ambitions, culture and progress. The tower stands 50 meters tall and is part of Azadi Square, one of the city's most important public spaces. Within the tower, visitors can find a museum and various exhibition halls showcasing Iran's rich cultural heritage. Azadi Tower is not just a monument but a symbol of national pride and resilience, embodying the spirit and aspirations of the Iranian people.

16.2 Tabi'at Bridge



The Tabi'at Bridge, also known as the "Bridge of Nature," is the largest pedestrian overpass in Tehran, Iran. The 270-meter (890 ft) bridge connects two public parks, Taleghani Park and AboAtash Park, by spanning Modarres Expressway, one of the main highways in northern Tehran. The word "Tabi'at" means "nature" in Persian.

Completed in 2014, the bridge has since become a popular landmark. Its unique design features three levels with interconnected paths, creating a dynamic space for walking, resting, and enjoying panoramic views of the city and the surrounding mountains. The bridge incorporates natural elements and materials, emphasizing a harmonious relationship with the environment. It is not only a functional piece of infrastructure but also a symbol of modern Iranian architecture and a hub for social and cultural activities.

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16.3 Golestan Palace, a UNESCO Heritage Site in Tehran



The lavish Golestan Palace is a masterpiece of the Qajar era, embodying the successful integration of earlier Persian crafts and architecture with Western influences. This walled palace, one of the oldest groups of buildings in Tehran, became the seat of government for the Qajar family, which came into power in 1779 and made Tehran the capital of the country. Built around a garden featuring pools as well as planted areas, the palace's most characteristic features and rich ornaments date from the 19th century.



Golestan Palace became a center of Qajari arts and architecture, of which it is an outstanding example, and has remained a source of inspiration for Iranian artists and architects to this day. It represents a new style incorporating traditional Persian arts and crafts with elements of 18th-century architecture and technology. The palace complex includes several grand halls, each adorned with intricate tile work, mirrors, and elaborate frescoes. Notable buildings within the complex include the Marble Throne Hall, the Brilliant Hall, and the Pond House. Today, Golestan Palace is a museum open to the public, showcasing the opulence and grandeur of the Qajar era and serving as a testament to Iran's rich cultural heritage.

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16.4 Grand Bazaar of Tehran



A few minutes' walk from Golestan Palace lies Tehran's Grand Bazaar. It resembles an old, imaginary city full of twists, turns, and labyrinths! If you have visited other bazaars in Central Asia, you might be accustomed to their chaotic but fun atmosphere. However, this bazaar will take your experience to the next level. Tehran's Grand Bazaar is the ultimate shopping experience in the country.

The Grand Bazaar of Tehran extends about 10 kilometers in length, with hundreds of stores selling everything from spices to clothes, rugs, and antiques. Get lost in this shopping labyrinth and leave with unique souvenirs that will remind you of your time in Iran forever. In addition to shopping, the bazaar offers a glimpse into the daily life and culture of Tehran.

16.5 Iran Mall: The Biggest Shopping Mall in the World



The [Iran Mall](#), located in the northwest of Tehran, Iran, is currently recognized as the largest shopping mall in the world by total gross leasable area (GLA). It is also one of the largest commercial, cultural, and social projects globally. Situated next to Chitgar Lake, the Iran Mall spans approximately 21 million square feet (1.95 million square meters).

Iran Mall is not just a feat of modern engineering; it also pays homage to traditional Persian architecture and ornamentation. Its traditional bazaar is inspired by the historic market in the Iranian city of Tabriz, and spaces like the Mirror Hall and the Library showcase the finest traditional Persian craftsmanship.

Visitors to the Iran Mall can explore an astonishing array of attractions, including a massive hypermarket, luxury retail stores, and an indoor amusement park. The mall also features several entertainment options such as a multiplex cinema, an ice-skating rink, and a bowling alley. For those interested in culture, the mall houses an art gallery, a book garden with thousands of books, and numerous exhibition halls.

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16.6 Milad Tower



Milad Tower is one of the iconic landmarks of modern Tehran. Standing at an impressive height of 435 meters, it is a telecommunication and multipurpose tower and the sixth tallest tower in the world. Milad Tower serves as a symbol of Tehran's rapid development and modernity.

The tower features an observation deck that offers breathtaking panoramic views of the sprawling metropolis and the surrounding mountains. Visitors can also enjoy several attractions within the tower, including a revolving restaurant, a luxurious hotel, conference centers, and an art gallery. The tower's architectural design seamlessly blends contemporary aesthetics with traditional Persian motifs, making it not only a functional structure but also a piece of art.

Milad Tower hosts various cultural events, exhibitions, and festivals throughout the year, making it a vibrant hub of activity. Its impressive height and unique design make it a must-visit destination for tourists and a point of pride for locals.

We eagerly await your presence in Tehran, Iran, this summer for the 6th Paytakht Cup International Chess Festival. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with top-notch chess, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. See you in Tehran!