



## **Asian Seniors Online Chess Championships 2020**

**13-21 July 2020 at Chess.com**

### **1. Invitation**

Asian Chess Federation has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the Asian Seniors Online Chess Championships for over-50 and over-65 years old, from 13-21 July 2020 in Chess.com.

### **2. Participation**

- 2.1 The Asian Seniors Online Chess Championship is open to all players, regardless of rating or title, who reach the age of 50 and 65 by 31st December 2020 and are members of National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.7. There is no limit to the number of participants per federation.
- 2.2 All participants should have a valid FIDE ID number.
- 2.3 By competing in the event, each participant agrees that his/her real (as in FIDE rating list) name will be shown in his/her personal Chess.com card. The Asian Chess Federation has the right to publish in the starting lists the real names of the participants and the nicknames they use in Chess.com platform for participation in the championship
- 2.4 By registering, each player agrees to abide by the Regulations of the championship, including the anti-cheating rules specified herein.

### **3. Registration**

- 3.1 Registration is open. Deadline for registration is 6 July 2020.
- 3.2 The complete registration form must include the surname/first name as in FIDE list, FIDE ID number, FIDE Rapid rating, sex and title. It must also include the Chess.com handle, telephone and email of players.
- 3.3 A digital scan of the passport and ID photo of each player must be sent by email to the Asian Chess Federation.

### **4. Tournament System and Rate of Play**

- 4.1 All registered players should register their real name and ID photo in their Chess.com profile. Players should join the respective Chess.com Zonal Clubs for their tournament. Players should log in to Zoom with their real names one hour before the start of the first round.
- 4.2 Time control is 10 minutes each with an increment of 2 seconds per move from move 1.
- 4.3 Zonal tournaments shall be 7-round Swiss System events. The over-65 category may be Round Robin of 7 rounds or shall be merged if there are few players. All players should complete their respective tournaments.
- 4.4 The Finals will be 9-round Swiss System events for over-50 and over-65 categories.
- 4.5 Wins count as 1 point, draw as half point and zero for a loss. Chess.com shall score each game. Disconnection by the player shall count as a loss. As long as the player reconnects before the beginning of the next round and does not leave the site or explicitly log out, he will be paired in the next round.
- 4.6 The following tie breaks shall apply in sequence.
  - a. Buchholz Cut 1
  - b. Buchholz
  - c. Direct encounter
  - d. AROC
  - e. The greater number of wins including forfeits
  - f. The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with White)
  - g. Sonnenborn-Berger

#### 4.7 Draws by the server

The 50-move rule is automatically awarded as a draw by the server, as is a threefold repetition. Neither of these will need to be claimed by the player. The following positions are automatically considered a draw by the server:

- a. K+N vs K+N,
- b. K+N vs. K+B,
- c. K+N vs. K,
- d. K+N+N vs. K,
- e. K+B vs. K,
- f. K+B vs. K+B.

#### 4.8 Proctoring

Every player should set up a smartphone or similar function device in the right (or left) corner to let the camera show the screen and the player. Participants should be prepared to join a Zoom call for proctoring at arbiter's decision: this request may be made before rounds via direct chat by the Arbiter. Detailed procedures shall be issued to all participants.

Every player should login to Zoom with their real name by smartphone to show screen and profile (see below), and by laptop videocam for front facial view.



Players should login to Zoom with the same name for both phone Zoom and laptop Zoom. Players shall be required to cover keyboard and share screen when requested by the Arbiter. Only the player should be in his/her playing room. Keep your speaker and microphone in your laptop open at all times. Close your phone Zoom speaker and microphone. Observe silence and avoid background noise.

Each round shall take around 25 minutes. Players may go to toilet between rounds and should be ready for the next round, return to their seats in the same camera angles and wait for the Arbiter to start the round. Each round shall start around 2 minutes after posting of pairings on chess-results.com. Please do not play unofficial games in between rounds during the tournament.

#### 4.9 Server failure/downtime:

In the event of a server failure or malfunction during the course of the tournament, ACF and Chess.com will take appropriate action accordingly.

In case that a Zonal tournament gets interrupted with 4 or fewer completed rounds, the tournament will be rescheduled from 1st round within 24 hours. If any Zonal tournament has completed 5 or more rounds, the final standing will remain, and the tournament will not be rescheduled

In case that the Finals get interrupted with 6 or fewer completed rounds, the tournament will be rescheduled from 1st round within 24 hours. If any Final has completed 7 or more rounds, the final standing will remain, and the tournament will not be rescheduled

#### 4.10 Defaulting time

Each Swiss tournament starts at the specific time and progresses through a series of rounds. This means that each player has to be registered for the tournament and online one hour before the starting time.

## **5. Fair Play - Disclaimer**

By signing in the tournament participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations and specially the following

- 5.1 All participants agree to abide by all rules and site policies stated at Chess.com/legal
- 5.2 The anti-cheating measures are based on Chess.com's resources. Throughout the Asian Online Championship, Chess.com's dedicated team of fair play professionals, computer scientists and statisticians will be working in coordination with their proprietary fair play detection technology to ensure that fair results are made for each game. You can find more information on Chess.com Fair Play and Cheat Detection Policy [here](#).
- 5.3 All participants shall comply and co-operate with Chess.com Fair Play and Anti-cheating detection team. Players may be removed from the Championship at any time by final decision of the Chief Arbiter or the Asian Chess Federation based on the consultation of fair play evaluation of Chess.com.
- 5.4 All participants winning a prize will be additionally post-checked and can be disqualified after the tournament has concluded.
- 5.5 Any fair play actions taken against participants are in accordance with fair play policy of Chess.com including but not limited to statistical analysis and manual review. The ACF does not claim or acknowledge that such actions are evidence of unfair play. These actions are not considered by ACF as a reason for any sanctions in further ACF live events. However, if any player is considered in violation of Chess.com's fair play policies, they will be disqualified from the Online events for two years. All the players agree that they have no right to appeal the aforementioned actions either through arbitration, consultation or in a court of law within any jurisdiction.
- 5.6 Players may not leave their seats during the game without permission of the Arbiter.
- 5.7 Participants have no right to appeal about pairings made during the Championship.
- 5.8 Asian Chess Federation or Chess.com have no responsibility for technical problems arising for players during the games.
- 5.9 By registering in the Championship, players will not have the right to claim any financial compensation or redress related to the Championship.
- 5.10 Asian Chess Federation has the right to change the schedule, update the regulations or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.

## **6. Tournament schedule**

The Championship will be held 10:00-16:00 (UAE time, GMT+4):

- 13 July - Zone 3.1: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE, Yemen
- 14 July - Zone 3.2: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- 15 July - Zone 3.3: Brunei, Cambodia, Chinese Taipei, East Timor, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
- 16 July - Zone 3.4: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
- 17 July - Zone 3.5: China
- 18 July - Zone 3.6: Australia, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands
- 19 July - Zone 3.7: India
- 20 July - Finals Asian Seniors Over-65
- 21 July - Finals Asian Seniors Over-50

## 7. Officials

Technical Delegate: IA Casto Abundo (PHI), Executive Director of the Asian Chess Federation.  
Chief Arbiter: IA Abdulrahim Mahdi (UAE), FIDE Rules Commission Chairman.  
Tournament Director: IA Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI)  
Deputy Chief Arbiters: IA Haroon or Rashid (BAN) and KK Chan (HKG).  
Arbiters/Pairings Committee: IA Patrick Lee (PHI) and FA Felix Poloyapoy (PHI).  
Zone Presidents assist in their respective Zones.

All complaints should be forwarded to the Chief Arbiter whose decision is final.

## 8. Prizes

Top three winners of each category will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates for the Zonals and Finals. A total of \$3,000 shall be awarded as follows. Money prizes are not shared.

<b>Over 50</b>	<b>Over 65</b>	<b>Best Women</b>
First US\$500 Second US\$400 Third US\$300 Fourth US\$200 Fifth US\$150 Sixth US\$150	First US\$350 Second US\$200 Third US\$150 Fourth US\$100 Fifth US\$100	Over 50 US\$300 Over 65 US\$100

## 9. Other Matters

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

## 10. Contact Information

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