



26th Asian Youth Chess Championships 2024 **9-21 June 2024, Almaty, Kazakhstan**

Regulations

1. Invitation

The Kazakhstan Chess Federation on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and FIDE has the honor to invite all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 26th Asian Youth Chess Championships which will be held from 9th (arrival) to 21st (departure) June 2024 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

2. Eligibility of Participants

2.1 To be eligible, players must not have reached his/her respective birthday before January 1st, 2024:

Under 8: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2016	Under 14: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2010
Under 10: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2014	Under 16: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2008
Under 12: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2012	Under 18: Born on or after 1 st Jan 2006

2.2 Every Asian National Chess Federation can register only one Official Player in each category (maximum of 12 official players). No replacement from other categories can be made in case there is no Official Player in one category. Playing in a higher age category for an official place shall be treated as an additional player.

2.3 All Champions in Standard chess in last year's edition are entitled with personal rights to play in this year's event according to their eligible category as Official Players if the stipulation of article 2.1 is met. One Head of Delegation (HOD) is accommodated at the expense of the Organizing Committee (OC) in a double room.

2.4 Other than Official Players, federations may register players who shall be classified as Additional Players. A FIDE endorsed chess academy can send its trainees (maximum one player per category) as Additional Players.

All persons, besides the players and Head of Delegation (HOD), shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. A federation may register any number of Additional Players and Accompanying Persons but only upon confirmation of availability by the Organizing Committee (OC). The National Federation shall be responsible for the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.

3. Registration and Travel

- 3.1 The registration form is available via the web portal, link to the web portal will be sent to each federation's official email addresses. Only members of Asian federations are entitled to participate.
- 3.2 Each participant shall register with the OC by 9th May 2024 which is the registration deadline. The participant must pay a registration fee, which is compulsory and represents confirmation of participation.
- 3.3 After the registration deadline, no official and additional players will be accepted (see article 5.1 and 5.2).
- 3.4 All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation
- 3.5 For security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations, National Delegations shall use the official hotels designated by the OC.

4. Visa Applications

- 4.1 Application for a visa requires an invitation number. The considering time of documents by the authorized body to provide an invitation number takes about 2 weeks, in this regard, Federations must send the requested documents through registration form no later than April 23, 2024.
- 4.2 In order to identify which category of visa is available for your country, please press the link: <https://www.vmp.gov.kz/en/services/visa-service>.
- 4.3 Those, who can apply to electronic visa, independently issue e-visa with the invitation number on the website, which is given above.
- 4.4 The electronic visa must be printed out to provide when crossing the state border and on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. An electronic visa gives the right to enter/ exit the Republic of Kazakhstan only through international airports.
- 4.5 Others, independently issue a visa stamp with the invitation number at the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- 4.6 The cost of the visa is 80 USD (e-visa must be paid on the website, visa stamp must be paid at the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan).

5. Financial Regulations & Payments

5.1 Entry Fee:

The Entry Fee is **USD 75** for an Official Player and **USD 150** for an Additional Player. After the deadline of 9th May 2024, the OC reserves the right to refuse late registration, or accept subject to availability with a late penalty of **USD 50** for each entry.

5.2 Registration Fee:

The Registration Fee is **USD 110** for all participants (official player, additional player, HOD, and accompanying persons) payable by 9th May 2024. The OC reserves the right to refuse or decline late registration.

5.3 Payment:

- Registration and entry fees must be paid by the deadline to the OC;
- Cost for board and lodging (hotel at full board basis) must be paid by the deadline directly to the hotel through OC;
- OC should send invoice or an online payment link after registration on web portal made by the Federations.

- 5.4 On receipt of payment, the OC will send to the participating federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations. All confirmed registrations will be notified via email.
- 5.5 All payments must be finalized by the deadline 9th May 2024.

6. Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

- 6.1 The Official Hotels are the Holiday Inn Express (1,5 km from venue) and Holiday Inn Almaty (2 km from venue) with limited number of rooms.



Holiday Inn Express



Holiday Inn Almaty

- 6.2 Federations should book through the Organizing Committee (OC). Selection of the Hotel will be done by the OC on a first-come first-served basis.
- 6.3 If there is increased demand or late registrations accepted, the OC may offer additional hotels having the same fees mentioned below.

6.4 Official players and one Head of Delegation are offered **full board** accommodation (double rooms) from 9th June 2 pm (arrival) to 21st June 12 pm 2024 (departure). Any additional dates will be charged at full rate of the hotel subject to availability. Early check in (6am–2pm), late check out (12pm-6pm) will be charged at 50% rate of the hotel subject to availability. Hotel rates for additional players and accompanying persons on full board basis are as below:

Single	US\$ 120 per day
Double/Twin	US\$ 90 per person per day

7. Technical Regulations

- 7.1 The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 9 rounds. Where there are fewer than 10 players from at least 5 federations in a category, that category shall be merged with another according to FIDE regulations to qualify for direct titles. Note that players from same federation may be paired together in the last round.
- 7.2 The rate of play will be:
- a. Standard 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
 - b. Rapid 15 minutes + 10 seconds and 7 rounds.
 - c. Blitz 3 minutes + 2 seconds and 9 rounds.
- 7.3 Tie break: The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. The tie break shall be decided as follows:
- a. Direct Encounter,
 - b. Buchholz Cut 1,
 - c. Buchholz,
 - d. Sonnenborn-Berger system,
 - e. Greater Number of Wins, forfeits counted (a pairing bye is not a forfeit).
- 7.4 In case the above still does not produce a decision, tied players shall play one Armageddon game.

8. Schedule:

8.1 Note Almaty time is GMT +5

Day/Date	Time	Remarks
9 th June	After 12:00	Arrival
	20:00	Technical Meeting
10 th June	10:00	Opening ceremony
	11:00	Rapid Chess Championship
11 th June	11:00	Rapid Chess Championship
12 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 1
13 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 2
14 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 3
	16:00	Standard Rd 4
15 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 5
16 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 6
17 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 7
18 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 8
19 th June	11:00	Standard Rd 9
20 th June	11:00	Blitz Chess Championship
	18:00	Closing ceremony
21 st June	Before 12:00	Departure

9. Awards

9.1 The top three players in each event will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.

9.2 Three best Federations overall, by ranking of medals collected in all categories in Standard Chess, will receive a trophy. For ranking, the number of gold medals will be considered first, and if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, and if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally, this is still tied, then the total number of medal winners in Standard, Rapid and Blitz applies.

9.3 The champions of Asian Youth Championships in standard chess shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championship of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulated age limit is met. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.

9.4 E-Certificates of Participation shall be given to all participants.

10. Direct Titles

10.1 Gold medalists of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM)/Woman International Master (WIM). 1st equal player shall get IM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM)/Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.

10.2 Gold medalists of U16 category shall be awarded the title of FM/WFM and an IM/WIM norm. 1st equal player will get FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM)/Woman Candidate Master (WCM) title.

10.3 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.

10.4 Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal (after tie break up to 3 players) winners of the U8 &U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

- 10.5** 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.

CATEGORY	IM/WIM	FM/WFM	CM/WCM
U-18	1 st -Title 1 st equal-Norm	2 nd & 3 rd -Title	N.A.
U-16	1 st -Norm	1 st equal-Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-14 & U-12	N.A.	1 st -Title	2 nd & 3 rd -Title
U-10 & U-8	N.A.	N.A.	1 st & 2 nd & 3 rd -Title
N.A.: Not applicable			

11. Officials

- 11.1** The Technical Delegate, Appeals Committee and Chief Arbiter shall be appointed by the Continental President as well as other Arbiters.
- 11.2** 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. No member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his/her own federation (unless both parties are from the same federation).
- 11.3** A protest against the decision of an Arbiter or the Chief Arbiter must be submitted to the Appeals Committee Chairman in writing within 15 (fifteen) minutes after the end of the playing session together with a protest fee of USD 200 in cash for which the appellant should receive a receipt as proof of payment.
- 11.4** The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal has merit. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.
- 11.5** No Appeal shall be accepted in Rapid and Blitz chess. The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final.

12. Dress Code

All Players should 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.

13. Contacts:

If you have any questions, please refer to the following:

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