



Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2026

15-25 October 2026

Osh, Kyrgyzstan

1. Invitation

The Kyrgyz Chess Union under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and International Chess Federation, has the honour to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the 2026 Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over 50 and over 65 years old (and best women), from 15-25 October in Osh, Kyrgyzstan.

2. Participation

The Asian Seniors Championship is open for all players over 50 and 65 years old by 31st December 2026, regardless of the rating and title, who have FIDE ID and are members of National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.8. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation.

If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in the over 65 Category, then it shall be merged with the over 50 Category.

3. Registration

The entries must be submitted through the official online registration form, with ID photo and passport copy (colour scan). Registration form: <https://forms.gle/PbeqFbouCTMrqHEu5>

A separate form must be submitted for each player and accompanying person. The last date for registration is 31st August 2026. All registrations are subject to approval by the participant's National Chess Federation and verification by the organiser.

4. Fees

Entry fees: Each player must pay USD 100 as entry fees.

Registration fees: Each participant must pay USD 120 as registration fees for registration, accreditation and transport from Osh International Airport to the official hotel and back. Payment instructions will be sent after the registration has been verified. All fees and the remaining hotel balance must be paid before 15th September 2026.

The last date for registration is 31st August 2026. After that date, a late registration fee of 50 USD will be charged. Late registrations may be accepted until 15th September 2026, subject to availability. Players whose payment has not been received shall not be paired.

5. Accommodation

All players, except local players are obliged to be accommodated in the official hotel through the organiser.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organiser. Players should attend the Technical Meeting for the drawing of lots.

The official hotel and venue of the event is Jannat Resort Osh (★ ★ ★ ★ ★), a five-star hotel in Osh, Kyrgyzstan.

Room rates for players and accompanying persons (per person per night, including three meals daily):

Room Type	Occupancy	Rate per person
Single Room	1 person	USD 140
Twin Room	2 persons	USD 85

A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm an accommodation booking.



Room upgrades, including suites, may be requested through the organiser and are subject to availability and an additional charge.

Because capacity is limited, the organiser may designate additional official hotels. Allocation will be based on availability and the applicable terms will be confirmed before payment.

6. Tournament System and Rate of Play

The Standard tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. Time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time. The Rapid Championship will be played as a 7-round Swiss System with a time control of 10 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move from move one. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes each plus 2 seconds increment per move. Participation in Rapid and Blitz is optional for registered players.

7. Tie-Break System

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) and to (e).

- a) Direct Encounter
- b) Buchholz
- c) Buchholz Cut 1
- d) Buchholz Cut 2
- e) Sonneborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one Armageddon blitz game between the top two shall decide.

8. Tournament schedule

The Championship will be held from 15-25 October 2026 as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	15 Oct.	After 14:00	Arrival / Check-in
Thursday	15 Oct.	20:00	Technical Meeting
Friday	16 Oct.	10:00	Opening Ceremony Round 1
Saturday	17 Oct.	10:00	Round 2
Saturday	17 Oct.	16:00	Round 3
Sunday	18 Oct.	10:00	Rapid Championship
Monday	19 Oct.	10:00	Round 4
Tuesday	20 Oct.	10:00	Round 5
Wednesday	21 Oct.	10:00	Round 6
Thursday	22 Oct.	10:00	Round 7
Friday	23 Oct.	10:00	Round 8
Saturday	24 Oct.	10:00	Round 9
Saturday	24 Oct.	15:00	Blitz Championship
Saturday	24 Oct.	19:00	Awards ceremony
Sunday	25 Oct.	Before 12:00	Departure



9. Chief Arbiter and Technical Delegate

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters, Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different federations.

10. Appeals

A protest against a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a protest fee of USD 200.00 (Two Hundred US Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.

The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately. No Appeals are possible in Blitz where the Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

11. Prizes

Top three winners of each category (Standard, Rapid and Blitz) will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Certificates. The total gross prize fund for Standard chess is US\$4,000 before applicable tax deductions and shall be awarded as follows:

Over 50		Over 65	
First	US\$700	First	US\$500
Second	US\$500	Second	US\$300
Third	US\$400	Third	US\$200
Fourth	US\$250	Fourth	US\$100
Fifth	US\$200	Fifth	US\$100
Sixth	US\$150		
Seventh	US\$100		
Best woman	US\$300	Best woman	US\$200

Money prizes are not shared. In case of merged groups, prizes apply for the specific age group.

12. Direct Titles

Direct titles and norms will be awarded in accordance with the FIDE regulations in force.

The gold medallist (first after tiebreak) in each Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm.

Players ranked 1st equal (the best three players after tiebreak) shall receive the IM title.

Silver and bronze medallists shall receive IM norms and FM titles.

The minimum ratings for immediate award are IM 2200 and FM 2100.

Rapid and Blitz events do not award direct titles.



13. Visa Support

Participants requiring a visa must check the applicable entry requirements for their passport through the official e-Visa portal of the Kyrgyz Republic: <https://www.evisa.e-gov.kg/>. Upon request, the organiser will provide a visa support letter after the registration has been verified and a clear passport copy has been received. Requests must be submitted no later than 31st August 2026. Visa issuance is at the sole discretion of the competent authorities.

14. Airport Transfers

The organiser will provide airport transfers for the participants from Osh International Airport to the Official Hotel and back. All participants are required to send by 5th October 2026 their flight details of arrivals and departures.

15. Other Matters

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

16. Contact Information

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