



**SAARC Open & Women Chess Championships-2019**  
**24<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**  
**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federations in SAARC Regional  
FIDE Zone 3.2, 3.7 and Afghanistan

Bangladesh Chess Federation on behalf of SAARC Chess Federation and FIDE invites your Federation to participate in the SAARC Open and Women Chess Championships from 24<sup>th</sup> November (arrival) to 4<sup>th</sup> December (departure) 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### **I. RULES & REGULATIONS**

The Championship will be played in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

#### **ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION**

1.1 Each Federation from FIDE Zones 3.2, 3.7 and Afghanistan (SAARC Region) can enter one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Divisions. A Federation can send one delegate for the SAARC Chess Congress, one person for the FIDE Trainer's Seminar and one person for the FIDE Arbiter's Seminar.

1.2 In addition, each Federation may send extra players for the Open and Women Divisions. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee.

#### **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

1.3 The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.

1.4 The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with DGT clocks. Pairings will be made by Swiss Manager Program.  
Default Time: Default time is 30 minutes after starting the round.

1.5 The drawing of colors for round 1 shall be carried out during the players' meeting.

1.6 The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30<sup>th</sup> move. A claim for a draw before black's 30<sup>th</sup> move is permitted only through an Arbiter in case of threefold repetition.

#### **SCHEDULE**



24 <sup>th</sup> November	Arrival	
	Players' Meeting	21:00
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Opening Ceremony	14:00
	Rd. 1	14:30
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Rd. 2	14:00
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Rd. 3	14:00
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Rd. 4	14:00
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Rd. 5	14:00
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Rd. 6	14:00
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Rd. 7	14:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Rd. 8	14:00
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Rd. 9	09:00
	Blitz Championship	15:00
	Award Ceremony	20:00
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Departure	

Changes in the schedule might be made by organizers, if necessary, after consultation with FIDE. Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies.

## II. REGISTRATION

2.1 Registration form should be submitted by the national federation on or before 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 together with payment. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

### REGISTRATION FEE

2.2 Each player or accompanying person must pay US \$100 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

2.3 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 is the registration deadline. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

### PAYMENTS

2.4 Payments (registration fees, accommodation) must be made to the following: bank account:

Account Name: Bangladesh Daba (Chess) Federation  
Account Number: 0939901015693  
Bank Name: Pubali Bank Limited  
Branch: Dhaka Stadium Corporate Branch  
Bank Address: Lal Bhaban, 18, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka.  
SWIFT Code: PUBABDDH199



### III. TRAVEL EXPENSES

3.1 In accordance with FIDE Regulations, air travel expenses shall be borne by the participating Federations. Organizer arranges transfer between Hazrat Shahjalal international airport and the official hotel.

### IV. ACCOMMODATION

4.1 Playing venue and official hotel is at the FARS Hotel & Resort. All participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the official hotel.

4.2 The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> November till noon of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The official players will be accommodated in double shared bedrooms. Also provide 1 person each form each country for the FIDE Arbiter Seminar's and FIDE Trainer's Seminar's during the event.

4.3 Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance in the rate as below (per person/per night including three meals):

Single room with three meals: 1100 USD for 10 days

Double room with three meals: 600 USD for 10 days

4.4 The check-in time is after 14:00 and check-out time is before 12:00 noon.

### V. PRIZES

5.1 Total prize fund is \$ 20,000 including Open, Women and Blitz as follows.

	Open	Women	Blitz Open	Blitz women
1st place	3,500	2,000	500	500
2nd place	2,500	1,500	300	300
3rd place	1,500	1,000	200	200
4th place	1,000	600		
5th place	600	500		
6th place	500	400		
7th place	400	400		
8th place	400	300		
9th place	300	300		
10th place	300			
Total	11,000	7,000	1,000	1000

Prizes shall be shared among tied players.

5.2 Trophies and medals will be awarded to the winners of both divisions of the championship.

### VI. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

6.1 The Chief Arbiter, his Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the SAARC Chess Federation President. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the SAARC Chess Federation and FIDE.



6.2 A Technical Delegate, to be appointed by the SAARC Chess Federation president/FIDE, shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee.

## **VII. APPEALS COMMITTEE AND FIDE TECHNICAL DELEGATE**

7.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.

7.2 There shall be a Chairman, two members, and two reserve members shall from different Federations, appointed by the SAARC Chess Federation President in consultation with the Organizing Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

7.3 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than one hour after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against. The Committee may decide on the following matters:  
an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,

a protest against a player's behavior,  
a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,  
a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,  
a protest or complaint against any participant, or  
all other matters which the Committee considers important.

7.4 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 200 (two hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

7.5 FIDE Technical Delegate is to be appointed by FIDE.

## **VIII. TIE BREAK**

8.1 In the SAARC Individual Chess Championships, tie-breaks are organized only in the following cases:

- to establish the Champion;

8.2 Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:  
Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)\*  
Buchholz Cut 1\*\*;

Buchholz;  
Direct encounter between the players in tie;  
Drawing of lots.



Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.  
Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

## **IX. VISAS**

9.1 All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Bangladesh must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information), registration form (attached) and visa form (attached) to the Organizer before the deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 after which the Organizer

## **X. DRESS CODE**

10.1 All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

## **XI. COMMERCIAL ISSUES.**

11.1 No proposed sponsor should be in conflict with the regulations of International Olympic Committee.

11.2 The FIDE logo is displayed in a black and white color on a white background. The text describing the event must not be larger than twice the size of the word FIDE reproduced in the logo.

11.3. The logo of the main sponsor should be displayed in all banners, roll-ups and other products related to the championship in accordance with the sponsor's official logo requirements.

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