

World Club Cup 2010
Abu Dhabi, UAE
24th Feb. – 5th Mar. 2010



1. Introduction

1.1 The first edition of World Club Cup will be in UAE and the event will be held regularly at two year intervals (2010, 2012, 2014 , etc.)

1.2 The competition is open event (women players are allowed with teams or separate teams).

1.3 The event is organised by UAE Chess Federation under auspices' of FIDE.

2. Participation

2.1 The first three winners from each continental club team championship are invited to participate with free accommodation provided by the organizer. (5 players + 1 accompanying person).

2.1.1 Three teams per National Federation in which a club team championship is organised with a minimum 20 GMs. Two teams per National Federation if its club team championship showed less than 20 GMs. One team in case the National Federation has no club team championship. All teams entering must be endorsed by the National Federation.

2.1.2 The previous World Club Cup winner and runner-up.

2.1.3 The organising federation shall be entitled to enter an additional team. If there is an odd number of participating teams the organising federation has the right to enter a second additional team. If this second additional team is paired and plays in round 1, it shall remain in the tournament to the conclusion, even when a team or teams dropping out or a new team or teams arriving subsequently would result in an odd number of teams still in competition.

2.1.4 Each federation that is ranked in the first five places of the fide federation ranking list is entitled to enter one additional team. <http://ratings.fide.com/topfed.phtml>

2.2 The teams shall be composed of Five players (4 main + 1 reserve). A registered player should has the nationality of his federations OR has played for his club in an official club team event in the last year OR has a permanent residence in his federation's country since at least 6 months.

2.2.1 The players and the reserve players can represent only one club at the same time. If a player has been playing national team competitions in more than one federation, he / she has to decide before 1st January 2010, in writing, for which team he / she will play.

2.3 The basic players' list of a participating club must be sent at the latest one month prior to the start of the competition. After verification, the team lists will be published on the FIDE web site. The organizing federation will immediately send a copy of the team lists to all participating clubs. All clubs have to finish their final players' lists before the captain's meeting at the start of the tournament.

2.4 Captains

Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players (or reserve). His / her duties include :

- Leadership of the team matches
- Liaison with the Chief Arbiter
- Full responsibility for the conduct of the team's players.

3. Organisation

3.1 The tournament shall take place on a bi-annual basis (2010 – 2012 – 2014, etc) and the first three editions will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates Chess Federation (the Organiser).

3.2 The dates and the venue of the tournament(s) have to be fixed and sent out to all federations at least three months before the competition.

3.3 Clubs should confirm participation to the organizer not later than one month before the event. Copies of participation form should at the same time be sent to the FIDE. The form shall include the full name, address, telephone and fax number, and the email address of the participating club(s) and its contact person.

3.4 The basic players' list of a participating club must notify the following details:

- (a) Name of each team member (surname, one first in full, initial of additional first names);
- (b) FIDE rating and title of each team member (according to the most recent FIDE rating list);
- (c) FIDE ID number of each team member;
- (d) Nationality of each team member;

3.5.1 The basic players' list shall include the board order of each club.

3.5.2 The basic players' list shall be accompanied by the declaration of the national federation that the players fulfil the requirements under 2.2.

3.5.3 The basic players' list shall be accompanied by the declaration of those player(s) who has (have) been playing national team competitions in more than one federation.

4. Tournament Regulations

4.1 Number of rounds.

The competition will be played as a 9 rounds tournament. No free day is foreseen.

4.2 System of play.

4.2.1 The competition shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament.

4.2.2 If there are ten teams or less in a competition, the competition will be played as a Round Robin tournament. In such case the drawing of lots will take place at the Captain's Meeting.

4.3 Schedule.

The matches shall be conducted according to a playing schedule which must be distributed to the participants before the start of the tournament. Only in exceptional cases may the Chief Arbiter, in consultation FIDE, make alterations to the times of play. If this is done, all those concerned are to be informed directly.

24 Feb. (arrival) to 5 March 2010 (departure).

Day 1	24 Feb.: Arrival of participants
Day 2	25 Feb.: Captain's meeting + Opening Ceremony + Round 1
Day 3	26 Feb.: Round 2
Day 4	27 Feb.: Rounds 3 & 4
Days 5-8	28 Feb. – 3 Mar.: Rounds 5 - 8
Day 9	4 Mar.: Round 9 + Closing Ceremony
Day 10	5 Mar.: Departure of participants

Apart from the players and arbiters, no other person shall be allowed in the actual playing area during the games, except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

4.4 Time control

For each player 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.

4.5 All Clubs are required to attend a Technical meeting at a date and time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter. If he/she deems it necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

4.6 Only photographers and camera crews expressly authorized by the Organising Committee in consultation with the FIDE Press Officer may work in the playing venue.

4.8 Tie-Break

The position of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to the extent required:

- a) *Match points : 2 points for win , 1 for draw and 0 for lose.*
- b) *Game points , and in case of tie , the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which are calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of game points achieved against this opponent;*
- c) *the sum of the match points of all the teams opponents, excluding the lowest one;*

5. Pairings

6. Titles and prizes

6.1 Prize fund.

6.1.1 The organiser has to provide a prize fund of minimum 50.000 Euros which will be given to the clubs finishing in places 1 to 6 of the final ranking (40% to place 1, 20% to place 2, 15% to place 3, 10% to place 4, 10% to place 5 and 5% to place 6). In the case that teams end with the same number of match points, money prizes shall be shared.

6.2 Titles.

6.2.1 The winner receives the title " World Club Champion "

6.3 Trophies and medals.

6.3.1 The winning club shall receive a Challenge Cup and 5 Gold medals provided by the Organiser.

6.3.2 Only the players obtaining the best individual results on their respective assigned boards shall receive gold medals.

6.4 FIDE Contribution

A contribution of 25,000 Euros must be made to FIDE's bank account by not later than 31st December of the year preceding the competition.

7. Appeals Committee

7.1 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the FIDE President. For the other 3 spots, three players and two reserves will be chosen during the Players' meeting. The four members of the Appeals Committee and the two reserves must be from different federations.

7.2. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgement in a dispute involving a player or party from her Federation or Club.

7.3. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against. The Tournament Director shall call a meeting of the Appeals Committee as soon as possible.

7.4. The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a. an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b. a protest against a player's behaviour
- c. a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d. a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e. a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f. all other matters which the Committee considers important.

7.6. 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 endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

7.6. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of €500 (five hundred Euros) or a written statement that this fee can be deducted from the prize fund if the protest is rejected. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then in this case, FIDE reserves the right to withhold the deposit fee.

7.7. The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

8. Financial matters

8.1 The entry fees of Euro 400 per club , which should paid with registration.

8.2 The organiser will offer suitable board and lodging for the visiting clubs at the lowest possible price and the visiting clubs will pay for it.

8.3 The organiser shall also provide suitable accommodation for the FIDE President or his nominee and the FIDE Tournament Director. The organiser will also pay their travel expenses.

9. Arrangements for the Playing Hall.

9.1. FIDE shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organization of Top Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

9.2. The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating players' Federations and the sponsors' brandings.

9.3. After FIDE agrees with the Organisers on the arrangements in respect of the tournament hall, facilities, accommodation and meals, transportation, telecommunication, ceremonies, no objections from the participants shall be acceptable.

10. Principals.

10.1. The Principals are:

- FIDE President and a FIDE Representative;
- Chief Arbiter, and his Deputy;
- Chairman of Appeals Committee
- Press Officer;

10.2 The stipends for the Principals are as follows :

- Chief Arbiter 3,000 Euros
- Deputy Chief Arbiter 2,500 Euros
- Chairman of Appeals Committee 3,000 Euros
- Press Officer; 2,000 Euros

10.3 All travel expenses, in economy class, as well as full accommodation for the duration of the event, for the Principals, must be covered by the organiser

11. Penalties

11.1. Should a Club be in breach of conduct of any of these regulations it may be subject to a maximum penalty of €1,000 for any instance of breach.

11.2. Should a Club be in repeated breach of any of these regulations, FIDE reserves the right to expel the Club from the tournament and subject the Club to a maximum fine of €2,000. In this case, the expelled Club will not have any right to any prize money, irrespective of its standing at the time of expulsion.

11.3. Should a Club withdraw from a tournament without proper justification to FIDE, then a penalty of €5,000 will be imposed on the club and the club may be excluded from the next World Club Championship.

12. Payment of Prize Money and Stipends.

12.1. The prize fund and stipends shall be paid by the organizer at or before the closing ceremony.