



**Regulations
of the Finals of the Kazakhstan Chess Cup 2025
among Men and Women**

1. General Provisions

1.1. The Finals of the Kazakhstan Chess Cup 2025 (“Cup”) shall be held in accordance with the Kazakhstan Chess Federation’s (KazChess) schedule of sporting events to:

- promote chess in Kazakhstan;
- develop professional chess in Kazakhstan;
- train Kazakhstan’s leading chess players.

2. Organising Committee

2.1. The Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KazChess) is responsible for organising the Cup, with support from the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Almaty Akimat.

2.2. The Tournament Director and Arbiter Panel, approved by the Praesidium of KazChess, shall oversee the conduct of the Cup.

3. Dates and Venue

Dates: 1 December 2025 (arrival) – 13 December 2025 (departure).

Venue: Dedeman Hotel Almaty (67 Timiryazev St., Almaty)

4. Tournaments and Their Conditions

4.1. The Cup shall consist of two tournaments:

- **Kazakhstan Open Cup 2025 (men’s tournament);**
- **Kazakhstan Women’s Cup 2025 (women’s tournament).**

4.2. The tournaments shall be rated by FIDE.

4.3. The tournaments shall be played over 11 rounds using the round-robin system, in accordance with FIDE rules, with 12 participants.

4.4. Pairings shall be generated using the Swiss Manager programme.

4.5. Time control: 90 minutes per game + 30 minutes after the 40th move + 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4.6. A player arriving more than 30 minutes late for a round shall be forfeited.

4.7. Draw offers shall not be permitted before move 30.

4.8. Anti-cheating measures shall be implemented in line with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, with standard levels of protection. Live broadcasts will be delayed by 15 minutes.

4.9. All players must adhere to the dress code (business casual or elegant casual; shorts and slippers are not permitted).

5. Appeals

5.1. To resolve disputes, an Appeals Committee (AC) shall be elected at the technical meeting, consisting of the AC Chairperson and two regular AC members.

5.2. A player may appeal any decision of the Arbiter Panel by submitting a written appeal to the AC no later than one (1) hour after the completion of the round, along with an appeal fee of KZT 100,000.

5.3. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

5.4. If an appeal is upheld, the appeal fee shall be refunded in full.

5.5. Schedule

Date	Event
01.12.2025	Arrival
02.12.2025	14:00 – Opening Ceremony Right after the Opening Ceremony – Round 1
03.12.2025	15:00 – Round 2
04.12.2025	15:00 – Round 3
05.12.2025	15:00 – Round 4
06.12.2025	15:00 – Round 5
07.12.2025	15:00 – Round 6
08.12.2025	15:00 – Round 7
09.12.2025	15:00 – Round 8
10.12.2025	15:00 – Round 9
11.12.2025	15:00 – Round 10
12.12.2025	10:00 – Round 11 19:00* – Closing Ceremony
13.12.2025	Departure

** The Tournament's Arbiter Panel may adjust the schedule of rounds.*

6. Submission of Applications/Registration

6.1. The Finals shall be open to chess players meeting the following criteria:

- **5 participants** with the highest number of points scored during the Kazakhstan Chess Cup 2025 stages;
- **3 participants from Kazakhstan** with the highest number of points scored during the Kazakhstan Chess Cup 2025 stages; and
- **1 invited player** (wild card) from the Republic of Kazakhstan nominated by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KCF);
- **3 invited international players** (wild cards) nominated by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KCF).

6.2. Confirmation of participation shall be sent to tournaments@kazchess.kz.

6.3. Applications for invited (local) participant shall be submitted to tournaments@kazchess.kz **no later than 1 November 2025 (inclusive)**.

6.4. All participants in the Finals, including both eligible and invited participants, shall be provided accommodation, meals and air tickets.

6.5. Accommodation: all participants shall be accommodated in single rooms.

6.6. The organisers will provide air tickets.

6.7. All arrangements, including hotel check-in and check-out times, meal plans, expense reimbursement procedures and other organisational details shall be communicated to participants individually in official invitation letters issued by the organisers.

6.8. The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission or reimbursement of expenses to any participant who fail to confirm their participation by the specified deadline.

7. Visas

7.1. An invitation number is required for visa processing. The timeline for document review by the authorised body responsible for issuing invitation numbers is two weeks or longer.

7.2. Players shall apply for an e-visa using the invitation number on their own via: <https://www.vmp.gov.kz/ru/services/visa-service>.

7.3. The e-visa must be printed out for presentation to border control officers and for use within Kazakhstan. E-visas permit their holders to enter and exit Kazakhstan only through international airports.

7.4. Participants shall apply for a visa to be affixed in their passports using the invitation number at the embassies of Kazakhstan.

7.5. The visa fee is USD 80. Note: the organisers will cover the visa fee for participants who are extended a fully sponsored invitation.

8. Selection of Winners. Award Ceremony

8.1. Winners shall be determined based on the highest total number of points scored across all rounds. If the event of a tie, the following tiebreak criteria shall apply, in order of priority:

- Sonneborn-Berger score;
- direct encounter;
- greater number of wins;

8.2. The guaranteed prize fund at the Cup is **KZT 49,500,000**.

Open Cup 2025 (Men)			
1 st place	₸9,000,000	7 th place	₸1,500,000
2 nd place	₸7,000,000	8 th place	₸1,250,000
3 rd place	₸5,000,000	9 th place	₸1,000,000
4 th place	₸3,500,000	10 th place	₸750,000
5 th place	₸2,500,000	11 th place	₸500,000
6 th place	₸2,000,000	12 th place	₸500,000

Women's Cup 2025 (Women)			
1 st place	₸3,500,000	7 th place	₸750,000
2 nd place	₸2,750,000	8 th place	₸700,000
3 rd place	₸2,000,000	9 th place	₸650,000
4 th place	₸1,100,000	10 th place	₸600,000
5 th place	₸1,000,000	11 th place	₸550,000
6 th place	₸900,000	12 th place	₸500,000

8.3. All prizes shall be subject to taxation in accordance with the current laws of Kazakhstan.

8.4. The prizes shall not be shared.

8.5. Prize payments shall be transferred to the participant's bank account in KZT, USD or RUB within 30 calendar days of the submission of the required documents.

8.6. If a participant does not have a bank account, or their bank account is blocked, or if the transfer to their bank account is not possible due to sanctions or other circumstances, the participant must submit a notarised power of attorney for a third party to receive the prize money on their behalf.

9. Tournament Expenses

9.1. Tournament expenses shall be covered by KazChess.

10. Contact Details

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