



21st Asian Continental Chess Championships

(Men's and Women's Championships)

28 May – 07 June 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

To: All National Chess Federations in Asia Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 & 3.8

The Mongolian Chess Federation on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE invites your Federation to participate in the Asian Continental Chess Championships (Open and Women's) from 28th May (arrival) to 07th June (departure) 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Playing venue is the Conventional Center in Ulaanbaatar.

RULES & REGULATIONS

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

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 Each Federation from FIDE Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8 can register one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Championships.
- 1.2 In addition, each Federation may add extra players rated 2200 and above for the Open, and 2000 and above for Women based on the 1st of May 2026 FIDE Rating List. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee. Exceptions for the rating floor may be made by the Continental President at the request of national federations.
- 1.3 Hosting country can add till 30 players with rating 2000 and above in the Open, and rating 1800 and above in the competitions as extra players.

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.
- 2.2 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 FIDE approved clocks. Pairings will be made by the Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation may be paired together in the last round.

3. SCHEDULE

Thu. 28 th May	Arrival (Check in @ 14:00)	MGL time (GMT+8)
Fri. 29 th May	Opening	14:30
	Rd 1	15:00
Sat. 30 th May	Rd. 2	15:00
Sun. 31 st May	Rd. 3	15:00
Mon. 1 st Jun	Rd. 4	15:00
Tue. 2 nd Jun	Rd. 5	15:00
Wed. 3 rd Jun	Rd. 6	15:00
Thu. 4 th Jun	Rd. 7	15:00
Fri. 5 th Jun	Rd. 8	15:00
Sat. 6 th Jun	Rd. 9	10:00
	Awards Ceremony	20:00
Sun. 7 th Jun	Departure	Before 12:00

Organizers, if necessary, may make changes to the schedule, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. The default time will be 30 minutes for each round.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The registration form shall be fill and send by email and shall be submitted by the national federation on or before 30 April 2026 together with payment.
- 4.2 A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport color copy of each player or accompanying person should be uploaded in the registration form and submitted to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

- 5.1 Each player or accompanying person must pay US\$110 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation, and other local organizational expenses.
- 5.2 Registration deadline is 30th April 2026. After this date, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

6. ENTRY FEE

- 6.1 In accordance with Asian Chess Federation regulations, an entry fee of US\$150 is required for each invited (official) player.
- 6.2 For each additional (extra) player, an entry fee of US\$300 is required.

7. PAYMENTS

- 7.1 After the Registration forms for all players and accompanying persons have been filled in, sent to and approved by the Organizing Committee, the national federations will

receive invoices for bank payments. The invoices will contain all the necessary details for the bank payment.

7.2 The payment deadline for registrations and accommodations is 30th April 2026

7.3 A sender must pay all bank charges. When payments are confirmed, the Organizing Committee will send to the participating Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

7.4 Bank details: (Only in US\$)

Account name: Mongolian Chess Federation

IBAN account number: 480015001105043303

Name of Bank: Golomt bank of Mongolia

Address of Bank: Sukhbaatar Square 5, P.O.Box 22, Ulaanbaatar, 15160, Mongolia

SWIFT: GLMTMNUB

All bank charges are to be paid by the sender.

8. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

8.1 In accordance with FIDE Regulations, travel expenses shall be covered by the participating Federations.

Organizer arranges transfer from Chinggis Khaan International Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to the airport.

9. ACCOMMODATION

9.1 The official hotel is the Ulaanbaatar hotel in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. All participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the official hotel.

9.2 The hotel, which is the playing venue, offers comfortable accommodation, high-quality service, and a range of modern amenities at the rates below:

Room Type	Rate Single occupancy	Rate Double Occupancy
Standard Rm/night	US\$125	US\$100 per person

- Extra nights can be requested in advance and upon availability, can be possible at a proportional cost:
- All participants and all accompanying people are obliged to lodge at the official hotels.
- Booking of official hotel for the event should be done only through the Organizing Committee.

9.3 The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from

the afternoon of 28th May till noon of 07th June 2026.

- 9.4 Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Total prize fund is 100,000.00 \$ for Men and Women as follows.

Place	Men	Women
1st	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
2nd	\$11,000.00	\$9,000.00
3rd	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00
4th	\$7,000.00	\$4,000.00
5th	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00
6th	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
7th	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
8th	\$1,500.00	\$700.00
9th	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
10th	\$1,000.00	\$600.00
11th	\$800.00	\$500.00
12th	\$800.00	\$500.00
13th	\$800.00	
14th	\$800.00	
15th	\$800.00	
	\$60,000.00	\$40,000.00

- Prizes shall not be shared among tied players.
- 10% charge for taxes due to Mongolian law.

- 10.2 The top Five (5) from the 2026 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify for the 2027 World Cup and top one (1) from the 2026 Asian Women's Championship shall qualify for the 2027 Women's World Cup.

11. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

- 11.1 The Chief Arbiter, his Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.
- 11.2 A Technical Delegate, to be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president, who shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adheres strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations of the Asian Continental Championship.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 12.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.
- 12.2 There shall be a Chairman, two members, and two reserve members shall from different Federations, appointed by the ACF President. 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.
- 12.3 All protests must be submitted in a written form to the Appeals Committee not more than 30 minutes after the relevant playing session, or the infringement complained against. (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.

13. TIE BREAK

- 13.1 Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)*
- b) Buchholz Cut 1**;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots.

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

14. VISAS

Those who need visas must submit their information no later than 30th April 2026. Invitations shall be issued only after all the pre-payments are made. Organizers will not bear responsibility for visas of late entries.

15. DRESS CODE

- 15.1 All Players are encouraged to 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.

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16. Registration:

Sign In to register: <https://forms.gle/pihJPt6af4R9wBmp7>

17. CONTACTS

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

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