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FIDE-RATED "STEINITZ OPEN" INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Steinitz Mongolian Chess Academy is organizing this tournament with the aim of promoting professional chess and expanding social chess. In this edition, the prize fund has been increased, management has been improved, and innovative ideas have been incorporated. The event is conducted in accordance with the regulations of FIDE, in cooperation with the leadership, council, and committees of the Mongolian Chess Federation, and is designed to deliver a world-class tournament to players at an affordable cost.

Participants will play 11 rounds under standard time control in their home country, enabling them to prepare for continental and world-level competitions, gain or improve their international rating, achieve title norms, and pursue international titles.

The tournament will take place from May 21 to 24, 2026, at ASA Arena (formerly the Circus). Total Prize Fund: **MNT 54,000,000.**

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

Nr	Category	Rating & Age Categories
1	A	FIDE Standard Rating 1800+
2	B	FIDE Standard Rating U1799
3	C	U8 (Open/Girls)
		U10 (Open/Girls)
		U2 (Open/Girls)

The FIDE rating list effective as of **1st May 2026** shall be applied. All participants in Categories A, B, and C must have a valid FIDE ID, as the tournament is FIDE-rated. Players without a FIDE ID must contact the organizers in advance to obtain one. Domestic ratings will be calculated for all participants.

3. SYSTEM OF PLAY AND TIME CONTROL

Category	Number of Rounds	Time Control
A,B,C	11	60 min + 30 sec increment per move.

- 3.1. The tournament shall be conducted in accordance with the FIDE regulations.
- 3.2. The tournament shall be played over 11 rounds using the Swiss system. FIDE Standard rating shall be calculated.
- 3.3. Domestic ratings shall be calculated for all participants.
- 3.4. In the event of a tie, the following tie-break criteria shall be applied in order:
 - 3.4.1. FIDE Progressive Score
 - 3.4.2. Buchholz (2023) Cut-1
 - 3.4.3. Buchholz (2023) Cut-2
 - 3.4.4. Direct Encounter
- 3.5. The default time shall be 30 minutes.
- 3.6. Draw agreements before move 30 are not permitted without the approval of the Chief or Deputy Chief Arbiter.
- 3.7. The highest-rated player shall have the white pieces in the first round.
- 3.8. Mobile phones, electronic devices, and wristwatches of any kind are strictly prohibited in the playing venue. Players must switch off their mobile phones and deposit all electronic devices (including watches, phones, headphones, laptops, etc.) with the organizers prior to the start of play. If a player violates this regulation by possessing an electronic device, or if it is proven that such a device (or any external source) has been used, the player shall lose the game.
- 3.9. Fair play checks may be conducted at random using a metal detector before and during the games. Players shall comply with such checks.
- 3.10. Players in Categories A, B, and C are required to record their games completely, legibly, and accurately, even in time pressure. Only players in the U8 category may be exempt from recording moves in time trouble.
- 3.11. Any player who fails to appear for two rounds without prior notice and without a valid reason shall be removed from the pairings for the subsequent rounds.
- 3.12. Participants shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to: withdrawing from the tournament without valid reason, appearing for games under the influence of alcohol, verbally abusing or arguing with others, or pre-arranging game results. All participants are required to comply with the regulations and instructions of the organizers and shall behave in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner throughout the tournament.
- 3.13. Coaches, trainers, and VIP guests may enter the playing hall only with a temporary accreditation issued by the organizers. Upon entry, all electronic devices must be deposited with the organizers. It is prohibited to disturb the games, to observe any single game for an excessive period of time, or to enter or use electronic devices within the playing hall.
- 3.14. Participants shall behave in a respectful and orderly manner and maintain cleanliness in the playing and waiting areas.
- 3.15. Only players from the youth categories may freely observe the games on the top five boards.
- 3.16. The decision of the Chief Arbiter shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal.

4. REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEES AND SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Registration shall be open from 22 April until 18:00 on 18 May. Late registration from 18:00 on 18 May until 15:00 on 20 May shall be subject to a 20% surcharge on the entry fee. In Category C, registration shall be limited to the first 400 youth players who register. In addition, 100 youth players will be directly registered by the Steinitz Mongolian Chess Academy. Registration shall be conducted via the official Facebook page “Social Chess Mongolia”, affiliated with the Steinitz Mongolian Chess Academy, through an online registration form.

№	Category	ELO	Entry Fee / MNT**
1	A	2200+	120,000
		2000+	160,000
		1800+	200,000
2	B	U1799	120,000
		U1600	140,000
		Unrated	160,000
3	C	All Participants	80,000
4	GM, IM, WGM		No Entry Fee
5	<p>Seniors: In accordance with Article 3.1 of the Law on Senior Citizens of Mongolia, participants aged 55 and above for women and 60 and above for men shall be eligible.</p>		<p>Senior players and players with disabilities shall receive a 50% discount on the entry fee in their respective categories.</p>

- 4.2. In Category A, a quota of 10 players with a rating of 1700+ shall be allocated. The organizers shall reserve 5 of these quota places.
- 4.3. Bank Details (Payments in USD only):
 Account Name: Ulziikhishig Shagdarsuren
 Account Number: 51001500 1805122028
 Bank Name: Golomt Bank, Mongolia
 Bank Address: Head Office of Golomt Bank, D. Sukhbaatar Square 5, P.O. Box 22, Ulaanbaatar 15160, Mongolia
 SWIFT Code: GLMTMNUB
 All bank charges shall be borne by the sender.
- 4.4. If a participant is unable to take part for any reason, the organizers must be informed before 18 May. Entry fees shall not be refunded after 18 May. Due to venue capacity and other organizational constraints, the number of participants is limited; therefore, early registration is strongly recommended. Any entry fee transferred after the participant limit has been reached shall be refunded.

4.5. **Schedule of Play:**

Category	Day	Round	Time
A,B,C	V/21	Round 1	09:00
		Opening Ceremony	13:30
		Round 2	14:00
		Round 3	17:30
	V/22	Round 4	09:00
		Round 5	13:30
		Round 6	17:00
	V/23	Round 7	09:00
		Round 8	13:30
		Round 9	17:00
	V/24	Round 10	09:00
		Round 11	13:30
		Closing Ceremony	18:00

5. PRIZES

Category	Prizes	Place	MNT
A	Main Prizes	1 st	4,000,000
		2 nd	2,500,000
		3 rd	1,500,000
		4 th	1,000,000
		5 th	800,000
		6 th	550,000
		7 th	550,000
		8 th	550,000
		9 th	550,000
		10 th	550,000
	Special Prizes	Women's 1 st	600,000
		Women's 2 nd	400,000
		Best U18	400,000
		Best U16	400,000
		Best U14	400,000
		Senior Men's 1 st	600,000
		Senior Men's 2 nd	400,000
		Senior Women's 1 st	600,000
		Senior Women's 2 nd	400,000
Total			16,750,000

Category	Prizes	Place	MNT
B	Main Prizes	1 st	2,000,000
		2 nd	1,500,000
		3 rd	1,000,000
		4 th	800,000
		5 th	600,000
		6 th	425,000
		7 th	425,000
		8 th	425,000
		9 th	425,000
		10 th	425,000
	Special Prizes	Women's 1 st	600,000
		Women's 2 nd	400,000
		Best U18	400,000
		Best U16	400,000
		Best U14	400,000
		Best Unrated	400,000
		Senior Men's 1 st	600,000
		Senior Men's 2 nd	400,000
		Senior Women's 1 st	600,000
Senior Women's 2 nd		400,000	
Total			12,625,000

Category	Prizes	Place	MNT
C	U8, U10, U12 (Open and Girls) (Total: 6 categories)	1 st	1,200,000
		2 nd	900,000
		3 rd	700,000
		4 th	500,000
		5 th	300,000
Total			21,600,000

- Total Prize Fund: **MNT 54,000,000** (Trophies, Medals, Certificates, and Cash Prizes)
- Prizes, including medals and certificates, shall be awarded according to the final ranking. Cash prizes shall be shared among players with equal scores in accordance with the Hort system
- Cash prizes shall not be combined. Each player shall be entitled to receive only one prize.
In accordance with Article 19.1 of the Personal Income Tax Law, 5% shall be deducted from the prize amount.

6.ANTI-CHEATING

During the tournament, the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations and Fair Play Regulations shall be strictly applied.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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