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09–14.12.2026 · NUKUS

Aral Chess 2026

EN **Regulations** · International Chess Tournament

DATES

09–14.12.2026

VENUE

Nukus, Nukus City Sports School No. 1

I. Karimov 116

PRIZE FUND

350 000 000

UZS

REGISTRATION

aralchess.uz/register

Applications from foreign players by 1 December

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REGULATIONS

on the organisation and conduct of the "Aral Chess 2026" International Chess Tournament

I. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TOURNAMENT

1.1 The "Aral Chess 2026" International Chess Tournament (hereinafter – the tournament) is held with the following aims:

- to implement the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of 14 January 2021 "On measures to further develop and popularise chess and to improve the system of training chess players";
- to promote chess more widely across the country and to involve young people in sports competitions on a mass scale;
- to create the conditions needed to further develop the knowledge and experience of Uzbek chess players and to reward them appropriately;
- to raise the sporting skills of amateurs and young chess players and to help pupils spend their free time meaningfully;
- to foster a healthy lifestyle among young people and to build cultural and sporting ties.

II. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

2.1 The tournament is organised and conducted by the Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the Uzbekistan Chess Federation (hereinafter – the organiser).

2.2 The tournament takes place at "Nukus City Sports School No. 1" in Nukus from 9 December 2026 (arrival day) to 14 December 2026 (final round and departure day).

2.3 Address: Nukus City Sports School No. 1, 116 I. Karimov Street, Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan.

2.4 The tournament is held under FIDE rules in 2 (two) groups:

- Group "A" – players with a FIDE rating of 1800 and above, as well as 10 foreign players with a FIDE rating of 2400 and above invited by the organisers.
- Group "B" – open to players with a FIDE rating of 1999 and below, as well as players without a FIDE rating.

2.5 Players' FIDE standard ratings as of 1 December 2026 are used.

2.6 The tournament is a 9-round Swiss system with a standard time control: 90 minutes per player with 30 seconds added per move, starting from move one. Draws by agreement are not allowed before move 30.

2.7 The default time for each round is 15 minutes. Players who miss 2 rounds without notice will not be paired for the next round by the Chief Arbiter.

2.8 Pairings are made with the Swiss Manager program.

2.9 All participants must arrive at Nukus City Sports School No. 1, Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan, on 9 December 2026 between 14:00 and 18:00 to confirm their participation. Otherwise they will be removed from the pairings.

2.10 Foreign players who wish to take part may apply by 1 December 2026 via the official email of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation, uzchess@inbox.ru.

2.11 Programme for Groups “A” and “B”:

Date	Event	Time
09.12.2026	**Arrival**	until 18:00
10.12.2026	**Opening ceremony**	09:00
10.12.2026	Round 1	09:30
10.12.2026	Round 2	15:00
11.12.2026	Round 3	09:30
11.12.2026	Round 4	15:00
12.12.2026	Round 5	09:30
12.12.2026	Round 6	15:00
13.12.2026	Round 7	09:30
13.12.2026	Round 8	15:00
14.12.2026	Round 9	09:30
14.12.2026	**Closing and prize-giving ceremony**	15:00
14.12.2026	**Departure of participants**	from 17:00

III. DETERMINING AND AWARDING THE WINNERS

3.1 Winners are determined by the number of points scored. If points are equal, the following tie-breaks apply:

1. Buchholz Cut 1;
2. Buchholz;
3. Direct encounter;
4. Number of wins;
5. Rating performance, etc.

3.2 If players are tied on points, their prizes are not shared; prizes are allocated according to the tie-breaks above. If one player wins in two categories, the prizes are not combined; the larger prize or the main prize is awarded.

3.3 The total prize fund of the tournament is 350 000 000 soum.

3.4 Winners and prize-winners receive cash prizes as follows:

Group “A”

Prize places and amounts · UZS

Main prizes

1st	**50 000 000**	6th	**10 000 000**
2nd	**30 000 000**	7th	**9 000 000**
3rd	**20 000 000**	8th	**8 000 000**
4th	**12 000 000**	9th	**7 000 000**
5th	**11 000 000**	10th	**6 000 000**

	1st	2nd
Women	4 000 000	2 000 000
Seniors 50+	2 500 000	—
Seniors 65+	2 500 000	—
Boys under 20	3 000 000	—
Girls under 20	3 000 000	—
Boys under 18	3 000 000	—
Girls under 18	3 000 000	—
Boys under 16	3 000 000	—
Girls under 16	3 000 000	—
Boys under 15	3 000 000	—
Girls under 15	3 000 000	—
Boys under 14	2 000 000	—
Girls under 14	2 000 000	—
Boys under 13	2 000 000	—
Girls under 13	2 000 000	—
Boys under 12	2 000 000	—
Girls under 12	2 000 000	—

Total **210 000 000 UZS**

Group “B”

Prize places and amounts · UZS

Main prizes

1st	**15 000 000**	6th	**8 000 000**
2nd	**13 000 000**	7th	**6 000 000**
3rd	**12 000 000**	8th	**4 000 000**
4th	**10 000 000**	9th	**3 000 000**
5th	**9 000 000**	10th	**2 500 000**

	1st	2nd
Women	3 000 000	1 500 000
Seniors 50+	2 000 000	—
Seniors 65+	2 000 000	—
Boys under 16	3 000 000	—
Girls under 16	3 000 000	—
Boys under 15	3 000 000	—
Girls under 15	3 000 000	—
Boys under 14	3 000 000	—
Girls under 14	3 000 000	—
Boys under 13	2 000 000	1 500 000
Girls under 13	2 000 000	1 500 000
Boys under 12	2 000 000	1 500 000
Girls under 12	2 000 000	1 500 000
Boys under 11	2 000 000	1 500 000
Girls under 11	2 000 000	1 500 000
Boys under 10	2 000 000	1 500 000
Girls under 10	2 000 000	1 500 000
Boys under 8	1 500 000	—
Girls under 8	1 500 000	—

Total **140 000 000 UZS**

TOTAL PRIZE FUND **350 000 000 UZS**

3.5 Cash prizes are transferred to the prize-winners’ bank accounts or bank cards once they have submitted all required documents, or may be paid in cash.

IV. PARTICIPANTS AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 Group “A” is free for the following participants:

- holders of the international titles GM, IM, WGM, WIM.

For Uzbek participants in Group “A” (payable by 1 December):

- 300 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 2200 and above;
- 350 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 2000–2199;
- 400 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 1800–1999.

4.2 For Uzbek participants in Group “B” (payable by 1 December):

- 300 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 1800–1999;
- 350 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 1600–1799;
- 400 000 soum for players with a FIDE rating of 1599 and below;
- 450 000 soum for players without a FIDE rating.

4.3 A 50% discount is given to veterans over 60, persons with physical disabilities, women and girls, and players from Karakalpakstan.

4.4 The entry fee can be paid online during registration at aralchess.uz/register, or by transfer to the bank accounts below.

Participants pay their entry fees to the bank account of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation:

ACCOUNT **2021 2000 9001 7827 6006**	INN **201710234**
BANK **PJSCB “DAVR BANK”**	MFO **00981**

4.5 For foreign participants (payable by 1 December): 100 US dollars.

Foreign citizens pay to the following bank account:

BENEFICIARY **Uzbekistan Chess Federation**	ACCOUNT **2021 2840 2001 7827 6009**
S.W.I.F.T. **DVRBUZ22**	BANK **P.J.S.C. “DAVR BANK”**
ADDRESS **98A Karimov str, Tashkent, Uzbekistan**	BANK PHONE **(99871) 207-09-81**

4.6 Late registration fee (after 1 December): 300 000 soum for Uzbek participants and 50 US dollars for foreign participants, in addition to the entry fee.

V. APPEALS COMMITTEE

5.1 An appeals committee of at least 5 people (3 members, 2 reserves) is formed to consider complaints about the tournament results. Its composition is approved by the organising committee.

5.2 Participants who disagree with the tournament arbiters or their decisions may appeal to the appeals committee during the tournament within 1 (one) hour after the last game of the round has finished.

VI. FAIR PLAY RULES

6.1 All participants must comply with the FIDE Fair Play rules and cooperate. A player may be excluded from the tournament at any time by the final decision of the Chief Arbiter based on the Fair Play rules.

6.2 No player has the right to challenge the above actions through arbitration, consultation or in court under any jurisdiction. Participants have no right to appeal against the pairings made during the tournament. By registering for the tournament, players waive any right to financial compensation or to demand corrections related to the tournament.

6.3 To ensure the success of the event, the Organiser has the right, with due notice, to change the schedule, update the regulations or decide on any matter not covered by the current rules.

VII. VISAS

7.1 Participants who need a visa to enter Uzbekistan must register and send copies of their passports by 15 November 2026. Otherwise the organisers cannot guarantee visa support.

7.2 If the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan does not approve a visa, the organisers cannot provide any visa assistance.

VIII. DRESS CODE AND HEALTH MEASURES

8.1 The FIDE dress code applies at the tournament.

A participant with a raised body temperature or other signs of illness may be excluded from the tournament. Additional rules may be issued later if necessary.

IX. TOURNAMENT FUNDING

9.1 The prize fund and organisational costs, including payments for arbiters, transfers and accommodation of the invited participants and officials of the tournament, are covered by the Jokargy Kenes of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

X. FINAL PROVISIONS

10.1 To ensure the success of the competition, the organising committee may amend and supplement these regulations.

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