



**Asian Continental Chess Championships
(Open and Women's Championships)
6 June - 16 June 2019, Xingtai, China**

To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federations in Asia
Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7

Chinese Chess Federation on behalf of Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the Asian Continental Chess Championships (Open and Women's) from 6th June (arrival) to 16th June (departure) 2019 in Xingtai, China.

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 and 3.7 can enter one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Division.

1.2 In addition, each Federation may send extra players rated 2300 and above for the Open, and 2000 and above for Women based on the 1st April 2019 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 on request of national federations.

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 DGT clocks. Pairings will be made by Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation with more than 50% score shall not be paired together in the last round.

2.3 The drawing of colors for round 1 shall be carried out during the players' meeting.

3. SCHEDULE

6 th June	Arrival	
	Players' Meeting	21:00
7 th June	Opening Ceremony	13:30
	Rd. 1	14:00
8 th June	Rd. 2	14:00
9 th June	Rd. 3	14:00
10 th June	Rd. 4	14:00
11 th June	Rd. 5	14:00
12 th June	Rd. 6	14:00
13 th June	Rd. 7	14:00
14 th June	Rd. 8	14:00
15 th June	Rd. 9	9:00
	Blitz Championship	15:00
	Awarding Ceremony	20:00
16 th June	Departure	

Changes in the schedule might be made by organizers, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. Zero tolerance for each round.

4. REGISTRATION

Registration form shall be submitted by the national federation on or before 6th May 2019 together with payment. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

5.1 Each player or accompanying person must pay US\$100 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

5.2 6th May 2019 is the registration deadline. 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 FIDE regulations, an entry fee of US\$150 is required for each invited player.

6.2 For each additional (extra) player, an entry fee of US\$300 is required.

7. PAYMENTS

Payments (registration fees, entry fees, accommodation) must be made to the following: bank account:

Bank name: BANK OF CHINA HEBEI XINGTAI BRANCH ZHONGHUA SUB-BRANCH
 Bank Address: 191 GUOSHOUJING NORTH ROAD, XINGTAI,HEBEI PROV.,CHINA
 SWIFT: BKCHCNBJ220
 BENEFICIARY: XINGTAI CHESS ASSOCIATION
 A/C NO: 100287505460

8. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

In accordance with FIDE Regulations, air travel expenses shall be borne by the participating Federations.

Organizer arranges transfer between Beijing international airport and the official hotel.

9. ACCOMMODATION

9.1 Playing venue and official hotel is at the Hongshigou Quesheng Bieyuan Hostel. All participants and accompanying persons are required to stay at the official hotel.

9.2 The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from afternoon of 6th June till noon of 16th June 2019. The official players will be accommodated in double shared bedrooms.

9.3 Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance in the rate as below (per person/per night including three meals):

Single room with three meals: 1133 USD for 10 days

Double room with three meals: 716 USD for 10 days

9.4 The check-in time is after 14:00 and check-out time is before 12:00 noon.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Total prize fund is \$80,000 (pre-tax), including Open, Women and Blitz as follows. Local tax is 20%.

	Open	Women	Blitz Open	Blitz women	
1st place	11,000	7,000	1,500	1,000	
2nd place	9,000	6,000	1,000	600	
3rd place	7,000	5,000	500	400	
4th place	5,000	4,000			
5th place	3,000	2,000			
6th place	2,000	1,000			
7th place	1,000	800			
8th place	800	600			
9th place	700	600			
10th place	500	500			
11th place	500	500			
12th place	500	500			
13th place	500	500			

14th place	500	500			
15th place	500	500			
16th place	500				
17th place	500				
18th place	500				
19th place	500				
20th place	500				
Total	45,000	30,000	3,000	2,000	80,000

Prizes shall be shared among tied players.

10.2 The top five (5) from the 2019 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify for the 2019 World Cup. The 2019 Asian Women's champion shall qualify for the 2020 Women's World Cup.

10.3 If previous qualifiers are among the winners, the next in line in the 2019 Continental shall take the Continental qualification place to the World Cup / Women's Championship.

11. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS

11.1 The Chief Arbiter, his Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan. 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, shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adhere 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 in consultation with the Organizing Committee. 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 writing to the Appeals Committee not more than one hour after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against. 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.

12.4 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 endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 200 (two 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 In the Asian Individual Chess Championships, tie-breaks are organized only in the following cases:

- to establish the Champion;
- to establish qualifiers for the World Cup / Women's World Championship.

13.2 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

All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter China must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information), registration form (attached) and visa form(attached) to the Organizer before the deadline of 6th May 2019 after which the Organizer shall not be responsible. The invitation letter will be sent after the payment is done.

15. DRESS CODE

All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

16. CONTACTS

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