15<sup>th</sup> Asian Schools Chess Championships 2019
Open & Girls under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17
Tashkent, Uzbekistan - 19<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

INVITATION

The Uzbekistan Chess Federation under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and the World Chess Federation (FIDE), has the honour of inviting all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Schools Chess Championships 2019 to be organized in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 19<sup>th</sup> June (arrival) to 29<sup>th</sup> June (departure) 2019.

1. General Rules & Regulations
The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and these Rules.

2. Participation
2.1 There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-07, Under-09, Under-11, Under-13, Under15 and Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.

2.2 Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 before 1 January 2019:
Under-07: Born on or after 1 January 2012
Under-09: Born on or after 1 January 2010
Under-11: Born on or after 1 January 2008
Under-13: Born on or after 1 January 2006
Under-15: Born on or after 1 January 2004
Under-17: Born on or after 1 January 2002

2.3 Every Asian National Chess Federation can register one official player in each category (open/girls) totaling a maximum of 12 players. No substitution from other categories can be made in case there is no official player in any category.

2.4 Asian National Chess Federations might register no more than 5 extra players in each category. Extra players will be responsible for their accommodation and board.

2.5 Registration must be made through the national chess federations. Individual registrations won't be accepted. All players must have FIDE ID before registration.

3. Financial Regulations
3.1 Entry Fee: The Entry Fee is 75 USD for official players and 150USD for additional players has to be paid before the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019. After the deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019, the surcharge for each late entry of USD 50 shall be applicable.

3.2 Registration Fee: All players and accompanying persons must pay a registration fee of 125 USD to the organizer. The registration fee includes the costs for airport transfers, Accreditation Cards, Certificates, etc.

3.3 Payments should be made to:
Beneficiary Name: Uzbekistan Chess Federation
Address: 98A Karimov str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan
US Dollar Acc: 2021 2840 2001 7827 6009
Bank Name: P.J.S.C. DAVR-BANK
Bank Address: Navoi-Zarkaynar str. Block A, Tashkent, 100021
SWIFT CODE: DVRBUZ22

All bank commissions have to be paid by the sender.

3.4 All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

3.5 The travelling costs of all international participants must be paid by themselves or by their National Chess Federations.

4. Playing Venue & Accommodation

4.1 All international players and accompanying persons should stay at the official hotel booked by organizers. Official tournament venue will be in the International Hotel Tashkent (****).

4.2 All Official players - one (1) player per country in each category and one (1) Head of Delegation per country are entitled to free Board and lodging for 10 nights starting from the 19th June to 29th June 2019 at the Official Hotel in triple-room basis. Any extra dates will be charged at full rate according to the prices below. Upgrades should need to pay the balance. Arrangement of rooms is on first register first serve basis.

4.3 All additional players and all other accompanying persons should pay the cost for board and lodging (with breakfast, lunch & dinner) per person per day as given below. If the specified room type is not available when organizer received the payments, organizer has the right to modify the room type according to the availability.

4.4 Hotel fees are as below (per person/per night, including full board):

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4.5 Bookings of official Hotel for the event should be done through the organizers only. Considering the restricted number of hotel rooms and high demand during this season, 50% prepayment for accommodation has to be made by the 19th May 2019 (registration deadline). Prepayment won’t be returned if the participant didn’t come.

5. Format of Play

5.1 Time control in standard - Each player shall have 90 minutes for the game with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move. Time control for Rapid Chess is 10 minutes plus 10 second increment per move from move 1. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes plus 2 second increment per move from move 1.

5.2 Where possible, each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.

5.3 Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

6. Schedule

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7. **Tie-break System**

7.1 The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken as in accordance to the following:

- 7.2 Direct Encounter (if all tied players played against each other)
- 7.3 The greater number of wins
- 7.4 The greater number of games with black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with white)
- 7.5 Buchholz cut 1
- 7.6 Buchholz
- 7.7 Sonneborn-Berger (for round robins)

8. **Prizes**

8.1 Trophies, Medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players in each category.

8.2 Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players.

8.3 For Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, finishing first (after tie-break) shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal (after tie-break) winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

8.4 For Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

8.5 For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: FM 2100, WFM 1900, CM 2000, WCM 1800

8.6 In case there are fewer than eight players and five federations in an age group, that group shall be merged with another group.

8.7 Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories, will receive a trophy.

9. **Appeals Committee**

9.1 The Appeals Committee shall be composed of a Chairman to be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, two other members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of national federations present.

9.2 No member of the committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such cases the member concerned shall have the right only to partake in the discussions of the committee.
9.3 A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within a half an hour after the end of the respective Game. No protests will be entertained for Rapid and Blitz.

9.4 A protest fee of USD 200 shall be paid to the Organizer which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous.

9.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

10. Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

10.1 The Asian Chess Federation President will - after consultation with the organizing federation - nominate the Technical Delegate and the Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

10.2 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

11. Visa

11.1 Those who need visas must submit their data the latest on 19th May 2019. Invitations shall be issued only after all the pre-payments are made. Organizing Committee shall provide service to issue visa at airport if there is no embassy or consulate of Uzbekistan in the respective country. Organizers won’t bear responsibility for visas of the late entries.

12. Transfer Information

12.1 Organizers shall provide airport transfers to the registered participants from Tashkent International Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to the airport. Therefore all participants are required to send their flight details of arrivals and departures to Organizers before 1st June to provide transfer service. Otherwise organizers won’t bear any responsibility for the transfers.

13. Dress Code

13.1 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 opening and closing ceremonies.

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Information about the venue

International Hotel Tashkent is located in a business area of Tashkent, close to a bazaar and a market. The spectacular hotel represents historic architecture in Tashkent. The city center is 10 km away from the hotel.

The airport is situated within a 15-minute drive from International Hotel Tashkent. International Hotel Tashkent offers comfortable rooms on 10 floors that come with climate control, central heating, wireless internet, LCD TV and a trouser press along with a microwave, an electric kettle and kitchenware. Some of the contemporary rooms feature the park view. They have carpet floor and elegant furniture. Spa facilities at International Hotel Tashkent include a spa lounge, a health club and a solarium. The hotel offers a gym, aqua fitness and aerobics classes for active guests.

Wireless internet is available in the entire hotel for free.