



2-11 Aug 2019

Under the Patronage of H.H Sheikh Nahyan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Sport Council. Abu Dhabi Chess Festival Committee has the honor of inviting you to take part in a distinguished chess annual event, which consists of numerous FIDE registered tournaments. It will be held in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the UAE from 2nd until 11th of August, 2019.

Organization:

Abu Dhabi Chess & Culture Club is organizing the festival in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Sports Council and guarantees the tournament will be held in accordance with FIDE chess rules and regulations.

Festival Tournaments:

1- Masters Tournament:

Open to all Fide- rated players with standard rating of 2100 ELO and above "Exception Abu Dhabi chess players" (as of 1st Jun 2019,). Tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, time control 90 min for each player and 30 seconds increment for each. 30-minute tolerance will be applied. The organizing committee shall provide free accommodation in a five stars' hotel for players rated 2600+ and women with standard Elo of 2400+ (prior approval from the committee is needed in order to guarantee the accommodation. Only for limited players who register first). FIDE ID is required. Entry Fees AED 370 (US\$ 100). GM, IM with standard Elo Above 2400 and WGM are exempted from entry and registration Fees.

2- Open Tournament:

Open for players rated 2100 ELO and below (as of 1st Jun 2019,). The tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, time control 90 min for each player and 30 seconds increment for each move. 30-minute tolerance will be applied. FIDE ID is required. Entry fees AED 200 (US\$ 60). IM's & GM's are exempted from this condition

3- Juniors Tournament (under 16 years):

Open for players born in 2003 or later. The tournament will be a 9 rounds Swiss system, time control 70 min for each player for the whole game. 30-minute tolerance will be applied. FIDE ID is required. Entry fees AED 100 (US\$ 27). IM's & GM's are exempted from this condition

***Only rated junior players are eligible to play in two tournaments (open and juniors tournament). Exception Abu Dhabi Chess players if the committee accepted.**

4- Blitz tournament: Swiss system, 11 rounds, 3 min + 2 sec increment. Entry fees AED 100 (US\$ 27). GM, IM with standard Elo Above 2400 and WGM are exempted.

5- Simultaneous exhibition: Held by a renowned international GM. Free Registration

- 6- Homeland protector's tournament:** Open to members of military and police and national service. Swiss system, 7 rounds, 15 min. If there are 10 or less teams participating, the tournament will be a round robin Free Registration
- 7- Family Team Tournament:** Swiss system, 7 rounds, 15 min. Open to teams of 2 players (player + one of the parents). If there are 10 or less teams participating, the tournament will be a round robin. Free Registration.
- 8- Senior Chess Tournament:** Swiss system, 7 rounds, 15 min. The participants are aged 55 years and over

TIEBREAK

1. Direct Encounter (The Result of the Players in The Same Point Group)
2. ARCO (Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1)
3. BUCHHOLZ
4. SONNERBORN-BERGER

Tournament Prizes (in U.S. dollars)

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10
Masters tournament	\$13000	\$7,500	\$5,500	\$3,500	\$2000	\$1500	\$1000	\$800	\$700	\$600
Master Tournament Best Player Below 2400	\$500	\$400	\$300							
Master Tournament – Best Female	\$500	\$300	\$150							
Open tournament	\$2000	\$1500	\$1200	\$1000	\$800	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Open Tournament - Best 1700 & below	\$1000	\$700	\$500							
Open Tournament – Best Unrated	\$1000	\$700	\$500							
Open Tournament – Best Female	\$500	\$300	\$150							
Juniors tournament	\$1500	\$1000	\$700	\$500	\$400	\$300				
Juniors tournament best U14	\$500	\$300	\$150							
Juniors tournament best U12	\$500	\$300	\$150							
Juniors tournament best U10	\$500	\$300	\$150							
Juniors tournament best U8	\$300	\$200	\$100							
Juniors tournament– Best Female	\$300	\$200	\$100							
Blitz tournament	\$1000	\$700	\$500							
Blitz tournament-Best Result U16	\$500									
Family team tournament	\$500	\$300	\$200							
Homeland protector's tournament	\$700	\$500	\$300							
Senior Chess Tournament	\$700	\$500	\$300							

Tournament Schedule

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	2.8	3.8	4.8	5.8	6.8	7.8	8.8	9.8	10.8	11.8
Masters tournament	1 st Round 5.30 pm	2 nd + 3 rd Round 10 am, 6pm	4 th Round 5pm	5 th Round 5 pm	Free day	6 th Round 5 pm	7 th Round 5 pm	8 th Round 5 pm	9 th Round 10am	Departure
Open tournament	1 st Round 5.30 pm	2 nd + 3 rd Round 10 am, 6pm	4 th Round 6pm	5 th Round 6 pm	Free day	6 th Round 6 pm	7 th Round 6 pm	8 th Round 6 pm	9 th Round 10am	Departure
Juniors tournament			1 st + 2 nd Round 10 am + 2 pm	3 rd + 4 th Round 10 am + 2 pm	5 th + 6 th Round 10 am + 2 pm	7 th Round 10 am	8 th Round 10 am	9 th Round 9:30 am		
Simultaneous exhibition					3 pm					
Blitz tournament					5 pm					
Family tournament						2 pm	2 pm			
Homeland protectors' tournament						2 pm	2 pm			
Senior Chess Tournament						2 pm	2 pm			

The closing ceremony will take place on 10th of August 2019 at 7pm.

Special prizes

1. Simultaneous exhibition winners.
2. Best UAE player in Masters Tournament.
3. Best UAE Player in Open Tournament
4. Best UAE Female Player in Open Tournament
5. Best UAE player in Juniors Tournament.
6. Best UAE female player in Junior's Tournament
7. Best player of the Abu Dhabi Chess Club in each category (U8, U10, U12, U14, and U16)
8. Best female player of the Abu Dhabi Chess Club in each category (U8, U10, U12, U14, and U16)

Registration & Related Fees

Registration is accepted online via the following link. www.adchessfestival.com Please send us a filled registration form (you can find it below) and a passport copy with two photos to adchessfestival@gmail.com. Last day of registration is 6th July 2018. Late registration fees is AED 100 (US \$27) starts from 7 July till 1st Aug 2018. All participating players accept to fully comply with the regulations of the tournament and the organizer. Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules and Regulations and UAE Laws.

Entry fee and related payments must be paid in FULL prior to the deadline (1st of July 2019) either in cash at Abu Dhabi Chess & Culture club or through Bank Transfer/ Deposit to the following Address:

Name: Abu Dhabi Chess & Culture Club	Bank: Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	Branch: Najda Street Branch
Swift Code: ABDIAEAD	Account Number : 10079393	IBAN: AE51 0500000000010079393
Currency: AED	Address: Al Najda Street Branch, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	

Kindly mention your FIDE Name & FIDE ID in your transfer and send a copy of the transfer to: adchessfestival@gmail.com

Visa

Visa Charges

Processing Visa Fee for all Players (except Invited players by org)	AED 100	US \$27
Processing Visa Fee of an accompany person	AED 100	US \$27
Special request such as : Indian Citizens requiring “okay to Board Confirmation”	Free	Free

1. Visa rules are subject to change. Kindly confirm with your airline prior booking
2. Players / accompany persons who require a visa are requested to upload and attach a clear scanned colored copy of their passports and scanned colored personal photo in the online application
3. For Indian citizens: it's also required to attach the past page of the passport
4. For Syrian citizens: “Issue/Expiry page” of the passport is required for visa
5. For Bangladeshi citizens: information of the bearer page of the passport is required for visa
6. Entry Visas to the UAE Issued for eligible participants subject to the approval of the GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF RESIDENCY & FOREIGNER AFFAIRS – UAE and will be valid for 30 days from the date of arrival

Hotel Accommodation

The official hotel of the festival will be announced two months before the event began and will be published at festival's official homepage. Please check our website for hotels information and rate www.adchessfestival.com . www.adchessfestival.ae . The tournament official hotel will be a 5 stars class. 4 and 3 stars hotel will be also available prior participant's request.

General information

1. The organizing committee will provide a visa for foreign players according to legal procedures of UAE after receiving the registration form and a passport copy including two photos before 1st of July 2019.
For Visa fees please refer to VISA Section.
2. The organizing committee will provide special rates for participants who wish to stay in a hotel.
3. Participants from abroad can come through Abu Dhabi International Airport, Dubai International Airport (150 km from Abu Dhabi) or Sharjah International airport (180km from Abu Dhabi). Organizer Committee will provide the invited players Pickup transportation (from Airport to hotel/ from hotel to airport) only from Abu Dhabi Airport.

General Condition for Tournaments

1. Smoking is strictly prohibited within public buildings and playing hall
2. The use of mobile phones, computers and other electronic devices in the tournament hall is strictly prohibited.
3. Players are responsible for submitting their scoresheets by themselves after their game; otherwise, the game will be evaluated as 0:0!
4. Players who provide false information on their entry form (especially concerning ratings) risk to be excluded from the tournament.
5. The first round will start after the opening ceremony ends immediately. Opening Ceremony starts on 19th Aug at 5 pm.
6. Late arrivals of max 30 minutes are allowed. If a player is more than 30 minutes late, his game will be considered lost by forfeit.
7. Official Hotel Accommodation for the tournament & Venue will be published on the Festival website www.adchessfestival.com.
8. Arrival expected day is 1st Aug 2019 and Departure expected date is 11th Aug 2019. Early arrival or late departure charge to be borne by player.
9. Winners of the Tournament MUST be present at closing ceremony
10. Prizewinners are required to follow the dress code of business casual (or elegant casual) or UAE formal dress code – no shorts, sport shoes or sneakers, slippers, hats or caps
11. A player can not be awarded more than one prize, and will be awarded the highest prize

Registration Form

Name: _____ Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____
Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of birth: _____
Passport number: _____ Country of issue: _____ Date of Issue: _____
Date of Expiry: _____ International ELO Rating: _____ Int
Title: _____ FIDE ID _____ Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
E-mail: _____ Airline carrier: _____ Airport of departure: _____
Airport of arrival: _____ Time of arrival: _____
Hotel: _____

** Important note for participants outside UAE: Please fill out the registration form and send it to the organizing committee no later than 1st of Jun 2019.

**Players without a valid FIDE ID are not allowed to participate in the festival and will not be accepted.

For further information, please contact Mr. Zuhair Ahmad, general coordinator of the festival on phone number: (+971506113117) or email: adchessfestival@gmail.com or you can visit our website Festival Site www.adchessfestival.com Abu Dhabi Chess Club web Site www.abudhabichess.com