



Regulations



Sharjah
Masters

1. Announcement

• Under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member & Ruler of Sharjah (United Arab Emirates), the Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (SCCC) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 4th Sharjah Masters 2020, which will be held at the Club's premises, from April 7th (Arrival) to 16th (Departure).

2. Co-organisers

- General Authority of Sports.
- Sharjah Sport Council.
- Arab Chess Federation.
- UAE Chess Federation.
- Sharjah International Chess Academy.

3. Registration

- The tournament will be open to all players (limited 200 - first come-first served) with a FIDE Rating of 1700 and over (exceptional cases can be approved after request), as of April 2020 FIDE Rating List (Standard).
- Registration will be closed on April 1st (24:00 UAE Time) and only an online one is accepted via the tournament's official site, which is the www.shjchessmasters.com.

4. Data

- The tournament will be held as a 9-round Swiss System Type, with a Standard Time Control of a total of 90 minutes & 30 seconds increment per move starting from move 1, for each player.
- Delay Time will be on 30 minutes.
- The Playing Hall will be at Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (Sharjah, UAE) premises.
- The tournament will be FIDE Rated (Standard Rating List).

5. Entry Fees

- Based on the Standard FIDE Rating List of April 2020, the entry fees (net) are as following:
 - Titles of GM, IM, WGM & WIM - USD 0.
 - Standard Rating of 2400+ - USD 0.
 - Standard Rating of 2000-2399 - USD 125.
 - Standard Rating of 1700-1999 - USD 175.

6. UAE Visa

- A UAE Entry Visa can be obtained upon request (Application), by March 1st.
- A digital Passport copy and a face-photo should be attached to the Registration Form in www.shjchessmasters.com.
- The cost of the Application is on USD 100 and must be deposited (net - Bank Expenses on the Sender) in the SCCC Bank Account.
- Entry Visas to the UAE will be issued for the eli-gible participants and will be valid for 30 days from the date of arrival.

7. Arbitration & Appeals Committee

- The SCCC, in consultation with the UAE Chess Federation, shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Arbiters.
- In the Technical Meeting an Appeals Committee of five persons (three regular and two substitutes) will be selected.
- Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter and/or the Arbiters must be submitted in written and signed form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.
- An Appeal shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of USD 100 or its equivalent in the local currency.
- If the Appeal is accepted, the above fee will be returned; otherwise it shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee.

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8. Scoring System & Tie-Breaks

- Point system will be in force as the first scoring criteria:
 - o 1 for a win.
 - o ½ for a draw.
 - o 0 for a lose.
- The tie-breaks criteria will be (by order):
 - o Direct Encounter.
 - o Buchholz (lowest).
 - o Buchholz.
 - o Highest Number of Wins with black (played).
 - o Rating Performance.
- If two or more players complete the tournament on the same (equal) points, then a match between the first two (by the tie-break criteria) will take place.
 - o The match will consist of two blitz games (5 minutes + 3 seconds increment per move) and in case of 1-1 score, an Armageddon game will follow (5 minutes for White - 3 minutes for Black + 3 seconds increment per move - Black wins in case of a draw),
 - o The colours of the Armageddon game will be chosen by the first player on the tournament's tie-breaks.
- Winners are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony to receive their awards & prizes.

9. Playing Schedule

The tournament will be played according to the following Schedule:

Dates	Day	Time	Activity
April 7 th	Tuesday	12:00	Arrival
April 8 th	Wednesday	15:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
April 9 th	Thursday	17:00	Round 2
April 10 th	Friday	17:00	Round 3
April 11 th	Saturday	10:00	Round 4
		18:00	Round 5
April 12 th	Sunday	17:00	Round 6
April 13 th	Monday	17:00	Round 7
April 14 th	Tuesday	17:00	Round 8
		15:00	Round 9
		20:00	Match 1-2
April 15 th	Wednesday	21:00	Closing Ceremony
		12:00	Departure

10. Awards & Prizes

- Awards & Prizes will be distributed according to the following table.
- Note that the prizes (cups, medals, diplomas and money-prizes in total of USD 60,000) will not be shared, but awarded by points, match or tie-break criteria, as per Article 8.
- More special prizes might be announced during the tournament.
- Winners can be eligible for only one (financial & award) prize (the higher) and are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony for receiving it:

Position	Awards	USD
1 st	Cup & Gold Medal	15,000
2 nd	Silver Medal	10,000
3 rd	Bronze Medal	7,000
4 th	Diploma	6,000
5 th	Diploma	5,000
6 th	Diploma	4,000
7 th	Diploma	3,000
8 th	Diploma	2,000
9 th	Diploma	1,500
10 th	Diploma	1,000
1 st Female	Gold Medal	2,500
2 nd Female	Silver Medal	1,500
3 rd Female	Bronze Medal	1,000
1 st SCCC	Diploma	500

11. Dress-Code & Forbidden Items

- All participants are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual (or elegant casual), with no shorts, slippers, etc.
- Any electronic equipment (computers, cameras, mobile phones, tablets, hand-watches, pencils, etc.) is strictly forbidden in the Playing Hall, as per FIDE Handbook.

12. Hotel Accommodation

- Participants, Coaches and Accompanying Persons, will have a free choice of their accommodation.
- The 3* Hotel Centro Rotana Sharjah (www.rotana.com/centrohotels/unitedarabemirates/sharjah/centrosharjah - Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE - Phone 00971-06-5088000), will be the official Hotel of the tournament.
- The accommodation offer of the tournament is as follows:
 - Single Room USD 110/night, Full Board.
 - Double Room USD 160/night, Full Board.
 - Triple Room USD 180/night, Full Board.
- Transportation will be only provided if accommodation is booked via the Organising Committee:
 - To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
 - From and To Dubai (Terminals 1-2-3) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- The invited Arbiters, Coaches and Accompanying persons, are also entitled to the above privileges.
- All Payments should be made online in www.shjchessmasters.com.

13. SCCC Bank Account

- Payments (net) should be made directly to Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club's Bank Account (net - Bank transfer expenses must be on the Sender).
Bank: First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC
Beneficiary: Sharjah Cultural and Chess Club
Account IBAN: AE760351661003208947019
Beneficiary: FAB - SWIFT NBADAEAA

14. Invited Players

- The Organising Committee, taking into reference the Standard FIDE Rating List of April 2020 and prior Application & Approval, shall provide:
 - GMs rated 2650+: Shared double-room accommodation with full board.
 - GMs rated 2700+: Single-room accommodation with full board and an extra fee of USA 500.
 - Special arrangements for female invited participants (after application).

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- If a participant is given any of the above privileges, the Organising Committee will contact him/her directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed, via e-mail (shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com).
- The invited players are also entitled to:
 - To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
 - From and To Dubai (Terminals 1-2-3) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- The deadline for any Application & Approval is on March 1st.

15. Contact/Information

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