



# 5<sup>th</sup> Paytakht Cup, International Chess Festival

February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Tehran, IRAN

## 1. Invitation

Tehran Chess Association under auspices of Chess Federation of I. R. Iran has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations of FIDE and interested players to participate in the “5<sup>th</sup> Paytakht Cup, International Chess Festival” which will be held from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Tehran, Iran.

- Category A**                      Players with FIDE rating 2100 and above  
**Note:** Organizer reserves the right to allow limited number of players with FIDE rating below 2100.
- Category B**                      Players with FIDE rating 2100 and below
- Category C**                      Boys and girls under 14 years’ old  
(Born on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and after).

## 2. Schedule

### Category A (9 rounds)

Date	9:30	15:30
Friday February, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arrival	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
Saturday February, 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
Sunday February, 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
Monday February, 6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Round	5 <sup>th</sup> Round
Tuesday February, 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	6 <sup>th</sup> Round
Wednesday February, 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	7 <sup>th</sup> Round
Thursday February, 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	8 <sup>th</sup> Round
Friday February, 10 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Round	Closing Ceremony (16:30)

### Category B & C (11 rounds)

Date	9:30	15:30
Friday February, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arrival	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
Saturday February, 4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
Sunday February, 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	4 <sup>th</sup> Round
Monday February, 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Round	6 <sup>th</sup> Round
Tuesday February, 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	7 <sup>th</sup> Round
Wednesday February, 8 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Round	9 <sup>th</sup> Round
Thursday February, 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	10 <sup>th</sup> Round
Friday February, 10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Round	Closing Ceremony (16:30)

- ❖ Players can use a half-point rest round after registration, with the coordination of the chief arbiter and up to the fifth round. The players should submit their request to use the half-point break before the start of the tournament (before Pairing of the first round) and at the latest before Pairing of the third round (after the second game) to the chief arbiter.



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## 3. Tournament Rules

### Tournament System:

The tournament will be played in:

**Category A** 9-round Swiss system

**Category B & C** 11-round Swiss system

- ❖ Swiss-Manager based on ratings will be used for pairing in all categories. In addition, it is possible to do pairings using the acceleration system.

### Time Control:

**Category A & B & C:** 90 minutes for all moves with 30 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move. The default time is 30 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the 30 minutes shall lose the game unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

### Tie Break:

#### Category A

- Rating Performance
- Direct encounter
- Cut Buchholz-1
- Cut Buchholz-2
- Sum Buchholz

#### Category B & C

- Direct encounter
- Cut Buchholz-1
- Cut Buchholz-2
- Sonneborn Berger
- Sum Buchholz

- ❖ If two or more players get the same points, the prizes will not be divided and tie-breaking will be applied.
- ❖ If the result is still equal after tie-breaking, the prizes will be divided.

### Electronic Devices:

All electronic items including wrist watches (all types of watches) are not allowed in the tournament hall.

### Draw Offer:

Players can't make an agreed draw before 10<sup>th</sup> black move.



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## 4. Registration

### Entry fee:

GMs and WGMs and ratings above 2500	Free
IMs and WIMs and ratings above 2400	Free
FMs and WFM's	80 Euros
Seniors (born on 1973 and older)	80 Euros
Other players	80 Euros

To register your entry, please click on the below mentioned link and complete the process to avoid last minute rush.

Registration Form: <https://paytakhtchessfestival.ir/registration>

- ❖ Deadline of registration is January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For the late registrations, the entry fee will be 100 Euros.
- ❖ The payments should be done upon arrival.

## 5. Prizes

The total prize fund of all categories is 3.000.000.000 Rials.

- ❖ Each player is awarded only one prize (the higher one).
- ❖ The prizes are in Rial. In case that one wants his/her prize in Euro, the organizer will change the amount to Euro and pay it.

Category A	Main	Best Player of Tehran	Best Woman	Senior 50+	Best Player Under ELO 2300	Best Player Under ELO 2200
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	300.000.000	30.000.000	25.000.000	25.000.000	25.000.000	25.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	250.000.000	25.500.000	20.000.000	-	-	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	200.000.000	20.000.000	-	-	-	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	150.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	100.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	75.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	60.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	50.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	40.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	30.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Prizes:1.450.000.000 Rials</b>						



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Category B	Main	Best Player of Tehran	Best Woman	Senior 50+	Senior 65+	Senior Woman 50+
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	150.000.000	25.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	100.000.000	22.500.000	17.500.000	-	-	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	80.000.000	20.000.000	15.000.000	-	-	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	60.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	50.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	45.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	40.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	35.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	30.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	25.000.000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Prizes: 795.000.000 Rials</b>						

Category B	Best Player Under ELO 2000	Best Player Under ELO 1800	Best Player Under ELO 1600	Best Player Under ELO 1400	Best Player Under ELO 1200
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	19.000.000	18.000.000	17.000.000	16.000.000	15.000.000
<b>Total Prizes: 85.000.000 Rials</b>					

Category C	Main	Best Player of Tehran	Best Woman
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	70.000.000	25.000.000	20.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	60.000.000	15.000.000	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	50.000.000	10.000.000	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	40.000.000	-	-
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	35.000.000	-	-
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	30.000.000	-	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	25.000.000	-	-
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	20.000.000	-	-
<b>Total Prizes: 400.000.000 Rials</b>			



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Category C	Best girl Under 12	Best girl Under 10	Best girl Under 8	Best Boy Under 12	Best Boy Under 10	Best Boy Under 8
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000	20.000.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000	15.000.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10.000.000	10.000.000	10.000.000	10.000.000	10.000.000	10.000.000
<b>Total Prizes: 270.000.000 Rials</b>						

## 6. Participation

### Age Group Requirements:

Boys and girls under 14 years old	born on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009 and after
Boys and girls under 12 years old	born on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2011 and after
Boys and girls under 10 years old	born on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013 and after
Boys and girls under 08 years old	born on January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015 and after
Seniors 65+	born on December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1958 and before
Seniors 50+	born on December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1973 and before

## 7. Appeal

The Appeal Committee announced at the technical meeting. Objections against any decisions must be submitted in written form, to the chief arbiter, within 15 minutes after completion of the current round. Appeal deposit fee is 10.000.000 Rials.

## 8. COVID Protocol

- ❖ All players are required to mandatorily adhere the Covid Protocol issued by Government of Iran/Tehran at the time of tournament.
- ❖ Any symptomatic players will be removed from the tournament as pre-caution. All players are obliged to obey this rule and no protest can be made against this decision of organizing committee.
- ❖ Players are obliged to undergo random PCR Test conducted by the organizing committee.
- ❖ Preference in entry will be given to fully vaccinated players and players required to produce a negative PCR test result taken within 48 hours to be eligible to participate.
- ❖ Sanitization of Chess Board and Chess pieces will be carried out at regular intervals.
- ❖ Parents and accompanying persons are not allowed inside tournament hall at all times.



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- ❖ Tehran Chess Association takes all the measures for safe tournament environment. However, in case any untoward situation arises, the players will not ask damages from Tehran Chess Association.
- ❖ Due to any unforeseen scenario, if the event needs to be cancelled, the entry fees will be refunded.
- ❖ By enrolling for the events, the players are abided by all the terms and conditions of the tournament for participation.

## 9. Venue and Accommodation

- ❖ The venue and the official hotel are in “Varzesh hotel” in Hejab Street, Tehran.
- ❖ The organizer will provide full board accommodation for GMs.
- ❖ Other players can use the facilities at their own expense.

## 10. Contact information

Registration Form: <https://paytakhtchessfestival.ir/registration>

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