



حكومة الشارقة  
مجلس الشارقة الرياضي  
GOVERNMENT OF SHARJAH  
SHARJAH SPORTS COUNCIL



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General Authority of Sports

Under the Patronage of

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### 1. Prospectus

- The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (SCCC) is pleased to invite you to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Sharjah Masters 2023, which will be held at the Club's premises, from May 16<sup>th</sup> (Arrival) to 26<sup>th</sup> (Departure), 2023.

### 2. Co-organisers

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

### 3. Participation & Registration

- The event will be held as an Invitational Tournament, in three (3) rating scale sections of a total of two-hundred (200) players, according to the FIDE Rating List (Standard Section) of 01.05.2023 (May 2023).
- Out of all players the 80% will be selected by the middle of April 2023 (after relative online Application) and the rest 20% will (might) be given Wild Card participation permission.
- The highest rated player per federation will be invited to participate (priority), after relative Application.
- Priority will be given to higher (over-the-board) titles and ratings (standard). Exceptions can be given to the Wild Cards.
- For each federation a maximum of twenty (20) players (for all sections - 10%) will be allowed to participate. An exception will (might) be given to (proven) resident players of the United Arab Emirates.
- All participating Players and Accompanying Persons are obliged to fully comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Tournament, the Organising Committee & the United Arab Emirates state.
- All event's participants might have to present a Vaccination Certificate (pre-send by e-mail) if necessary. All Participants must comply with the Safety & Sports Regulations of UAE.
- FIDE Name & FIDE-ID must be mentioned in any communication or Bank Transfer.
- Any participant's Application/Request must be pre-approved. The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any participant's application according to FIDE Rules and Event's Regulations, the UAE Laws and Health Reasons, or, finally, a Force Majeure.





- All Applications will be closed on April 15<sup>th</sup> (24:00 UAE Time) and only an online one is accepted via the tournament's official e-mail, which is [shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com](mailto:shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com).

#### 4. Event's Sections & Entry Fees

- The event will be held as per the following sections, as per the FIDE Rating List (Standard) of 01.05.2023:
- **Section Sharjah Masters: Rating 2500+.**
  - Players Eighty (80).
  - Entry Fees as per FRL-S of 01.05.2023:
  - GMs & WGMs: USD 0.
  - Rating 2600+: USD 0.
  - Rating 2500- 2599: USD 150.
- **Section Sharjah Challengers: 2000 - 2499.**
  - Players Sixty (60).
  - Entry Fees as per FRL-S of 01.05.2023:
  - GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.
  - Rating 2400- 2499: USD 100.
  - Rating 2200- 2399: USD 200.
  - Rating 2000- 2199: USD 300.
- **Section Sharjah Futures: 1500 - 1999.**
  - Players Sixty (60).
  - Entry Fees as per FRL-S of 01.05.2023:
  - GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.
  - Rating 1900- 1999: USD 100.
  - Rating 1800- 1899: USD 150.
  - Rating 1700- 1799: USD 200.
  - Rating 1600- 1699: USD 250.
  - Rating 1500- 1599: USD 300.

#### 5. Data

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

#### 6. UAE Visa

- A UAE Entry Visa can be obtained upon request (Application), by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A (high resolution) digital Passport Copy (JPEG - scanned & Coloured) and a Face-photo (JPEG - scanned & Coloured) should be sent to the event's e-mail : [shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com](mailto:shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com).
- Entry Visa for the officially invited VIPs, Arbiters & Players will be for free.
- Coaches & Accompanying Persons: USD 100.
- All Visa Fees for Coaches & Accompanying Persons must be paid in advance (net - Bank Expenses on the Sender) in the SCCC Bank Account.
- Entry Visas to the UAE will be issued for the eligible VIPs, Participants, Coaches & Accompanying Persons and will be valid for thirty (30) days from the date of arrival in UAE.
- All Visa Applications are subject to the approval of the UAE Authorities.
- All Visa Application fees are non-refundable.
- Please check the requirements of Visa via the link: [www.dubaiairports.ae/before-you-fly/procedures/immigration-visas](http://www.dubaiairports.ae/before-you-fly/procedures/immigration-visas)

#### 7. Arbitration & Appeals Committee

- The SCCC shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Arbiters.
- In the Technical Meeting (or beforehand) an Appeals Committee of six persons (three regular and three 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 200 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.

#### 8. Scoring System & Tie-Breaks

- Pairings (for all three sections) will be made by the Swiss Manager Program.
- Point system (for all three sections) will be in force as the first scoring criteria:
  - 1 for a win.
  - ½ for a draw.
  - 0 for a loss.
- The tie-break criteria (for all three sections) will be (by order):
  - Direct Encounter.
  - Buchholz-cut1.
  - Buchholz-cut2.
  - Highest Number of Wins with black (played).
  - Rating Performance.





## 9. Playing Schedule

- The Sections will be played according to the following Schedule (UAE Timing - GMT +4).

Masters & Challengers			
Dates	Day	Time	Activity
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	12:00	Arrival
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	14:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	15:00	Round 2
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	15:00	Round 3
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	15:00	Round 4
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	15:00	Round 5
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon	15:00	Round 6
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tue	15:00	Round 7
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	15:00	Round 8
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	15:00	Round 9
		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	12:00	Departure

Futures			
Dates	Day	Time	Activity
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	12:00	Arrival
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	14:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	17:00	Round 2
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	17:00	Round 3
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	17:00	Round 4
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sun	17:00	Round 5
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon	17:00	Round 6
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		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	12:00	Departure

## 10. Awards & Prizes

- Awards & Prizes will be distributed according to the following table.
- Note that the Cash Prizes will be in total of USD 60.000 (for all three sections). Cash Prizes will not be shared, but awarded by points and/or tie-break criteria, as per Article 8.

Sharjah Masters - USD 45.000		
Position	Awards	USD
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup & Gold Medal	10000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	8000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	7000
4 <sup>th</sup>		5500
5 <sup>th</sup>		4500
6 <sup>th</sup>		3000
7 <sup>th</sup>		2500
8 <sup>th</sup>		2000
9 <sup>th</sup>		1500
10 <sup>th</sup>		1000

Sharjah Challengers - USD 10.000		
Position	Awards	USD
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup & Gold Medal	2500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	2000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	1500
4 <sup>th</sup>		1200
5 <sup>th</sup>		800
6 <sup>th</sup>		600
7 <sup>th</sup>		500
8 <sup>th</sup>		400
9 <sup>th</sup>		300
10 <sup>th</sup>		200

Sharjah Futures - USD 5.000		
Position	Awards	USD
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup & Gold Medal	1500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Silver Medal	1100
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronze Medal	900
4 <sup>th</sup>		700
5 <sup>th</sup>		500
6 <sup>th</sup>		300

- Winners are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony in order to receive awards & prizes.

## 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

- All Invited VIP, Participants and Arbiters are obliged to accommodate in the official tournament Hotel. Other Players, Coaches and Accompanying Persons can have (under permission) a free choice of their accommodation.
- The 4\*\*\*\* Hotel Centro Rotana Sharjah (<https://www.rotana.com/centrohotels/unitedarabemirates/sharjah/centrosharjah> - Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE - Phone 00971065088000), will be the official Hotel of the tournament.
- The accommodation offer of the tournament is as following (no triple rooms are offered):
  - Single Room USD 110 per night (Full-Board).
  - Double Room USD 160 per night (Full-Board).
  - Added Infant Bed USD 40 per night (Full-Board).
- Transportation will be only provided if accommodation in the official Hotel (Centro) is booked via the Organising Committee:
  - To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
  - From and To Dubai (Terminals 13-2-) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- All Payments should be made to the SCCC Bank Account (net of Bank expenses).

## 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: Sharjah Islamic Bank - Sharjah  
Beneficiary: Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club  
IBAN: AE490410000012095122001  
Account No.: 0012095122001  
Beneficiary SIB - SWIFT: NBSHAEAS  
Address: Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE

## 14. Invited Players & Arbiters

- The Organising Committee, taking into reference the Standard FIDE Rating List of 01.05.2023 and prior Application & Approval, shall provide:
  - Invited GMs rated 2700+: Single-room accommodation with full-board. Appearance Fee of USD 2.000.
  - Invited GMs rated 2650 - 2699: Shared double-room accommodation with full-board. Appearance Fee of USD 500.
  - Invited GMs rated 2600 - 2649: Shared double-room accommodation with full-board. Appearance Fee of USD 300.
  - Invited GMs & IMs & WGMs: Shared double-room accommodation with full-board.
  - An upgrade from shared double to a single room accommodation, will cost USD 40 per night.
  - Expected Hotel Departure will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, before 12:00 noon. Late departure charges are to be paid by the participant(s).
  - If a Player 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 the official e-mail ([shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com](mailto:shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com)).
  - The invited Arbiters/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/Request is by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 15. Force Majeure

- The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club & the Organising Committee are bearing no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might cancel or postpone the event.

## 16. Contact/Information

- Tournament Director IM Omar Noaman Al Ali.
- General Coordinator IA/IO Rajai Al Susi.
- Assistant Coordinator GM/FST/IA/IO Efstratios Grivas - WhatsApp 00306936888163 - Mobile 00971551880025.
- Website: [www.shjchessmasters.com](http://www.shjchessmasters.com)
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**The Organising Committee**