



Sharjah Masters 2025 International Chess Championship

Under the Patronage of

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Supreme Council Member & Ruler of Sharjah (UAE)

1. Prospectus

The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the 8th Sharjah Masters 2025, which will be held at the Club's premises, from May 16th (Arrival) to 26th (Departure), 2025.

2. Participation & Registration

Tournament is open to all FIDE-rated players in the following categories

- **Sharjah Masters A** : For players rated 2500 (FIDE Standard) and above.
- **Sharjah Masters B** : For players rated 1900 (FIDE Standard) and above.
- **Sharjah Masters C** : For players rated 1400-1899 (FIDE Standard).
- Registration is only accepted online via the following link : <https://sharjahchess.ae/masters>
- Last day of registration & payment is 26th April 2025

The organizers reserve the right to grant a wild card entry to any player, allowing participation in the tournament at their discretion.

- For each federation a maximum of twenty (20) players will be allowed to participate. An exception will (might) be given to (proven) resident players of the United Arab Emirates.
- Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules and regulations and UAE Laws.

3. Data

- **9 Rounds** Swiss System.
- **Time Control for A,B,C Tournaments** are 90 minutes+30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.
- **Delay Time**: 30-minutes delay will apply
- **The Playing Hall** will be at the Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (Sharjah, UAE) premises.

4. Event's Sections & Entry Fees

- The event will be held as per the following sections, as per the FIDE Rating List (Standard) of 01.05.2025:

Sharjah Masters A : Rating 2500+.	Sharjah Masters B : Rating 1900+.	Sharjah Masters C : Rating: 1400-1899.
Players Eighty (100).	Players Sixty (100).	Players Sixty (60).
- Rating 2600+: USD 0.	- GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.	- GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.
- Rating 2500-2599: USD 100.	- Rating 2200-2399: USD 200.	- Rating 1800-1899: USD 100.
	- Rating 2100-2199: USD 300	- Rating 1700-1799: USD 150.
	- Rating 1900-2099: USD 350.	- Rating 1600-1699: USD 200.
		- Rating 1500-1599: USD 250.
		- Rating 1400-1499: USD 300.



5. Visa and Accommodation:

- Participants Visa fees : USD 100.
- Coaches & Accompanying Persons: USD 150.
- All Visa Fees for Coaches & Accompanying Persons must be paid in advance.
- 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.

6. Arbitration & Appeals Committee

- The SCCC shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Arbiters.
- In the Technical Meeting an Appeals Committee 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 Organizing Committee.

7. Tie-Breaks

- The tie-break criteria (for all three sections) will be (by order):
- Direct Encounter.
- Buchholz-cut1 (Lowest).
- Buchholz-cut2 (Lowest).
- Highest Number of Wins with black (played).
- Rating Performance.

8. 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.





9. Playing Schedule

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

Sharjah Masters A & B			
Dates	Day	Time	Activity
May 16	Fri	12:00	Arrival
May 17	Sat	12:00	Technical Meeting
		15:30	Opening Ceremony
		16:00	Round 1
May 18	Sun	15:00	Round 2
May 19	Mon	15:00	Round 3
May 20	Tue	15:00	Round 4
May 21	Wed	15:00	Round 5
May 22	Thu	15:00	Round 6
May 23	Fri	15:00	Round 7
May 24	Sat	15:00	Round 8
May 25	Sun	15:00	Round 9
		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 26	Mon	12:00	Departure

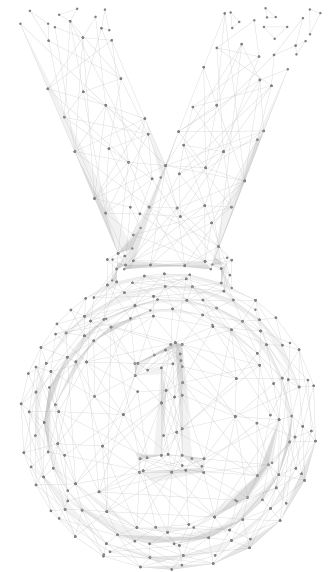
Sharjah Masters C			
Dates	Day	Time	Activity
May 16	Fri	12:00	Arrival
May 17	Sat	12:00	Technical Meeting
		15:30	Opening Ceremony
		16:00	Round 1
May 18	Sun	17:00	Round 2
May 19	Mon	17:00	Round 3
May 20	Tue	17:00	Round 4
May 21	Wed	17:00	Round 5
May 22	Thu	17:00	Round 6
May 23	Fri	17:00	Round 7
May 24	Sat	17:00	Round 8
May 25	Sun	15:00	Round 9
		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 26	Mon	12:00	Departure

10. Awards & Prizes

- Awards & Prizes will be distributed according to the following table.

- Note that the Cash Prizes will be more than USD 73,000 (for all three sections). Cash Prizes will not be shared, but awarded by points and/or tie-break criteria, as per Article 7

Position	Masters A (\$58600)	Masters B (\$9200)	Masters C (\$5200)	Medals
1st	15,000	2,300	1,500	Gold Medal + Cup
2nd	10,000	1,800	1,100	Silver Medal
3rd	7,000	1,300	900	Bronze Medal
4th	5,000	1,000	700	
5th	4,000	700	500	
6th	3,000	500	Best U 1600- 300	
7th	2,500	Best U 2200- 500	Best SHJ Player 200	
8th	2,000	Best U 2100- 400		
9th	1,600	Best U 2000- 300		
10th	1,500	Best Female 200		
11th	1,400	Best SHJ Player 200		
12th	1,300			
13th	1,200			
14th	1,100			
15th	1,000			
Best Female	1,000			





11. Hotel Accommodation

- The Centro Rotana Sharjah 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 120 per night (Full-Board).
- Double Room USD 170 per night (Full-Board).
- Transportation will be only provided (to - from) the club for the official Hotel by the Organizing Committee:
 - * To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
 - * From and To Sharjah airports to the official Hotel. (Invited Players Only)

12. Payment Methods

The entry fee and related payments must be paid in FULL before the deadline (26th April, 2025). Payments will only be accepted via a payment link, which will be sent by email, or in cash at Sharjah Cultural and Chess Club. The exchange rate of the 1 US dollar to the UAE dirham is 3.69

Payment Process





13. Invited Players & Arbiters

- The Organizing Committee, taking into reference the Standard FIDE Rating List of 01.04.2025 and prior Application & Approval, shall provide:
- Invited GMs rated 2700+: Single-room accommodation with full-board.
- Invited GMs rated 2600-2699: Shared double- room accommodation with full-board.
- An upgrade from shared double to a single room accommodation, will cost USD 50 per night.
- To apply for invitation you **must** register online first via link : <https://masters.sharjahchess.ae>
- If a Player is given any of the above privileges, the Organizing 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).

14. Force Majeure

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

15. Contact/Information

- Tournament Director IA/IO Murad Abdulla
- Head of Technical Committee Faisal Alhammadi.
- Website: sharjahchess.ae/masters
- E-mail: shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com.

