



**ASIAN ZONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**MEN & WOMEN ZONE 3.4**  
**1 to 10 April 2025**  
**Almaty, Kazakhstan**

The Kazakhstan Chess Federation on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and International Chess Federation (FIDE) has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations of Zone 3.4 affiliated with FIDE to participate in the Asian Zonal Chess Championships 2025 (Men & Women) Zone 3.4 which will be held from 1 - 10 April 2025 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**1. Participation**

- 1.1 All players registered by the National Federations of FIDE Zone 3.4 can participate;
- 1.2 Each Federation from FIDE Zone 3.4 can register two invited players (one man and one woman);
- 1.3 Each Federation from FIDE Zone 3.4 may register additional (extra) players with a minimum rating of 2000 for the Men and 1600 for the Women as of 1 March 2025.

**2. Dates and Playing venue:**

- 2.1 **Dates:** 1 April (arrival) - 10 April (departure), 2025;
- 2.2 **Playing venue:** Almaty city, Bostandyk District, Timiryazev Street, bldg. 42/12 (Atakent International Exhibition Centre, Pavilion 7,8).

**3. Registration and Entry fees**

- 3.1 The registration fee is \$110 USD for each participant and each accompanying person including accreditation and transportation from the airport to the official hotel (1 April Arrival and 10 April Departure);
- 3.2 The entry fee is \$75 USD for each invited player. Extra Players should pay an entry fee of \$150 USD;
- 3.3 **The deadline for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025;**  
Late registration shall bear a fine of \$50 USD;
- 3.4 **Registration form:** <https://forms.gle/7AiCneKxYARZC7Dh7>
- 3.5 All payments are to be done to the Kazakhstan chess federation bank account, only after your application is confirmed by letter to your email address.

**4. Hotel Accommodation**

- 4.1 Accommodation and full board for two invited players (one man and one woman) from each federation will be provided by the organizing committee from 1<sup>st</sup> April (day of arrival) to 10<sup>th</sup> April (day of departure);
- 4.2 The official Hotels are Park Dedeman Almaty\*\*\*\* and Best Western Atakent\*\*\*\*;
- 4.3 Additional players may stay at any hotels or private accommodations of their choice. However, they are responsible for their own transportation to the playing venue. The hotel or the host of the private accommodation is responsible for notifying the migration police of the arrival of the foreign citizen;
- 4.4 Regarding the support for the hotel bookings please contact the organizers before March 5, 2025;
- 4.5 Invited players will be provided a twin room at the Park Dedeman Almaty hotel. If players want to move to a single room, they must pay the difference of 40 USD per person per day to

the organizer.

## 5. Airport Transfers

- 5.1 The organizer will provide airport transfers for the participants from International Almaty Airport to the Official Hotel and back only on the official day of arrival and departure;
- 5.2 All participants are required to send by 15 March 2025 their flight details of arrivals and departures by the following link <https://forms.gle/jHii2hHzG828iVPW7>

## 6. Format

- 6.1 The Swiss system of play shall be used unless the number of participants is ten players or fewer;
- 6.2 In the last round, players from the same federation may play each other;
- 6.3 The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The game shall be played with FIDE approved chess clocks.

## 7. Schedule

Day, date	Local time	Event
Tuesday, 1 April	All day 19:00	Day of arrival, check-in Technical meeting
Wednesday, 2 April	14:30 15:00	Opening Ceremony Round 1
Thursday, 3 April	15:00	Round 2
Friday, 4 April	15:00	Round 3
Saturday, 5 April	10:00 16:00	Round 4 Round 5
Sunday, 6 April	15:00	Round 6
Monday, 7 April	15:00	Round 7
Tuesday, 8 April	15:00	Round 8
Wednesday, 9 April	10:00 17:00	Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Thursday, 10 April	All day	Day of departure

*The schedule of the rounds may be adjusted by the Chief Arbiter. Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies.*

## 8. Prizes

- 8.1 Total Prize money is \$ 20 000 USD;

Place	Men	Women
1st Place	\$ 3 000	\$ 3 000
2nd Place	\$ 2 500	\$ 2 500
3rd Place	\$ 1 500	\$ 1 500
4th Place	\$ 1 200	\$ 1 200
5th Place	\$ 1 000	\$ 1 000
6th Place	\$ 800	\$ 800

- 8.2 Prize money shall be shared equally among tied players;
- 8.3 According to the tax law of Kazakhstan, 20% will be deducted from the prize;
- 8.4 According to FIDE Table of Zonal Divisions the top four (4) of Men's group will qualify into

- the World Cup and top three (3) of Women's group will qualify into the Women's World Cup;
- 8.5 Trophies, medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players in each category;
- 8.6 E-certificates will be awarded to all participants.

## **9. Tie Breaks**

9.1 In case of a tie for the qualifying place(s) for the World Cup, the following methods shall be used for Swiss System in the following order:

- Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)\*
- Buchholz Cut 1\*\*
- Buchholz
- Direct encounter between the players in tie
- Greater number of victories, inclusive forfeit points

\* *Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent*

\*\* *Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents*

## **10. Appeals Committee**

- 10.1 The Chairman of the AC shall be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president;
- 10.2 The AC shall be comprised of two other members and two reserves all from different Federations. No member of the AC shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation;
- 10.3 All protests must be submitted in writing to the AC not more than 1 hour after the round, with a refundable deposit of \$200 USD;
- 10.4 If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the AC arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

## **11. Chief Arbiter & Assistants**

11.1 The Chief Arbiter, his Deputies and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation president. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the FIDE Zone 3.4 President/Asian Chess Federation.

## **12. Visas**

- 12.1 All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Kazakhstan must send a copy of passport, full home address, place of work/study and position to the Organizer before the deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for extending visa invitation after which the Organizer shall not be responsible;
- 12.2 The cost of the visa is 80 USD (e-visa must be paid on the website, visa stamp must be paid at the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan).

## **13. Rights and Duties**

- 13.1 Participants must play in accordance with FIDE rules and this Regulation;
- 13.2 Participants, coaches, and accompanying persons must abide by the order of behavior and rules of decency in public places as established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- 13.3 In accordance with Article 145 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, taking into account the requirements of paragraph 8 of Article 15 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, for the purpose of promoting sports events of the "Kazakhstan Chess Federation" and the activity of the Organizer, the Participant gives the Organizer consent:
- for the Organizer and/or third parties acting on behalf of and/or in the interests of the Organizer, to carry out video and photo shooting of the Participant's image (photography and/or video clip) during the Participant's involvement in the Competition;
  - for the Organizer to use the Participant's name, to publish, reproduce, and distribute images of the Participant and/or other audio, video, photo materials obtained as a result of the Competition, depicting the Participant, by any means and by any methods without time and

territorial usage restrictions, including the right to edit the said materials and to transfer them to third parties.

13.4 The Participant provides this consent on a gratuitous basis for an indefinite period and cannot subsequently demand any compensation from the Organizer in any form.

#### **14. Dress code**

14.1 All Players are urged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

#### **15. Contacts**

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