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## **REGULATIONS**

**(English Translation)**

**The 2nd International Chess Tournament – “UzChess Cup”**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **I. Goals and Objectives of the Tournament**

1.1 In accordance with the implementation of the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 8, 2023, No. PP-150 "On measures for comprehensive preparation for the 46th World Chess Olympiad, to be held in Uzbekistan in 2026, and the promotion of chess as a mass movement," the 2nd International Chess Tournament – “UzChess Cup” will be organized to fulfill following goals:

- To further promote chess in our country and to spread the engagement of youth in sports competitions.
- Creation of the necessary conditions for the further development of the knowledge and experience of Uzbek chess players, as well as their proper encouragement;
- Improve the sports skills of amateurs and young chess players, as well as support for the organization of meaningful leisure activities for students during their free time;
- Promote a healthy lifestyle among youth and strengthening cultural and sports ties.

### **II. Tournament Procedure**

2.1 The general management and organization of the competition is carried out by the Uzbekistan Chess Federation (hereinafter UCF), supported by FIDE and in cooperation with the Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The direct management of the tournament is entrusted to the Board of Arbiters.

2.2 The tournament will take place at the “Kitob olami” coworking center and the International Chess Academy building in Tashkent from June 18 (arrival day) to June 28 (departure day), 2025.

2.2.1 Address: Anhor Bo‘yi Street, 10A (“**OPEN**”),  
Alisher Navoiy Street, 11A (“**Masters**”, “**Challengers**”, “**Futures**”).

2.3. The competition will be organized in 4 (four) groups based on FIDE rules:

“**Masters**” **Group** consists of 6 foreign chess players with a FIDE rating of 2700 and above, as well as 4 chess players from Uzbekistan selected by the tournament organizers (excluding the rating requirement for the selected Uzbek chess players). The winners of the “Masters” and “Challengers” groups from the first international “UzChess Cup” tournament will join the tournament, taking two of the spots allocated for foreign chess players, regardless of their rating;  
“**Challengers**” **Group** consists of 6 foreign chess players with a FIDE rating of 2600 or higher, as well as 4 Uzbek chess players selected by the tournament organizers (the rating requirement does not apply to the selected Uzbek players). The winner of the “Futures” group from the first international “UzChess Cup” tournament will join the Challengers group, taking one of the spots allocated for foreign players, regardless of their rating.

“**Futures**” **Group** consists of 6 foreign players with a FIDE rating of 2500 and above, as well as 4 chess players from Uzbekistan selected by the competition organizers (excluding the rating requirement for the selected Uzbek chess players);  
“**OPEN**” **Group** is an open competition in which all chess players who have expressed a desire to participate and paid the entry fee can take part.

2.4. The winner of the “Open” group earns an invitation to compete in the “Futures” group of the 3rd International Chess Tournament - “UzChess Cup”;

2.4.1. The winner of the “Futures” group earns an invitation to compete in the “Challengers” group of the 3rd International Chess Tournament - “UzChess Cup”;

2.4.2. The winner of the “Challengers” group earns an invitation to compete in the “Masters” group of the 3rd International Chess Tournament - “UzChess Cup”.

2.5. The FIDE rating (standard) of the participants in the “**Masters**”, “**Challengers**”, and “**Futures**” groups will be considered as of May 1, 2025, while the pairings list will reflect the standings as of June 1, 2025.

2.5.1. The FIDE rating (standard) of the participants in the “**OPEN**” Group will be registered as of May 1, 2025, while the pairings list will reflect the standings as of June 1, 2025.

2.6. The Masters group will be conducted in a round-robin system, consisting of 9 rounds using the standard time control. Each participant will be allocated 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by an additional 30 minutes after the 40th move,

with a 30-second increment added per move starting from the first move. It is not permitted to agree to a draw before the 30th move.

2.6.1. The “**Challengers**” and “**Futures**” groups are conducted in a round-robin system as well, following the standard time control, with 9 rounds. Each participant is allocated 90 minutes for the entire game, with an additional 30 seconds added for each move, starting from the first move. It is not permitted to agree to a draw before the 30th move.

2.6.2. The “**OPEN**” group - in the Swiss system, is conducted in 9 rounds in the standard time control. Each participant is given 90 minutes, and 30 seconds are added to each move, starting from the first move. A draw cannot be agreed upon before the 30th move.

2.7. The maximum allowed delay time for a round is 15 minutes. Participants who do not show up for the round without any prior notice may be excluded from the draw for the next round by the chief arbiter of the competition.

2.8. The pairings are conducted using the **Swiss Manager** software.

**2.9. All participants of the competition must confirm their participation by arriving at the International Chess Academy building between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on June 18, 2025. Otherwise, they will be removed from the tournament schedule.**

2.10. Foreign chess players wishing to participate in the tournament can submit their applications by June 10, 2025, via the official email address of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation: [uzchess@inbox.ru](mailto:uzchess@inbox.ru).

2.11. The participation of Uzbek chess players in the “**Masters**”, “**Challengers**”, and “**Futures**” groups shall be reviewed and approved by the Coaching Council of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation. Uzbek chess players can submit a written application to the Coaching Council by May 15, 2025.

## 2.12. Event Schedule:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
18.06.2025	Arrival	Throughout the day
18.06.2025	<b>“Masters”, “Challengers”, “Futures”</b> Groups draw ceremony	18:00
19.06.2025	Opening Ceremony	14:00
19.06.2025	Round 1	14:30
20.06.2025	Round 2	14:00
21.06.2025	Round 3	14:00
22.06.2025	Round 4	14:00
23.06.2025	Round 5	14:00
24.06.2025	Round 6	14:00
25.06.2025	Round 7	14:00
26.06.2025	Round 8	14:00
27.06.2025	Round 9	11:00
27.06.2025	Tie-break	16:00
27.06.2025	Closing Ceremony	18:00
28.06.2025	Departure Day	Throughout the day

### **III. Awarding of the tournament winners**

3.1. The total prize fund of the 2nd International Tournament “UzChess Cup” amounts to USD 121,500;

3.2. Monetary prizes for the winners from Uzbekistan may be paid in the national currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

3.3. Monetary rewards will be transferred to the winners' bank accounts, cards, or may be provided in cash only after they submit all necessary documents.

3.4. Bank services may be deducted from the prize fund;

3.5. Winners are determined by the number of points scored. If the number of points is equal, a tiebreak is held to determine the 1st place. Tiebreak procedure: 2 blitz games. Time control: 3+2;

3.6. If, after the tiebreak, the points of the participants remain equal, the winner will be determined in an Armageddon format. According to the Armageddon time control, White is given 5 minutes and Black 4 minutes. Additionally, after the 60th move, 2 seconds are added to each subsequent move.

3.6.1. The color of the pieces used by the participants in the Armageddon game will be determined by the chief arbiter through a draw.

3.7. To determine the remaining places in the “**Masters**”, “**Challengers**”, and “**Futures**” groups, the following criteria are considered:

1. Direct encounter;
2. Sonneborn Berger Tie-Break;
3. The greater number of Wins;
4. The greater number of Wins with Black;
5. The Koya System and others.

To determine the remaining places in the “**OPEN**” group, the following criteria are considered:

1. Buchholz Cut -1;
2. Buchholz;
3. Direct encounter;
4. The greater number of wins;
5. Rating Performance and others.

3.8. In case of a tie in points between participants, prizes are not divided and are distributed according to the aforementioned tiebreaker criteria. If one player wins in two categories, the prizes are not combined; instead, the larger or main prize is awarded.



3.9. The prizes will be awarded in the following order:

“Masters” Group		“Challengers” Group		“Futures” Group	
1.	20000 US dollars	1.	6000 US dollars	1.	4000 US dollars
2.	15000 US dollars	2.	5000 US dollars	2.	3000 US dollars
3.	10000 US dollars	3.	4000 US dollars	3.	2000 US dollars
4.	8000 US dollars	4.	3000 US dollars	4.	1500 US dollars
5.	7000 US dollars	5.	2000 US dollars	5.	1000 US dollars
6.	6000 US dollars	6.	1500 US dollars		
7.	5000 US dollars	7.	1000 US dollars		
8.	4000 US dollars	8.	1000 US dollars		
9.	3000 US dollars	9.	800 US dollars		
10.	2000 US dollars	10.	700 US dollars		
	<b>Total : 80 000 US dollars</b>		<b>Total : 25 000 US dollars</b>		<b>Total : 11 500 US dollars</b>

<b>“Open” Group</b>		<b>Women</b>	
1.	2500 US dollars	1.	300 US dollars
2.	1000 US dollars	2.	200 US dollars
3.	500 US dollars		
4.	300 US dollars		
5.	200 US dollars		
			<b>Total: 5 000 US dollars</b>

**The total prize fund is 121 500 US dollars.**

3.10. All foreign prize winners are required to obtain PINFL numbers from the Tax Committee of Uzbekistan.

3.11. Participants who were not present at the award ceremony will not be awarded any prizes.

#### **IV. Tournament Participants and Entry Fees**

4.1. The **“OPEN”** group is free for the following participants:

Chess players with international titles of Grandmaster (GM), International Master (IM), Woman Grandmaster (WGM), and Woman International Master (WIM) are exempt from the entrance fee.

For participants from Uzbekistan (payment due by June 10):

Chess players with a FIDE rating of 2200 and above: 400,000 sum,

Chess players with a FIDE rating of 2000-2199: 450,000 sum,

Chess players without a FIDE rating, as well as those with a FIDE rating of 1999 or lower: 500,000 sum.

A 50% discount is provided to individuals aged 60 and over, as well as to individuals with disabilities.

Participants are required to transfer the entry fees to the bank account of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation:

<b>Account</b>	2021 2000 1001 7827 6001	<b>INN 201710234</b>
<b>Bank name</b>	<b>PJSCB "DAVR BANK"</b>	<b>MFO 00981</b>

**4.2. Payments for international participants (due by June 10th):  
100 US dollars.**

Foreign nationals shall make payments to the following bank account:

Uzbekistan Chess Federation	Account: 2021 2840 2001 7827 6009
S.W.I.F.T.: DVRBUZ22	Location: 98A Karimov str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Bank name: P.J.S.C. "DAVR BANK"	Bank phone number: (99871) 207-09-81

4.3. Chess players from Uzbekistan who fail to register within the established deadline are required to pay an additional registration fee of 300,000 sum. Foreign participants in a similar case must pay an additional fee of 50 US dollars.

**V. Appeals Committee**

5.1. An appeals committee will be established to review complaints submitted after the tournament, consisting of at least 5 members (3 primary and 2 reserve). The composition of the Appeals Committee will be approved by the organizing committee.

5.2. Participants dissatisfied with the tournament arbiters and their decisions may appeal to the Appeals Committee within 1 (one) hour after the last game of the round during the competition.

**VI. Fair Play Rules**

6.1. All participants must adhere to the Fair Play rules and demonstrate cooperation. Players may be disqualified from the tournament at any time by the final decision of the chief arbiter, based on the principles of Fair Play.

6.2. All players agree that they have no right to challenge the aforementioned actions through arbitration, consultations, or judicial procedures in any jurisdiction. Participants have no right to appeal the pairings made during the tournament. By registering for the tournament, players forfeit their right to demand any financial compensation or adjustments related to the tournament.



6.3. To ensure the successful conduct of the event, the Organizer has the right to change the schedule with proper notice, update the regulations, or make decisions on any issue not specified in the current rules.

## **VII. Visas**

7.1. Participants who require a visa to enter Uzbekistan must register and submit copies of their passports by June 10, 2025. Otherwise, the organizers cannot guarantee visa support.

7.2. In case of a visa denial by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the organizers are not authorized to provide any additional services.

## **VIII. Dress Code and Health Safety Measures**

8.1. Compliance with the FIDE dress code is mandatory.

A participant may be disqualified from the tournament if they exhibit a fever or other signs of illness. The rules may be supplemented with additional provisions as necessary.

## **IX. Tournament Funding**

9.1. The prize fund, organizational expenses, payments to arbiters, transportation, accommodation of invited participants and tournament officials are covered by the funds of the Chess Federation of Uzbekistan, the Youth Affairs Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, sponsorship contributions, and tournament entry fees.

## **X. Final Provisions**

10.1. To ensure the successful organization of the competition, the Organizing Committee may introduce amendments and additions to the tournament regulations.

10.2. All chess players participating in the tournament are required to take part in media events organized by "UzChess" and give interviews. If a participant refuses to comment on their games or provide interviews, they will be fined 100 US dollars for each missed interview.

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