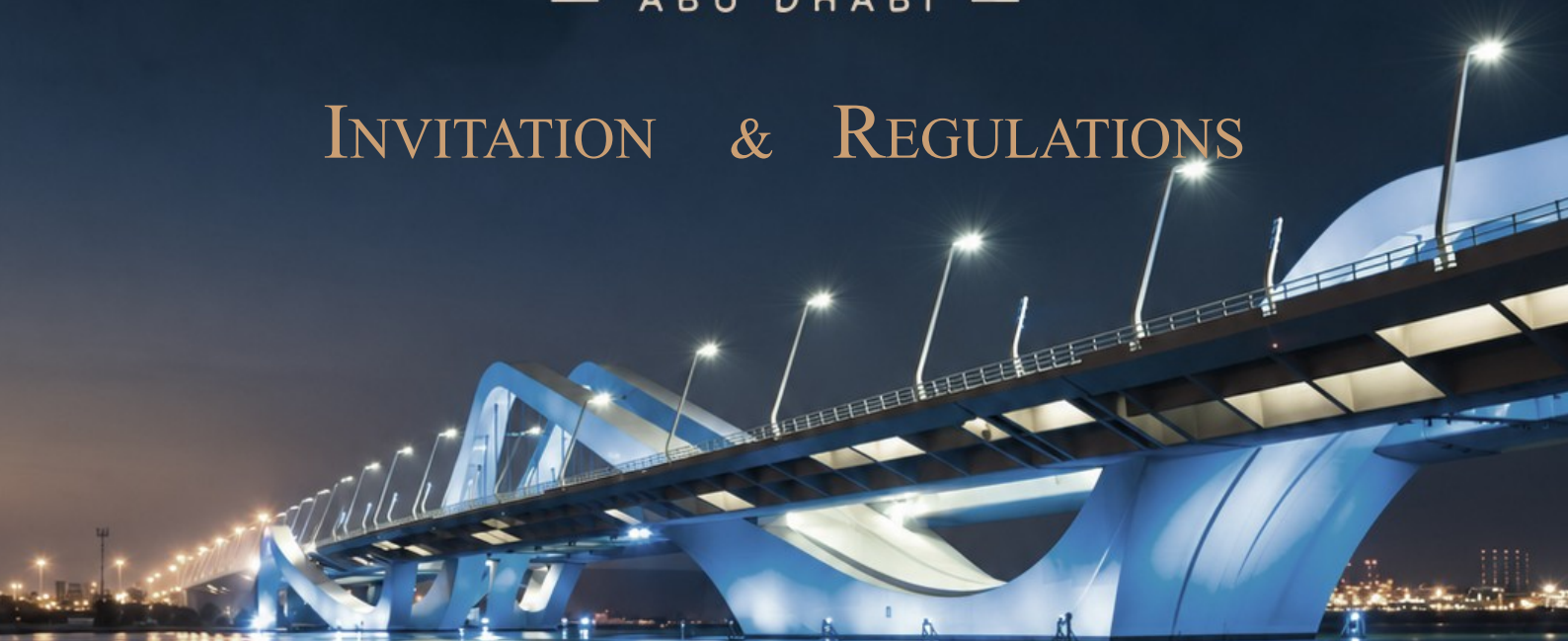
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Invitation & Regulations



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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates - 9 to 18 November 2026

INVITATION

To All National Chess Federations in Asian
Zones : (3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8)

The UAE Chess Federation, under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), and in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Chess Club & Mind Games as the Local Organizing Committee, has the honor to invite all eligible National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the Asian Nations Chess Cup 2026, to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 9 to 18 November 2026.

REGULATIONS

1. Participation

All eligible National Chess Federations in Asian Zones 3.1 to 3.8 shall have the right to participate in the Asian Nations Chess Cup 2026, subject to the applicable regulations of the Asian Chess Federation.

2. Team Composition

Each participating National Federation shall have the right to be represented by:

Men's Team: 4 players + 1 reserve
Women's Team: 4 players + 1 reserve

The Team Captain may be one of the players or the reserve.

The Chief of Delegation shall officially represent the National Federation and shall be responsible for the conduct of the members of the delegation.

Maximum official delegation: 10 persons.
All players must be eligible to represent their respective National Federations in accordance with the applicable FIDE and ACF eligibility regulations in force at the time of the Championship.

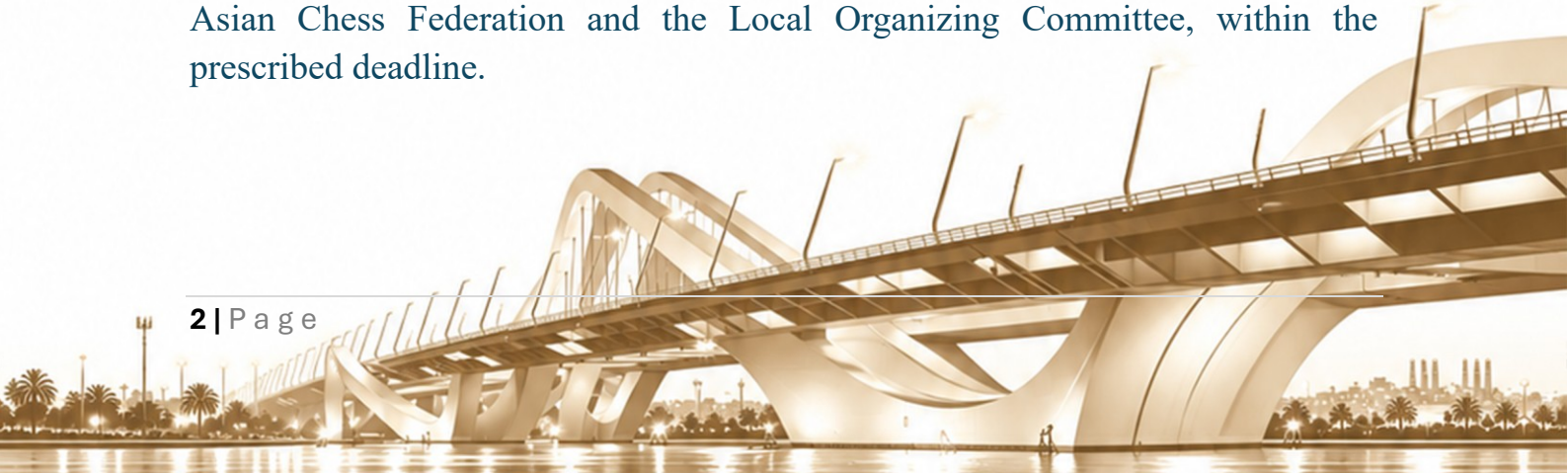
3. Schedule

Date	Day	Round	Time
9th November 2026	Monday	Arrival	12:00 pm
10th November 2026	Tuesday	Technical Meeting	10:00 am
		Opening Ceremony	2:45 pm
		Round 1	3:00 pm
11th November 2026	Wednesday	**Round 2**	3:00 pm
12th November 2026	Thursday	**Round 3**	10:00 am
		Round 4	6:00 Pm
13th November 2026	Friday	**Round 5**	3:00 pm
14th November 2026	Saturday	**Round 6**	3:00 pm
15th November 2026	Sunday	**Round 7**	3:00 pm
16th November 2026	Monday	**Round 8**	3:00 pm
17th November 2026	Tuesday	**Round 9**	3:00 pm
		Closing Ceremony	9:00 pm
18 November 2026	Wednesday	Departure	12:00 pm

The final number of rounds shall be determined in accordance with the applicable ACF regulations and the final number of participating teams.

4. Registration and Organization

Each National Federation accepting the invitation shall submit its official confirmation of participation to the contact mentioned below, with copies to the Asian Chess Federation and the Local Organizing Committee, within the prescribed deadline.



Passport copies and all documents required for visa processing shall be submitted by email no later than 03 November 2026, or by such earlier date as may be required by the competent UAE authorities.
Each participating National Federation shall submit its final team lists no later than 3 November 2026, unless another deadline is approved by the Asian Chess Federation.

5. Expenses and Fees

Travel expenses of participating teams to and from Abu Dhabi shall be borne by their respective National Federations.
The Organizing Federation shall be responsible for accommodation and full board expenses of the official participating teams, up to a maximum of 10 persons per delegation, during the official event period, subject to the applicable ACF regulations.
The UAE Chess Federation, as Host Federation, may enter additional teams only to the extent permitted under the applicable Asian Chess Federation regulations. Where an additional host team is required to avoid an odd number of participating teams, its participation and eligibility for ranking, medals, titles and qualification shall be governed by the applicable ACF regulations.
Registration Fee: US$110 per person.
Entry Fee: US$300 per Men's team and US$300 per Women's team , subject to the applicable Asian Chess Federation Financial Regulations.

6. Tournament Regulations

The Championship shall be played according to the Swiss System over 9 rounds, Where applicable under the ACF regulations, a Round Robin system may be used when ten or fewer teams participate.
The Men's and Women's competitions shall be conducted as separate Championships.



Every match in both the Men's and Women's competitions shall be played over four boards.
The Team Captain shall submit to the Arbiter, within the prescribed deadline 120 minutes before the scheduled start time of each round, the names of the four players participating in that round in the appropriate board order.
If a team fails to submit its line-up within the prescribed deadline, the team shall play with the top four available players according to its official team list.
The registered board order may not be altered. Reserve players may enter the team only in accordance with the prescribed board order.
Any violation of the registered board order or use of an ineligible or unregistered player shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable ACF and FIDE regulations.
Default Time: Zero tolerance (time will be agreed during the technical meeting).

7. Time Control

The time control shall be:
90 minutes per player with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
Games should be played using FIDE Approved electronic chess clocks.

8. Technical Delegate and Arbiters

The Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters shall be appointed in accordance with the applicable Asian Chess Federation regulations.
The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation and subject to the required ACF approval, issue supplementary technical instructions concerning playing hours and other technical matters not expressly covered by these Regulations.

9. Appeals Committee

An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the commencement of the Championship in accordance with the applicable Asian Chess Federation regulations.

No member of the Appeals Committee shall vote on any matter directly concerning his or her own National Federation.

Any protest against a decision of the Chief Arbiter or an Assistant Arbiter shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after completion of the relevant playing session.

A protest shall be accompanied by a fee of US$200, or its equivalent in local currency.

If the protest is upheld, the fee shall be refunded. Otherwise, it shall be forfeited in accordance with the applicable regulations.

10. Scoring and Tie-Breaks

The final ranking shall primarily be determined by match points:

Win : 2 match points
Draw : 1 match point
Loss : 0 match points

Where two or more teams finish with equal match points, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with the applicable tie-break criteria as follows order :

1.total Game Points
2. Direct Encounter
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct Encounter Board Count (Berlin System)

Under the Berlin System:

Board 1 = 4 points
Board 2 = 3 points
Board 3 = 2 points
Board 4 = 1 point

Any further tie-breaking procedure required for medal positions shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable ACF/FIDE regulations and the decision of the Chief Arbiter.

11. Titles, Trophies and Medals

The winning teams shall be awarded the titles:
Asian Nations Chess Cup Men's Champion 2026
Asian Nations Chess Cup Women's Champion 2026
Each winning team will receive a Championship Trophy.
Members of the first-place teams shall receive Gold Medals.
Members of the second-placed teams shall receive Silver Medals.
Members of the third-placed teams shall receive Bronze Medals.
Individual Board Prizes – Gold, Silver and Bronze – shall be awarded in accordance with the applicable ACF regulations.
The minimum number of games required for eligibility for an individual board prize shall be determined according to the actual number of rounds played and the applicable ACF regulations.

12. Qualification

The winning teams represent Asia in the relevant FIDE World Team Championship where such qualification is provided for under the applicable FIDE and ACF regulations.
The relevant World Championship edition and qualification entitlement shall be confirmed by the Asian Chess Federation.

13. Fair Play

Applicable FIDE Fair Play Regulations shall apply. A qualified Fair Play Team shall be appointed under the applicable procedures. Players shall cooperate with authorized checks and shall not bring unauthorized

electronic devices into the playing venue. Violations and appeals shall be handled under the applicable regulations.

14. Dress Code

Players and captains shall wear official team uniforms, smart casual attire, or appropriate national dress. Formal attire, team uniforms or national dress shall be required for official ceremonies. Beachwear, flip-flops and offensive clothing are prohibited.

15. Transportation

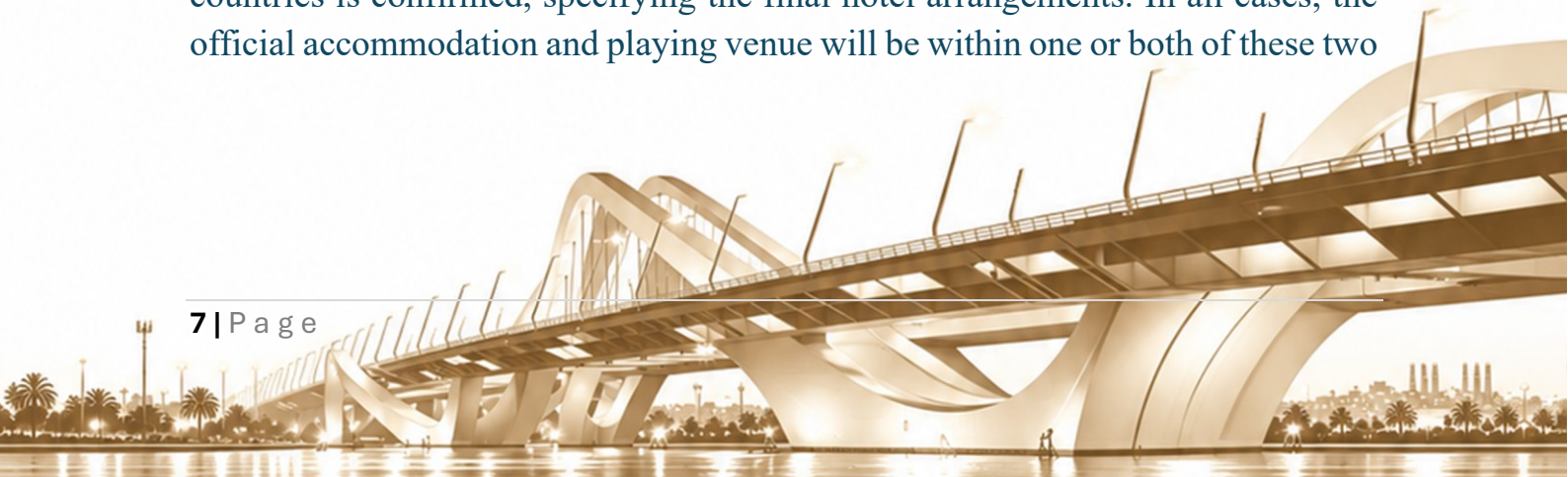
Transportation between official hotels and the playing venue shall be provided where required. Other transfers require prior arrangement and may incur additional charges.

16. Payments

All fees and payments shall be made in US dollars in accordance with the payment instructions issued by the Organizing Committee.
The Organizing Committee shall communicate the applicable payment methods, deadlines and any cancellation or refund conditions to participating National Federations.

17. Accommodation & Playing Venue

The official accommodation and playing venue of the event shall be at Sheraton Abu Dhabi Hotel & Resort and/or Inter Continental Abu Dhabi, depending on the final number of participating countries and participants.
A further official circular will be issued once the number of participating countries is confirmed, specifying the final hotel arrangements. In all cases, the official accommodation and playing venue will be within one or both of these two



hotels, and the games will be held at the same hotel where the participants are accommodated.

Accommodation and full board shall be provided by the Organizing Committee for eligible official delegations during the official event period:

Arrival: 9 th November 2026 | Departure: 18th November 2026

For additional delegates and accompanying persons, full-board accommodation at the official hotel, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, shall be:

Single Room: US$200 per day | Double Room: US$150 per person per day

18. Contact Details

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Official correspondence concerning participation shall be addressed through the UAE Chess Federation, with the Local Organizing Committee copied where appropriate.



16. Governing Regulations

The Asian Nations Chess Cup 2026 shall be governed by the applicable regulations of the Asian Chess Federation in force at the time of the Championship.

In the event of any inconsistency between these Regulations and a mandatory provision of the applicable ACF regulations, the applicable ACF regulation shall prevail.
Any matter not specifically covered by these Regulations shall be referred to the Asian Chess Federation and determined in accordance with the applicable regulations.

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