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**REGULATIONS**

**(English Translation)**

**on the Procedure for Organizing and Conducting**

**the I International Chess Tournament**

**within the framework of the 64th International Flower Festival**

**“Namangan Chess Festival”**

**I. OBJECTIVES AND GOALS OF THE TOURNAMENT**

I. The tournament is conducted to ensure the implementation of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-150 of May 8, 2023   
“On comprehensive preparation for the 46th World Chess Olympiad to be held in Uzbekistan in 2026 and measures to turn chess into a mass movement”;   
The objectives of the competition:

* Further popularization of chess as a sport in the country and attracting youth to mass participation in sports competitions;
* Creation of favorable conditions for deepening the knowledge and practical experience of Uzbek chess players, as well as their appropriate encouragement;
* Facilitating the improvement of sportsmanship among amateur and young chess players, and organizing meaningful leisure activities for students;
* Formation of sustainable healthy lifestyle habits among youth and the development of cultural and sports ties.

**II. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE**

**2.1.** The organizers of the tournament are the Namangan Region Municipality and the Uzbekistan Chess Federation;

**2.2.** The tournament will be held at the “Ma’naviyat maskani” building in the city of Namangan from May 28th (arrival day) to June 7th, 2025 (departure day).

**2.3.** Address: Republic of Uzbekistan, Namangan Region, Namangan City, “Obi hayot” neighborhood, Mashrab Street, Building 2.

**2.4.** The competition will be organized in 2 (two) groups based on FIDE rules:

**“A” Group –** chess players with a FIDE rating of 1800 and above are eligible to participate. The organizers may invite up to 10 foreign participants with a FIDE rating of 2400 and above. Additionally, as an exception, participation is permitted for chess players with a FIDE rating between 1600 and 1799, provided they hold the international title of CM or WCM.

**“B”** **Group** – chess players with a FIDE rating up to and including 1999, as well as those without a FIDE rating.

**2.4.1.** Chess players with a FIDE rating between 1800 and 1999 inclusive are granted the right to choose their group (Group A or Group B) for participation in the tournament.

**2.4.2.** Participants are admitted to the tournament based on their standard FIDE rating as of May 1, 2025.

**2.5.** The tournament will be held in 9 rounds using the Swiss system. Each player will receive 90 minutes, starting from the first move, with an additional 30 seconds increment per move. Draws will not be allowed before the 30th move.

**2.6.** The maximum default time for a round is **15 minutes**. A participant who fails to appear for the 1st round without notification may be excluded from the draw of the subsequent round by the decision of the Chief Arbiter.

**2.7.** The pairings will be made using the **Swiss Manager** program. **2.8.** All participants of the competition must confirm their participation by arriving at the “Ma’naviyat maskani” building in the city of Namangan between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on May 28, 2025. Otherwise, they will be removed from the Pairing list.

**2.8.** Foreign chess players wishing to participate in the tournament can submit their applications by May 20, 2025, via the official email address of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation: [uzchess@inbox.ru](mailto:uzchess@inbox.ru). **2.9.** Event Schedule:

**“A” Group:**

| **Dates** | **Event** | **Time** |
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| 28.05.2025 | Arrival day | During the day |
| 29.05.2025 | Opening Ceremony | 15:00 |
| 29.05.2025 | Round 1 | 15:30 |
| 30.05.2025 | Round 2 | 15:00 |
| 31.05.2025 | Round 3 | 15:00 |
| 01.06.2025 | Round 4 | 15:00 |
| 02.06.2025 | Round 5 | 15:00 |
| 03.06.2025 | Round 6 | 15:00 |
| 04.06.2025 | Round 7 | 15:00 |
| 05.06.2025 | Round 8 | 15:00 |
| 06.06.2025 | Round 9 | 15:00 |
| 06.06.2025 | Closing Ceremony | 20:00 |
| 07.06.2025 | Departure day | During the day |

**“B” Group:**

| **Dates** | **Event** | **Time** |
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| 28.05.2025 | Arrival day | During the day |
| 29.05.2025 | Opening Ceremony | 9:00 |
| 29.05.2025 | Round 1 | 9:30 |
| 30.05.2025 | Round 2 | 9:30 |
| 31.05.2025 | Round 3 | 9:30 |
| 01.06.2025 | Round 4 | 9:30 |
| 02.06.2025 | Round 5 | 9:30 |
| 03.06.2025 | Round 6 | 9:30 |
| 04.06.2025 | Round 7 | 9:30 |
| 05.06.2025 | Round 8 | 9:30 |
| 06.06.2025 | Round 9 | 9:30 |
| 06.06.2025 | Closing Ceremony | 20:00 |
| 07.06.2025 | Departure day | During the day |

**III.** **AWARDING OF THE TOURNAMENT WINNERS**

**3.1.** The total prize fund of the I International Tournament **“Namangan Chess Festival”** amounts to 350 000 000 UZS;

**3.2.** Cash prizes will be transferred to the bank accounts or cards of the winners after they provide all the necessary documents, or they may be issued in cash;

**3.3.** Winners are determined by the number of points scored. To determine the winner, 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.

**3.4.** If participants have equal scores their prizes will not be shared and will be distributed according to the abovementioned tie breaks. If one player wins in two nominations, prizes are not summarized, the bigger prize or the main prize shall be awarded.

**3.5.** The prizes will be awarded in the following order:

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| **“A” Group** | **Places** | **Prizes** |
| **Main awards** | 1 | 50 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 30 000 000 UZS |
| 3 | 20 000 000 UZS |
| 4 | 12 000 000 UZS |
| 5 | 11 000 000 UZS |
| 6 | 10 000 000 UZS |
| 7 | 9 000 000 UZS |
| 8 | 8 000 000 UZS |
| 9 | 7 000 000 UZS |
| 10 | 6 000 000 UZS |
| **Women** | 1 | 4 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Seniors (50 +)** | 1 | 2 500 000 UZS |
| **Seniors (65 +)** | 1 | 2 500 000 UZS |
| **Open U20** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U20** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U18** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U18** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U16** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U16** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U15** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U15** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U14** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U14** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U13** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U13** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U12** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U12** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Total:** | **28** | **210 000 000 UZS** |

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| **“B” Group:** | **Places** | **Prizes** |
| **Main awards** | 1 | 15 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 13 000 000 UZS |
| 3 | 12 000 000 UZS |
| 4 | 10 000 000 UZS |
| 5 | 9 000 000 UZS |
| 6 | 8 000 000 UZS |
| 7 | 6 000 000 UZS |
| 8 | 4 000 000 UZS |
| 9 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| 10 | 2 500 000 UZS |
| **Women** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Seniors (50 +)** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Seniors (65 +)** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U16** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U16** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U15** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U15** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U14** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Girls U14** | 1 | 3 000 000 UZS |
| **Open U13** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Girls U13** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Open U12** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Girls U12** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Open U11** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Girls U11** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Open U10** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Girls U10** | 1 | 2 000 000 UZS |
| 2 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Open U8** | 1 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Girls U8** | 1 | 1 500 000 UZS |
| **Total:** | **38** | **140 000 000 UZS** |

**The total prize fund is 350 000 000** **UZS.**

**IV. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AND** **ENTRY FEES**

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

– Chess players with international titles of: **GM, IM, WGM, WIM**

**Entry fees** **for participants from Uzbekistan**:

For participants of **“A” Group** (*payment due by May 20*):

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 2200 and above: 300 000 UZS;

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 2000-2199: 350 000 UZS;

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 1800-1999: 400 000 UZS.

For participants of **“B” Group** (*payment due by May 20*):

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 1800-1999: 250 000 UZS;

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 1600-1799: 300 000 UZS;

– Chess players with a FIDE rating of 1599 or lower: 350 000 UZS;

– Chess players without a FIDE rating: 400 000 UZS.

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:

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| **Account** | **2021 2000 1001 7827 6001** | **INN 201710234** |
| **Bank name** | **PJSCB “DAVR BANK”** | **MFO 00981** |

**4.2. Payments for international participants of “А” and “B” Groups** (*payment due by May 20*):

**100 US dollars**.

Foreign nationals shall make payments to the following bank account:

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| 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 UZS**. 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 May 15, 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.** All expenses related to the prize fund, tournament organization, refereeing, transfers, accommodation, as well as the honoraria of invited participants and officials, are covered by the Namangan Region Administration.

**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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