



1st Nowrouz-gah Cup

International Chess Festival for Women

MARCH 9-15, 2023 – TEHRAN, IRAN

Invitation

This is the official invitation for participation in the “1st Nowrouz-gah Cup” which will be held in *Tehran, Iran*, from 9th of March (arrival) till 15th of March (departure) 2023. The competition will be organized and held by Iran Chess Federation under the auspices of I.R.I Ministry of Sports and Youth.

1. General Regulations & Rules

The Tournament shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Competition Rules.

2. Financial Regulations

Entry is free for all players.

3. Playing Venue & Accommodation

3.1 The playing venue & official hotels are located in the Tehran.

3.2 Free full board accommodation for 2 players from each country will be provided by the organizer from 9th of March (arrival) till 15th of March (departure) 2023. (First Come First Served)

3.3 All participants and all accompany persons are obliged to lodge at the official Hotel. Bookings of official Hotel for the event should be done through the organizers' only.

4. Technical Regulations

4.1 Time control:

Rapid: Each player shall have 15 minutes with the addition of 10 seconds per move starting from the first move.

Blitz: Each player shall have 3 minutes with the addition of 2 seconds per move starting from the first move.

4.2 Rapid Tournament be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds and Blitz Tournament be counted in the Swiss System in 11 rounds

4.3 The Pairings will be made using Swiss Manager program and shall be announced as soon as possible after each round finishes. Pairings will be published on the www.chess-results.com website.



4.4 During play, a player is forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief arbiter in the playing venue.

4.5 A player may talk only to an arbiter, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

4.6 During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing venue without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

4.7 Players cannot “informally” tell an arbiter that they suspect that another player is cheating. This also applies to any other person having a FIDE Identity Number. All cheating-related communications shall be duly recorded, and the arbiter should ask player to make an official In-Tournament complaint.

5. Tie-break System

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken as in accordance to the following:

1	Direct Encounter
2	Buchholz Cut 1
3	Buchholz Cut 2
4	Sum of Buchholz
5	Sonneborn-berger

6. Prizes

Prizes(\$)	
1 st	2000
2 nd	1000
3 rd	500

Prizes(\$)	
1 st Iranian Under 2100	250
1 st Foreign Under 2100	250
1 st Iranian Under 2000	250
1 st Foreign Under 2000	250
1 st Iranian Under 1900	250
1 st Foreign Under 1900	250



6.1 All prizes are in USD

6.2 Only one prize can be awarded to a player. (The highest prize according to the table)

6.3 If two or more players are tied, the tie-breaks systems will be used. (Prizes will not be shared)

6.4 All Winners must be participant at Closing Ceremony.

7. Appeals Committee

7.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in a written form to the Chairman of Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the protest fee of 100 Euros. The fee must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the fee is forfeited to organizer.

7.2 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

8. Visa and Covid 19:

8.1 All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Iran, must send a Scan of their passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before **the deadline of 25th February 2023.**

8.2 According to the new guidelines issued by the National Corona Headquarters, visa applicants must meet the following conditions:

- * Having a negative corona PCR test up to 72 hours before travel (for people over 12 years old)
- * Have a vaccine card for every 2 doses
- * The vaccine must be approved by Iran's government
- * The applicant is not from high-risk countries, or his next destination is not high-risk countries

9. Travel Information

9.1 All participants arriving by international flights should take plane to Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA), Tehran, Iran.

9.2 The host federation will arrange the transportation from airport to the hotel for arrival and departure during the schedule dates.

10. Health Protocols and Covid19:



* Providing Covid 19 vaccination card (by receiving at least 2 doses of valid vaccines) for all players over 18 years old, referees and executives of the tournament and also providing Covid 19 vaccination card (by receiving 1 dose of valid vaccines) for all players below 18 years and over 12 years are required.

* The organizer can ask all players to submit a negative PCR test if necessary.

* If a player has symptoms of a cold (Covid 19), he will be quarantined by the medical team stationed at the venue and will not be able to participate in the Covid 19 test until the result is determined.

* If it is found that a player has the symptoms of Covid 19 and has not informed the organizers, he will be expelled from the tournament and will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of the Chess Federation.

* Before entering the hall, all players, arbiters, and executives will have a fever test.

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