



4th Sharjah Masters International Chess Championship 2021



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Regulations

1. Announcement

• Under the Patronage of
H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi,
Supreme Council Member & Ruler of Sharjah - UAE,
the **Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (SCCC)** is
pleased to invite you to participate in the 4th Sharjah
Masters 2021, which will be held at the Club's premises,
from September 16th (Arrival) to 26th (Departure).

2. Co-organisers

- General Authority of Sports.
- Sharjah Sports Council.
- Sharjah Police Headquarters.
- UAE Chess Federation.

3. Participation & Registration

- The event will be held as an Invitational Tournament,
with (maximum) 80 players of FIDE Standard Rating
of 2300 and above, as of September 2021 FIDE Rating
List (Standard).
- Out of these 80 players the 60 will be selected by the
middle of August 2021 (after relative Application) and
the rest 20 will be given Wild Card participation
permission.
- The highest rated player per federation will be
invited to participate, after Application. Priority will
be given to higher (over-the-board) titles and ratings.
Exceptions can be given to the Wild Cards.
- All participating Players and Accompanying Persons
are obliged to fully comply with the Rules and Regulations
of the Tournament, the Organising Committee & the
United Arab Emirates.
- All event's participants must present a Vaccination
Certificate (pre-send by e-mail). The UAE's Approved
& Accepted vaccines are Sinopharm, Pfizer-BioNTech,
Sputnik-V, Moderna and Oxford-AstraZeneca.

- FIDE Name & FIDE-ID must be mentioned in any
communication or Bank Transfer.
- Any participation's Application must be pre-approved.
The Organising Committee reserves the right to accept or
reject any participant's application according to FIDE
Rules and Regulations, the UAE Laws and Health
Reasons, or, finally, a Force Majeure.
- All Applications will be closed on August 15th (24:00
UAE Time) and only an online one is accepted via the
tournament's official e-mail, which is:
shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com.

4. Data

- The tournament will be held as a 9-round Swiss System
Type, with a Standard Time Control of a total of ninety
(90) minutes & thirty (30) seconds increment per move
starting from move one (1), for each player.
- Delay Time will be on thirty (30) minutes.
- The Playing Hall will be at Sharjah Cultural & Chess
Club (Sharjah, UAE) premises.
- The tournament will be FIDE Rated (Standard FIDE
Rating List - FRL).

5. Entry Fees

- The entry fees will be as following, as per title and FIDE
rating (Standard FIDE-FRL) of September 2021:
- GMs & WGMs: USD 0.
- Rating 2600 and above: USD 0.
- Rating 2500-2600: USD 150.
- Rating 2400-2500: USD 200.
- Rating 2300-2400: USD 250.

6. UAE Visa

- A UAE Entry Visa can be obtained upon request (Application),
by August 30th.
- A digital Passport Copy (JPEG - scanned & Coloured)
and a Face-photo (JPEG - scanned & Coloured) should be
sent to the event's e-mail:
shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com.
- Entry Visa for the invited players is free.
- Coaches & Accompanying Persons: USD 100.
- All Visa Fees for Coaches & Accompanying Persons
must be paid in advance (net - Bank Expenses on the

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Sender) in the SCCC Bank Account.

- Entry Visas to the UAE will be issued for the eligible Participants Coaches & Accompanying Persons and will be valid for thirty (30) days from the date of arrival.
- All Visa Applications are subject to the approval of the UAE General Directorate of Residency & Foreigner Affairs.
- All Visa Application fees are non-refundable.
- Please check the requirements of Visa via the following link: www.dubaiairports.ae/before-youfly/procedures/immigration-visas.

7. Arbitration & Appeals Committee

- The SCCC, in consultation with the UAE Chess Federation, shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Arbiters.
- In the Technical Meeting an Appeals Committee of five persons (three regular and two substitutes) will be selected.
- Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter and/or the Arbiters must be submitted in written and signed form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.
- An Appeal shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of USD 100 or its equivalent in the local currency.
- If the Appeal is accepted, the above fee will be returned; otherwise, it shall be forfeited to the Organising Committee.

8. Scoring System & Tie-Breaks

- Pairings will be made by the Swiss Manager Program.
- Point system will be in force as the first scoring criteria:
 - 1 for a win.
 - ½ for a draw.
 - 0 for a lose.
- The tie-break criteria will be (by order):
 - Direct Encounter.
 - Buchholz-cut1.
 - Buchholz-cut2.
 - Highest Number of Wins with black (played).
 - Rating Performance.
- Winners are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony in order to receive awards & prizes.

9. Playing Schedule

The tournament will be played according to the following Schedule (UAE Timing - GMT +4):

Dates	Day	Time	Activity
September 16 th	Thursday	12:00	Arrival
September 17 th	Friday	15:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
September 18 th	Saturday	15:00	Round 2
September 19 th	Sunday	15:00	Round 3
September 20 th	Monday	15:00	Round 4
September 21 st	Tuesday	15:00	Round 5
September 22 nd	Wednesday	15:00	Round 6
September 23 rd	Thursday	15:00	Round 7
September 24 th	Friday	15:00	Round 8
September 25 th	Saturday	15:00	Round 9
		20:00	Closing Ceremony
September 26 th	Sunday	12:00	Departure

10. Awards & Prizes

- Awards & Prizes will be distributed according to the following table.
- Note that the total prizes for both tournaments - Masters & Challengers, (cups, medals, diplomas and cash prizes) will be in total of USD 60.000. Cash Prizes will not be shared, but awarded by points, match or tie-break criteria, as per Article 8.

Position	Awards	USD
1 st	Cup & Gold Medal	10.000
2 nd	Silver Medal	8.000
3 rd	Bronze Medal	7.000
4 th	Diploma	5.000
5 th	Diploma	4.500
6 th	Diploma	4.000
7 th	Diploma	3.500
8 th	Diploma	3.000
9 th	Diploma	2.500
10 th	Diploma	2.000
11 th	Diploma	1.500
12 th	Diploma	1.000
13 th	Diploma	700
14 th	Diploma	600
15 th	Diploma	500

11. Dress-Code & Forbidden Items

- All participants are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual or elegant casual, with no shorts, slippers, etc.
- Any electronic equipment (computers, cameras, mobile phones, tablets, hand-watches, pencils, etc.) is strictly forbidden in the Playing Hall, as per FIDE Handbook.



12. Hotel Accommodation

● All Invited Participants will stay in the official tournament Hotel. Other Players, Coaches and Accompanying Persons will have a free choice of their accommodation.

● The 3* Hotel Centro Rotana Sharjah (<https://www.rotana.com/centrohotels/unitedarabemirates/sharjah/centrosharjah> - Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE - Phone 00971-06-5088000), will be the official Hotel of the tournament.

● The accommodation offer of the tournament is as following:

- Single Room USD 110/night, Full Board.
- Double Room USD 160/night, Full Board.
- Transportation will be only provided if accommodation is booked via the Organising Committee:
 - To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
 - From and To Dubai (Terminals 1-2-3) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- The Invited Arbiters, are also entitled to the above privileges.
- All Payments should be made to the SCCC Bank Account (net of Bank expenses).

13. SCCC Bank Account

● Payments (net) should be made directly to Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club's Bank Account (net - Bank transfer expenses must be on the Sender).

Bank: Sharjah Islamic Bank - Sharjah
Beneficiary: Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club
IBAN: AE490410000012095122001
Account No.: 0012095122001
Beneficiary SIB - SWIFT : NBSHAEAS
Address: Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE.

14. Invited Players

- The Organising Committee, taking into reference the Standard FIDE Rating List of September 2021 and prior Application & Approval, shall provide:
- GMs rated 2700+: Single-room accommodation with full board.
 - GMs rated 2650+: Shared double-room accommodation with full board.
 - Expected Hotel Departure will be on September 26th, 2021 before 12:00 noon. Late departure charges

are to be borne by the participant.

● If a Player or Arbiter is given any of the above privileges, the Organising Committee will contact him/her directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed, via the official e-mail: **shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com**.

- The invited Players & Arbiters are also entitled to:
 - To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
 - From and To Dubai (Terminals 1-2-3) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- The deadline for any Application is by August 15th.

15. Force Majeure

● The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club & the Organising Committee are baring no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might cancel or postpone the event.

16. Contact/Information

- **Tournament Director** IM Omar Noaman Al Ali.
- **General Coordinator** Mr. Rajai Al Susi.
- **Assistant Coordinator** GM/FST/IA/IO Efstratios Grivas - WhatsApp 00306936888163 - Mobile 00971551880025.
- **Website:** www.shjchessmasters.com.
- **E-mail:** shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com.

The Organising Committee



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