9th MERSIN METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT REGULATION

SECTION ONE

General Descriptions, Participation and Application, Ranking with Tie Breaks And General Provisions

General Descriptions

ARTICLE 1- (1) 9th Mersin Metropolitan Municipality International Open Chess Tournament will be organized by Mersin Metropolitan Municipality and Turkish Chess Federation in Yenişehir, district of Mersin.

(2) The tournament will be start on Sunday, November 09, 2025 and will be finished on Saturday, November 15, 2025.

(3) Applications for the tournament must be completed until 17.00 on Thursday, November 06, 2025. Applications made after the application deadline deemed invalid.

(4) The tournament will be organized in a hall: Yenişehir Municipality Atatürk Cultural Centre.

(5) Pairing system, number of rounds and time control of the tournament are as follows:

a) ELO Categories will be played by the Swiss System with 9 rounds the first three rounds of which are the Baku Accelerated System (C.04.5.1) .

b) National rating category will be played by the Swiss System with 9 rounds.

c) In ELO and National Rating Categories, both players have 90 minutes. There is a 30 seconds increment per move, starting with the move one.

(6) Turkish Chess Federation Competition Rules and Regulations and FIDE Laws of Chess are valid for the tournament.

Participation and Application

ARTICLE 2- (1) The following conditions are required for players.

a) Players who are citizen of Republic of Turkiye,

1) Players must have a valid TCF license of 2025-2026 season,

2) Players must have been born in 2019 or before.

b) Players who are not citizen of Republic of Turkiye,

1) Players must have a valid FIDE ID number from their national federation,

2) Players must have been born in 2019 or before.

(2) The tournament will be organized in 4 different categories in line with the following criteria.

a) Category A is open to,

1) Players whose ELO rating is 2000 or higher than 2000,

2) Players whose national rating is 2000 or higher than 2000 but no have ELO rating,

b) Category B is open to,

1) Players whose ELO rating is between 1700-1999,

2) Players whose national rating is between 1700-1999 and have no ELO rating

c) Category C is open to,

1) Players whose ELO rating is between 1400-1699

2) Players whose national rating is between 1400-1699 but have no ELO rating,

3) Players who are not citizen of Republic of Turkiye and have no ELO rating

d) Category D is open to,

1) Players whose national rating is 1399 or lower than 1399 and citizen of Republic of Turkiye

2) Players who have no national.

(3) Results of the categories A, B and C will be used to the ELO rating and National rating calculations. Results of the category D will be used to the National rating calculation.

(4) Applications will be made through the online registration page on the website mersinopen.tsf.org.tr. Informations on the tournament registration page must be given completely and correctly. Players are responsible for all forfeiture due to failure to register and incomplete/incorrect information. Applications made by incorrect methods or made after the deadline will not be accepted.

(5) Players who are not citizen of the Republic of Turkiye will apply to mersin@tsf.org.tr via e-mail.

(6) All players are responsible for completion of the registration verification process within the date and time specified in the tournament schedule.

(7) First round pairings are made according to the schedule. Players who arrive after the deadline registration verification will be added to the end of the first round pairing list (by sorted and considered pairing criteria).

(8) Players who arrive after the start of the first round will be added to the player list. In that case the player list is sorted before the second round and pairing is made for the second round. After the announcement of the second round pairings no players will be accepted to the tournament.

(9) For each category players will complete the registration process by paying 500 ₺ entry fee. The entry fee will be paid by credit card from the online payment page on the website of mersinopen.tsf.org.tr. There is no entry fee for GM, IM, WGM, WIM, FM and WFM titled players.

(10) The entry fee will not be refunded to the players who do not participate in the tournament.

Ranking with Tie Breaks Methods

ARTICLE 3- (1) In the Swiss System Tournaments players who have same point are ranked using the following the tie break methods (with the name determined in the Swiss Manager program):

a) Direct encounter (the results of the players in the same point group)[11],

b) Buchholz-1 (Baku 2023) [84],

c) Sonneborn Berger (Baku 2023) [85],

ç) Average of Opponents' Buchholz [77],

d) Number of Win [68],

e) Drawing of lots.

(2) In the Round Robin Tournaments players who have same point are ranked using the following the tie break methods (with the name determined in the Swiss Manager program):

a) Direct encounter (the results of the players in the same point group)[11],

b) Sonneborn Berger (Baku 2023) [85],

c) Number of Wins [68],

ç) Drawing of lots.

General Rules

ARTICLE 4- (1) The Appeal Committee determined and announced at the technical meeting will evaluate the appeals. Objections against any decision must be submitted in the written form to the chief arbiter within 15 minutes after completion of the current round. Appeal deposit fee is 840 ₺.

(2) According to the FIDE Laws of Chess Article 6.7.2 the default time is 30 minutes.

(3) According to the FIDE Laws of Chess Article 9.9.1 there is no restriction of move for draw offer.

(4) The Chief Arbiter has the right to modify number of rounds, tournament schedule and pairing system depending on the number of participants. In case of such modifications players are informed in the technical meeting.

(5) In the tournament Swiss Manager software will be used for the pairings. Starting rank list is determined according to the player's highest rating (UKD or ELO whichever is higher) on the start day of the registration verification.

(6) GM, IM, WGM and WIM titled players will be evaluated and answered by the organization if they submit free accomodation requests to the tournament director. The other accomodation opportunities will be announced on the tournament web page.

(7) Tournament Director,

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SECOND SECTION

Prizes and Tournament Schedule

Prizes

ARTICLE 5- (1) Top three players in each categories will receive trophies and players who win prizes will receive medals. Totally 905.500 ₺ prizes will be given as stated in the table below. Prizes will be given according to the final ranking and prizes will not be shared.

(2) Players who appear as "TUR" in the FIDE rating list are considered as 'Turkish Player'.

(3) For 'Local Player' prize, players must submit the documents proving the resident in Mersin during the registration verification.

(4) Players excluded from the tournament and forfeited at the last round have no right to claim any prize.

(5) Unless the tournament director decide otherwise players who do not participate the closing ceremony have no right to claim any prize.

(6) Players receive all the prizes they have earned.

(7) Prize tables for categories are as follow.

PRIZE TABLE FOR CATEGORY A					
	RANK	**PRIZE**	**BEST**	**RANK**	**PRIZE**
Open Category	1.	150.000 ₺	**Senior Player (Who is 50 age or over 50 age)**	1.	5.000 ₺
	2.	110.000 ₺			
	3.	90.000 ₺	**Woman Player**	1.	7.000 ₺
	4.	60.000 ₺	**Player Who Lives in Mersin**	1.	5.000 ₺
	5.	50.000 ₺		2.	3.000 ₺
	6.	35.000 ₺		3.	2.000 ₺
	7.	25.000 ₺	**Turkish Player**	1.	13.000 ₺
	8.	20.000 ₺		2.	10.000 ₺
	9.	15.000 ₺		3.	7.500 ₺
	10.	10.000 ₺	**TOTAL PRIZE OF CATEGORY A: 617.500 ₺**		

PRIZE TABLE FOR CATEGORY B					
Open Category	RANK	PRIZE	BEST	RANK	PRIZE
	1.	32.000 ₺	Senior Player (Who is 50 age or over 50 age)	1.	4.000 ₺
	2.	25.000 ₺			
	3.	20.000 ₺			
	4.	18.000 ₺	Player Who Lives in Mersin	1.	3.000 ₺
	5.	16.000 ₺		2.	2.500 ₺
	6.	12.000 ₺		3.	1.500 ₺
	7.	10.000 ₺	Woman Player Who Lives in Mersin	1.	3.000 ₺
	8.	9.000 ₺		2.	2.500 ₺
	9.	8.000 ₺		3.	1.500 ₺
	10.	7.000 ₺	Woman Player	1.	3.000 ₺
TOTAL PRIZE OF CATEGORY B: 182.000 ₺				2.	2.500 ₺
				3.	1.500 ₺

PRIZE TABLE FOR CATEGORY C					
Open Category	RANK	PRIZE	BEST	RANK	PRIZE
	1.	10.000 ₺	Woman Player Who Lives in Mersin	1.	3.000 ₺
	2.	9.000 ₺		2.	2.000 ₺
	3.	8.000 ₺		3.	1.000 ₺
	4.	7.000 ₺	Woman Player	1.	3.000 ₺
	5.	6.000 ₺		2.	2.000 ₺
	6.	5.000 ₺		3.	1.000 ₺
	7.	4.000 ₺	TOTAL PRIZE OF CATEGORY C: 67.500 ₺		
	8.	3.000 ₺			
	9.	2.000 ₺			
	10.	1.500 ₺			

PRIZE TABLE FOR CATEGORY D					
Open Category	RANK	PRIZE	BEST	RANK	PRIZE
	1.	7.000 ₺	Woman Player Who Lives in Mersin	1.	2.000 ₺
	2.	6.000 ₺		2.	1.000 ₺
	3.	5.000 ₺		3.	750 ₺
	4.	4.000 ₺	Woman Player	1.	2.000 ₺
	5.	3.000 ₺		2.	1.000 ₺
	6.	2.000 ₺		3.	750 ₺
	7.	1.500 ₺	TOTAL PRIZE OF CATEGORY D : 38.500 ₺		
	8.	1.000 ₺			
	9.	750 ₺			
	10.	750 ₺			

Tournament Schedule

ARTICLE 6- (1) The schedule for the tournament is as follow.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
Date	**Time**	**Statement**
06 November 2025 Thursday	17.00	Deadline For Application
09 November 2025 Sunday	09.00	Start of Registration Verification
	14.00	End of Registration Verification
	14.30	Announcement of Player List
	14.45	Deadline for Appeal to the Player List
	15.00	Technical Meeting
	15.30	Announcement of Pairings
	15.45	Opening Ceremony
	16.00	Round 1
10 November 2025 Monday	10.00	Round 2
	16.00	Round 3
11 November 2025 Tuesday	16.00	Round 4
12 November 2025 Wednesday	10.00	Round 5
	16.00	Round 6
13 November 2025 Thursday	16.00	Round 7
14 November 2025 Friday	16.00	Round 8
15 November 2025 Saturday	10.00	Round 9
	16.00	CLOSING CEREMONY