



AKTOBE OPEN 2024

Kazakhstan Chess Federation (KCF) with the support of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, invites you to participate in the International Chess Tournament "Vladimir Dvorkovich Memorial - Aktobe Open 2024" from May 24 (day of arrival) to June 3 (day of departure) 2024 in the city of Aktobe, Kazakhstan.



REGULATIONS

International Chess Championship

"Vladimir Dvorkovich Memorial - Aktobe Open 2024"

(1st stage of the Adult Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan in classical chess among men and women)

1. General Provisions

1.1. The International Chess Championship "Vladimir Dvorkovich Memorial - Aktobe Open 2024" (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) is held in accordance with the calendar plan of sports events organized by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation with the goals of:

- promoting chess in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Aktobe region;
- developing professional chess in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- preparing leading athletes of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- preserving the memory of the international chess arbiter Vladimir Dvorkovich;
- identifying candidates for participation in the Final of the Adult Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan 2024.

2. Organizing Committee

2.1. The overall leadership of the championship organization is carried out by the Public Association "Kazakhstan Chess Federation" (KCF) with the support of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the State Institution "Department of Physical Culture and Sports of Aktobe City";

2.2. The direct conduct of the tournaments is entrusted to the tournament director and the panel of judges, approved by the Presidium of the Kazakhstan Chess Federation.

3. Dates and Venue

1. Dates: May 24 (arrival day) - June 3 (departure day), 2024;
2. Venue: ACE Tennis Club, Mangilik El Street, 2, Aktobe.

4. Tournaments and Conditions of Play

1. The chess festival consists of two tournaments (hereafter referred to as Tournaments):
 - Master's Tournament;
 - Open Tournament;
2. The Tournaments are rated by FIDE;
3. The Tournaments are conducted according to the Swiss system in 9 rounds following FIDE rules;
4. Pairings are made using the Swiss Manager software;
5. Time control: 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move;
6. Arriving more than 30 minutes late for a round results in a loss;
7. Offering a draw before the 30th move is prohibited;
8. Anti-cheating control will be conducted in accordance with FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations, with standard protection level. A 15-minute broadcast delay will be applied.
9. All players are required to adhere to a dress code (business casual, smart casual; shorts and flip-flops are not allowed).
10. Smoking in the playing hall is prohibited.
11. A player who has finished their game is considered a spectator and must leave the tournament hall.

5. Appeals

1. To resolve disputes, an Appeals Committee (AC) will be elected at the technical meeting, consisting of: chairman, 2 main members of the AC + 2 reserve members of the AC;
2. A player may challenge any decision of the panel of judges by submitting an appeal in writing to the AC, no later than 1 hour after the end of the round, paying an appeal fee of 50,000 tenge;
3. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final;
4. In case the appeal is upheld, the appeal fee will be fully refunded.

6. Schedule

Date	Schedule
24.05.2023	Arrival day, 12:00 – 18:00 – participant accreditation 19:00 Technical meeting
25.05.2023	10:30 – Tournament Opening 11:30 – Round 1
26.05.2023	16:00 – Round 2
27.05.2023	16:00 – Round 3
28.05.2023	16:00 – Round 4
29.05.2023	16:00 – Round 5
30.05.2023	16:00 – Round 6
30.05.2023	16:00 – Round 7
01.06.2023	16:00 – Round 8
02.06.2023	10:00 – Round 9
	17:00 – Tournament Closing
03.06.2023	Departure day

** the schedule of rounds may be adjusted by the Tournament's Judging Panel*

7. Participants and Tournament Fee

7.1. The maximum number of participants is 250 people. Priority is given to those who applied earlier.

7.2. Athletes meeting the following requirements are eligible to participate:

№	Tournament Name	Participation Conditions	Entry Fee	
			ELO	amount, KZT
1	Masters Tournament (limit - 100 participants)	ELO 2400 and above as of May 1, 2024 (men)	GM, FM, IM ≥ 2400	No fee
		ELO 2200 and above as of May 1, 2024 (women)	≥ 2200 WGM, WIM, WFM (women)	No fee

		Players without a title ELO 2400 and above	≥ 2400	50 000
2	Open Tournament (limit - 150 participants)	ELO 1800 – 2299 as of May 1, 2024	2000-2299	25 000
			1800-1999	30 000

7.3. For young men and women (born in 2006 and later), veterans born in 1964 and earlier, and individuals with special needs of categories 1, 2, and 3, a 50% discount on the tournament entry fees is provided. Note: the discount is only for citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

7.4. The organizing committee provides support only for invited athletes with a rating above 2600 as of May 1, 2024 (**the list of invited participants is formed by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation**):

Conditions	Hospitality		
	Accommodation	Travel Reimbursement (Equivalent)	Guaranteed Prize
ELO 2700+	Accommodation in a single room (single)	up to 450 000 tenge	250 000 tenge (if not winning a prize)
ELO 2650-2700	Accommodation in a single room (single)	up to 350 000 tenge	-
ELO 2600-2650	Accommodation in a double room (twin)	up to 250 000 tenge	-

- Application for hospitality must be sent to assem.k@kazchess.kz;
- the athlete provides the documents requested by the organizing committee for signing the Agreement;
- the organizer accepts a limited number of applications for hospitality;
- flight tickets are purchased by the organizing committee, if the athlete has purchased tickets independently, the organizing committee reserves the right to refuse reimbursement;
- upgrade from a twin room to a single is possible with an additional payment of 40 USD per day;
- the organizing committee may refuse hospitality due to a limited number of available places;
- hospitality is provided to no more than two athletes from one country;
- submitting an application does not guarantee automatic receipt of hospitality;
- The Masters is open to Kazakhstani athletes who are included in The talent support program, as well as additional participants on the recommendation of the KazChess Coaching Council.
- the final list of invited athletes is formed by the KCF.

8. Application Submission / Registration

8.1. Applications for participation in the tournaments are accepted on the KCF website <https://kazchess.kz/pay> until May 1, 2024;

8.2. The organizing committee reserves the right to end the acceptance of applications before the set date if the number of participants is reached;

8.3. The organizing committee reserves the right to deny registration after May 1, 2024;

8.4. For participants who request registration after May 1, 2024, the tournament fee increases by 60,000 tenge;

8.5. Tournament fees are allocated for general administrative and organizational expenses;

8.6. Tournament fees are accepted upon registration for the tournament on the KCF website;
8.7. If a participant withdraws from the tournament, the fee is non-refundable;
8.8. Confirmation of registration is the inclusion of the participant in the start list on the website Chess-result.com;

8.9. The presence of participants at the accreditation is mandatory; if absent without notice 24 hours before the opening ceremony, the organizing committee reserves the right not to include the participant in the draw for the first round.

9. Visa

9.1. **An invitation number** is required for visa processing. The authorized body's review period for issuing an invitation number takes up to two weeks; therefore, athletes must send the requested documents by no later than May 1, 2024;

9.2. Athletes can independently apply for an electronic visa with the invitation number at the website:
<https://www.vmp.gov.kz/ru/services/visa-service>

9.3. The electronic visa must be printed out for presentation when crossing the state border and within the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The electronic visa grants the right to enter/exit the Republic of Kazakhstan only **through international airports**;

9.4. Athletes independently obtain a sticker visa with the invitation number at the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

9.5. The visa fee is 80 USD.

10. Determination of Winners. Awards

10.1. The winners of the competition are determined by the highest total of points scored in all games. In case of equal points, the following tie-break criteria apply sequentially:

- a) Buchholz coefficient (truncated, excluding the worst result);
- b) head-to-head result (if all participants involved in the tie have played each other);
- c) greater number of wins;
- d) performance.

10.2. The guaranteed prize fund for the Masters tournament is 45 000 000 tenge. ***The tournament prize fund is calculated in KZT, the amount in \$ is based on the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan as of the date the regulations were signed (March 20, 2024).**

Masters Tournament: main prizes 40 200 000 KZT.

№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	9 000 000,00	20 000,00
2nd place	7 000 000,00	15 600,00
3rd place	5 000 000,00	11 100,00
4th place	3 500 000,00	7 800,00
5th place	3 000 000,00	6 700,00
6th place	2 600 000,00	5 800,00
7th place	2 100 000,00	4 700,00
8th place	1 600 000,00	3 600,00
9th place	1 300 000,00	2 900,00
10th place	900 000,00	2 000,00
11th place	600 000,00	1 300,00

12th place	600 000,00	1 300,00
13th place	600 000,00	1 300,00
14th place	600 000,00	1 300,00
15th place	600 000,00	1 300,00
16th place	400 000,00	900,00
17th place	400 000,00	900,00
18th place	400 000,00	900,00

Masters Tournament: additional prizes 4 800 000 KZT.

Best result among women			Best result among Kazakhstani players		
№	KZT	≈\$	№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	1 100 000	2 400	1st place	1 000 000	2 200
2nd place	800 000	1 700	2 место	700 000	1 500
3rd place	600 000	1 300			

10.2. The guaranteed prize fund for the open tournament is 4,550,000 KZT. ***The tournament's prize fund is calculated in KZT, the amount in \$ is given according to the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan as of the date the regulation was signed (March 20, 2024).**

Open Tournament A: main prizes total 3 050 000 KZT.

№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	1 000 000	2 200,00
2nd place	700 000	1 600,00
3rd place	500 000	1 100,00
4th place	400 000	900,00
5th place	200 000	400,00
6th place	150 000	300,00
7th place	100 000	200,00

Open Tournament A: additional prizes total 1 500 000 KZT.

Best result among women			Best result among veterans born in 1964 and older.		
№	KZT	≈\$	№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	200 000	400	1st place	200 000	400
2nd place	150 000	300	2nd place	150 000	300

3rd place	100 000	200	3rd place	100 000	200
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Best result among boys under 14 years old			Best result among girls under 14 years old		
№	KZT	≈\$	№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	150 000	300	1st place	150 000	300

Best result among boys under 10 years old			Best result among girls under 10 years old		
№	KZT	≈\$	№	KZT	≈\$
1st place	150 000	300	1st place	150 000	300

9.3. In the event of a tie for places between two or more participants, the prizes are divided according to the Hort system.

9.4. Taxes will be withheld from all prizes in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

9.5. Main and additional prizes are not divided;

9.6. A participant can receive only one prize – the highest one;

9.7. Prize payments are made to the athlete's bank account by transferring in tenge / dollars / rubles within 30 calendar days from the day of providing the requested documents;

***The tournament's prize fund is calculated in KZT, the amount in \$ is indicated according to the rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the time of signing the regulations (March 20, 2024).**

9.8. If the athlete does not have a bank account or it is blocked, or transfer to his bank account is not possible due to sanctions or other circumstances, the athlete must also provide a notarized power of attorney to a third party for receiving his money prizes;

9.9. Cash prizes are not paid in cash, and if the athlete does not provide the requested documents within 10 calendar days from the end of the tournament, the organizing committee has the right not to pay out the prize money.

10. Expenses for the competition

10.1. KCF will cover the following expenses for the festival:

- providing a prize fund of 45 000 000 tenge for the "Masters" tournament;
- providing a prize fund of 4 550 000 tenge for the open tournament;
- payment for the work of the judging panel;
- partial payment of organizational expenses;

10.2. The Department of Physical Culture and Sports of the city of Aktobe will provide:

- administrative and logistical resources (200 tables, 300 chairs);
- organization of the opening and closing of the championship;
- musical accompaniment for the opening and closing of the championship;
- organization of medical support during the championship;
- organization of public order during the championship;
- organization of the duty of the fire brigade during the championship;
- provision of premises for the tournament hall;
- decoration;
- transport costs – meeting grandmasters from the airport, transfer to the location;

10.3. Expenses related to flights and accommodation of participants are covered by the delegating organizations.

11. Rights and Duties of Participants and Accompanying Persons

11.1. Participants must play in accordance with FIDE rules and this Regulation.

11.2. Recording of the game is mandatory for all participants, except for the age category "under 6 years".

11.3. A participant who does not keep a record of the game after two warnings from the referee will be deemed to have lost the game. If the situation repeats, the participant will be removed from the competition in the next game.

11.4. Participants, coaches, and accompanying persons must abide by the order of behavior and rules of decency in public places as established by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

11.5. In case of systematic violations of game discipline, deliberate provocation of scandalous situations, etc., the participant will be removed from the competitions. In the case of similar violations by coaches and accompanying persons, the violators will be banned from staying at the Championship.

11.6. Championship participants have the right to:

- apply to the Appeals Committee (see sec. 6.5);
- receive first aid in the tournament hall.

11.7. In accordance with Article 145 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, taking into account the requirements of paragraph 8 of Article 15 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, for the purpose of promoting sports events of the "Kazakhstan Chess Federation" and the activity of the Organizer, the Participant gives the Organizer consent:

- for the Organizer and/or third parties acting on behalf of and/or in the interests of the Organizer, to carry out video and photo shooting of the Participant's image (photography and/or video clip) during the Participant's involvement in the Competition;

- for the Organizer to use the Participant's name, to publish, reproduce, and distribute images of the Participant and/or other audio, video, photo materials obtained as a result of the Competition, depicting the Participant, by any means and by any methods without time and territorial usage restrictions, including the right to edit the said materials and to transfer them to third parties.

The Participant provides this consent on a gratuitous basis for an indefinite period and cannot subsequently demand any compensation from the Organizer in any form.

12. Contact Information

Tournament Director: Vice-President of KCF, Marat Sagintaevich Yesenov myessenov@mail.ru;

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Tournament Manager: Boris Antonovich Pen, boris.p@kazchess.kz.