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I. R. Iran Chess Federation



18th Caspian Cup

International Chess Festival

12th to 19th February 2020

Rasht, Iran

Invitation

This is the official invitation for participation in the “18th Caspian Cup” which will be held in Rasht, Iran, from 11th of February (arrival) till 19th of February (departure) 2020. The competition will be organised and held by Gilan Chess Association under the auspices of Chess Federation of I.R. Iran.

1. General Regulations & Rules

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

2. Participation

2.1 The categories are as below:

- **Category A** Master tournament- for players with Rating 1800 and higher.
- **Category B** for players with Rating less than 1800.
- **Category C** for cadets & youth players under 14 years old (Born on or after 1 January 2006)

2.2 The tournaments are open to all local chess players and foreign players who have FIDE ID.

2.3 Players born on or after the 1st of January 2006 can participate in the C category.

- Under 6: Born on or after 1 January 2014
- Under 8: Born on or after 1 January 2012
- Under 10: Born on or after 1 January 2010
- Under 12: Born on or after 1 January 2008
- Under 14: Born on or after 1 January 2006

3. Financial Regulations

- Entry Fee: The entry fee is free for GMs, IMs, WGMs.
- All other players must pay an entry fee of 100 USD to the organiser.

4. Playing Venue & Accommodation

4.1 The playing venue & official hotels are located in the Rasht.

4.2 Free full board accommodation for GMs and IMs will be provided by the organiser from 11th of February (arrival) till 19th of February (departure) 2020. (First Come First Served)

4.3 Free accommodation for the first registered player from each country will be provided by the organiser (Early Bird registration priority)

4.4 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 organisers only.



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5. Technical Regulations

5.1 Time control: Each player shall have 90 minutes with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.

5.2 Each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 or 11 rounds, depending on number of participants.

5.3 Default time is 30 minutes.

5.4 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.

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

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

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

5.8 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.

5.9 If players inform the Chief Arbiter to be absent in one round, they will be scored 0.5 (half-point bye). No player may request a half-point bye after round 6. Invited players shall play in all rounds.

6. Tie-break System

6.1 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:

No.	Category A	Category B & C
1	Direct Encounter	Direct Encounter
2	Rating Performance	Buchholz Cut 1
3	Buchholz Cut 1	Buchholz Cut 2
4	Buchholz Cut 2	Median Buchholz 1
5	Sum of Buchholz	Sum of Buchholz



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7. Schedule

9 rounds (categories with 200 players and less)

Date	Time	Details
11 th February 2020	14:00	Arrival
12 th February 2020	16:00	Opening Ceremony
	17:00	Round 1
13 th February 2020	17:00	Round 2
14 th February 2020	17:00	Round 3
15 th February 2020	09:30	Round 4
	17:00	Round 5
16 th February 2020	17:00	Round 6
17 th February 2020	17:00	Round 7
18 th February 2020	17:00	Round 8
19 th February 2020	09:30	Round 9
	15:00	Closing Ceremony

11 rounds (Categories with more than 200 players)

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12 th February 2020	16:00	Opening Ceremony
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13 th February 2020	09:30	Round 2
	17:00	Round 3
14 th February 2020	17:00	Round 4
15 th February 2020	09:30	Round 5
	17:00	Round 6
16 th February 2020	17:00	Round 7
17 th February 2020	09:30	Round 8
	17:00	Round 9
18 th February 2020	17:00	Round 10
19 th February 2020	09:30	Round 11
	15:00	Closing Ceremony



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8. Prizes

8.1 The money prizes provided by the Organising Committee are as follows: IRR (Iranian Rial)

Rank	Table A
1 st Place	100.000.000
2 nd Place	60.000.000
3 rd Place	35.000.000
4 th Place	25.000.000
5 th Place	20.000.000
6 th Place	15.000.000
7 th Place	12.000.000
8 th Place	10.000.000
1st Under Elo 2250	9.000.000
1st Under Elo 2150	8.000.000
1st Under Elo 1950	7.000.000

Rank	Table B
1 st Place	30.000.000
2 nd Place	25.000.000
3 rd Place	20.000.000
4 th Place	15.000.000
5 th Place	13.000.000
6 th Place	12.000.000
7 th Place	1.000.000
8 th Place	9.000.000
9 th Place	8.500.000
10 th Place	8.000.000
1 st Under Elo 1650	6.500.000
1 st Under Elo 1500	6.000.000
Best Female Player	5.500.000
Best Senior	4.500.000

Table E (Youth)					
Rank	U14	U12	U10	U08	U06
1 st Place	12.000.000	9.000.000	8.000.000	7.000.000	6.500.000
2 nd Place	10.000.000	8.000.000	7.500.000	6.500.000	6.000.000
3 rd Place	9.000.000	7.000.000	6.500.000	6.000.000	5.500.000
Best Girl	6.000.000	6.000.000	5.000.000	5.000.000	5.000.000

8.2 All prizes are in IRR (Iranian Rial)

8.3 10% will be deducted from cash prizes.

8.4 Only one prize can be awarded to a player. (The highest prize)

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



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9. Appeals Committee

9.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in a written form to the Chairman of Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the protest fee of 50 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 organiser.

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

10. Visa

10.1 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 Organiser before the deadline of 1st February 2020.

11. Travel Information

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

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

12. Contact

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