

Maldives National Chess Open Championship 2018

An event organized by Maldives Chess Association

Tournament Rules and Regulations

Maldives National Chess Championship – 2018 organised by Maldives Chess Association is endorsed by the Sports Council of the Maldives. We take the honour to invite Maldivian Chess players registered with the Maldives Chess Association to participate in this tournament.

1. Objective

The Maldives National Individual Chess Championship 2018 tournament objective is to determine the National Champion of the year 2018.

2. Participation

Participation is open for all Maldivians. The prescribed form for application is attached herewith.

3. Tournament Format

This is an individual Tournament open for all Maldivians. The tournament will be maximum nine rounds. The pairing will be done using either SWISS (if more than 10 participants) OR Round Robin (if the number of participants are 10 or below).

- 3.1 The Swiss Manager shall be used as the pairing program. No other pairing program shall be used.
- 3.2 The first round pairing shall be done after the conclusion of the Technical Meeting.
- 3.3 Time Control: Standard Chess; 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment from Move 1.
- 3.4 Each player shall record his / her game during own time before the next move is played using FIDE approved Algebraic Notations.
- 3.5 Scoring: Game points: 1 point for a win, 0.5 point for a draw and 0 point for a loss. Ranking will be based on the Game Points scored. In case of any tie in Game Points score, the following tie-break shall be applied: -

- a) If pairing was done using Round Robin:

- Direct encounter
- The greater number of wins
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Koya System

- b) If pairing was done using SWISS

- Direct encounter
- The greater number of wins
- The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with White)
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger

- c) If no definitive winner is selected from tie breaks, a sudden death match will be held

- Lots are drawn to decide the colors between Players



- The Player who wins the lots may choose the color.
- White shall get five minutes [5m] and Black shall get four minutes [4m]. No increments.
- In the event of a draw, Black is declared the winner.

4. Rules

- 4.1 FIDE Laws of Chess for Standard Chess applies.
- 4.2 This is a zero-tolerance tournament and hence a player not in his/her designated seat when a round starts, shall lose the game. Official round-times are based on the time shown at the playing venue.
- 4.3 The touch-move rule applies.
- 4.4 The score-sheets are mandatory.
- 4.5 A player shall not annoy or distract their opponent in any way. A player may only talk to their opponent to offer a draw or to declare their intention to adjust a piece.
- 4.6 A player shall not discuss their game with anyone while the game is in progress.
- 4.7 A player shall not leave the playing venue while their game is in progress without the permission of the arbiter.
- 4.8 A player shall not bring an electronic device to the playing area while a round is in progress.
- 4.9 A player shall not be a source of noise in the playing area.
- 4.10 Behavior and language that disrupts the sports-conducive environment of the playing area shall not be tolerated.
- 4.11 A player whose game is finished is considered a spectator and shall leave the playing area as soon as possible.
- 4.12 A player shall not do anything that will bring the game of chess into disrepute.
- 4.13 A player shall not be a source of obstruction of the chief arbiter's/arbiter's duty. The arbiter's duty includes [among others] the following:
- Ensuring fair play
 - Ensuring that a good playing environment is maintained
 - Ensuring that the players are not disturbed
- 4.14 Supplementary Rules and Regulations by the Organiser.
- 4.15 All officials & players should be smartly attired in the tournament hall.
- 4.16 The decision of the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter with regard to the running of the tournament is FINAL.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Closing date for registration is 20th December 2018.
- 5.2 Technical meeting will be held on 22nd December 2018.
- 5.3 The tournament will be held from 23rd December 2018 to 4th January 2018 both dates inclusive.
- 5.4 There will be two rounds every day.
- 5.5 The Organiser shall publish the result of the previous round within ½ hour from the end of last game of the previous round.
- 5.6 The Organiser shall give at least ½ hour break between the publishing of previous round result and next round pairing to allow playersto perform result verification.
- Any protest on the result must be done within this time frame.
- The Organiser shall publish the result of the final round within ½ hour from the end of last game of the final round.



6. Medals and Awards

- 6.1 Medals and Awards-
- 6.2 Top 3 Players - Gold, Silver, Bronze respectively for each player.
- First Award – MVR 5000
 - Second Award – MVR 3000
 - Third Award – MVR 2000
- 6.3 The Champion shall be presented with the Challenge trophy.

7. Tournament Venue

- 7.1 The Playing Venue will be in Male' and site will be decided by organizing committee on availability.

8. Arbiters

- 8.1 Maldives Chess Association shall appoint an International Arbiter (IA) / FIDE Arbiter (FA) to become the Chief Arbiter of the tournament.
- 8.2 Maldives Chess Association shall appoint either FIDE Arbiter (FA) or a National Arbiter (NA) as Deputy Chief Arbiter of the tournament.
- 8.3 Organiser is allowed to appoint any number of Assistant Arbiter to facilitate the running of the tournament.

9. Penalties

- 9.1 Penalties for violations of the above requirements shall be determined by the chief arbiter/arbiter as per the FIDE Laws of Chess. Arbiters may choose penalties among the following options:
- 9.1.1 Warning
 - 9.1.2 Increase the remaining time of the opponent
 - 9.1.3 Reducing the remaining time of the offender
 - 9.1.4 Increasing the points scored in the game by the opponent to the maximum [1point] for that game
 - 9.1.5 Reducing the points scored in the game by the offender
 - 9.1.6 Declaring the game to be lost for the offender. The arbiter shall also decide the opponent's score
 - 9.1.7 A fine between MVR 500 and MVR 2000
 - 9.1.8 Expulsion from the tournament
- 9.2 In the event a player is dissatisfied with the chief arbiter's/arbiter's decision, he/she has the right to appeal to the Appeals Committee.
- 9.3 A player may also incur penalties from the Federation/Organizers themselves depending on the severity of an infringement. These include fines and bans from future tournaments, events and activities hosted by the Federation/Organizers.

10. The Appeals Committee

- 10.1 The Appeals Committee comprises of five [5] members: the chief arbiter, chief organizer and three players from amongst participating players or captains elected at the Technical Meeting. Each school may only have one player on the appeals committee.
- 10.2 Protests shall be filed in writing to the Appeals Committee with a protest-fee of MVR 500. This fee is refundable if the protest is justified and upheld.



10.3 The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

11. Forfeits/withdrawals/expulsions

- 11.1 If a player fails to attend two consecutive rounds, they shall be expelled from the tournament.
- 11.2 If a player has completed fifty percent [50 %] of their games, their score shall remain in the tournament table and shall be counted in the final standings. If a player has not completed fifty percent [50 %] of their games, their score shall not be counted in the final standings, although their score would still remain in the tournament table. [2, 8.2, 05. FIDE Competition Rules, FIDE Handbook]
- 11.3 Organiser reserves the right to retain up to the whole sum of the player registration fee depending on when the cancellation is made.
- 11.4 Players who pull-out / absent halfway from the tournament without valid reason shall be submitted to Ethics Committee for investigation.

