



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sharjah Masters International Chess Championship - 2019**

Under the Patronage of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, Sharjah Culture & Chess Club is pleased to invite you to participate in Sharjah Masters 2019, that will be held at Sharjah Chess Club from March 21<sup>st</sup> Arrival to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Departure.

### **Participants & Registration:**

- Open for all FIDE players rated Elo 1500 and above (some exceptional cases with special approval) as of March 2019. Online ratings and titles are not accepted.
- Last day for registration is 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.
- Registration is only accepted online via the following link: [www.shjchessmasters.com](http://www.shjchessmasters.com)

### **Number of Rounds & Time Control:**

- 9 Rounds, Swiss System.
- Time Control: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.

### **Delay Time**

30 Minutes.

### **Playing Venue:**

At Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (Sharjah Hall), United Arab Emirates.

### **Entry & Related Fees**

- Based on standard rating & title as of 1st March 2019.
- Standard Elo above 2400, GM, IM, WGM, and WIM are free.

Players with a standard Elo of 2000-2399 \$125.

Players with a standard Elo of 1500-1999 \$150.

- Total prize fund of the tournament is USD \$60,000

**- Main Prizes (based on Tie-Break):**

1st	<b>\$15,000 + Cup</b>	7th	<b>\$3,000</b>
2nd	<b>\$10,000</b>	8th	<b>\$2,000</b>
3rd	<b>\$7,000</b>	9th	<b>\$1,500</b>
4th	<b>\$6,000</b>	10th	<b>\$1,000</b>
5th	<b>\$5,000</b>	11th	<b>\$800</b>
6th	<b>\$4,000</b>	12th	<b>\$700</b>

Best Female Player	<b>\$500</b>
Best Player Under 16	<b>\$300</b>
Best Player Under 12	<b>\$300</b>

Best Sharjah chess Club player	<b>\$300</b>
Best Sharjah Female player	<b>\$300</b>

- More special prizes will be announced during the tournament.
- All Prizes will be awarded based on Tie-Break and will not be shared.
- Player cannot be awarded more than one prize, it will be the highest amount.
- Winners of the tournament should present at the closing ceremony.
- Prize winners are requested to follow the dress code of business casual (or elegant casual) no shorts, slippers, caps (except for religious reasons).

**Tie Break**

- Direct encounter
- Buchholz (lowest)
- Buchholz
- Great Number of victories
- Rating performance

### **Hotel Accommodation**

- Players can stay at any hotel.
- Centro Rotana Sharjah will be the official Hotels of the tournament.
- Transportation will be only provided to / from the club to the official Hotel.

Tel.: +971 6 5088 000

Single Room \$100 /night, Full Board

Double Room \$140 /night, Full Board

Triple Room \$180 /night, Full Board

- For Hotel Booking & Payment kindly Email: sharjahmasters@gmail.com

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**Beneficiary Name: Sharjah cultural and chess club**

**Account number: (IBAN) AE760351661003208947019**

**Beneficiary Bank: FAB**

**SWIFT code: NBADAEAA**

Booking and payment shall be made directly to Sharjah Chess Club's bank account.

### **Accommodation Condition**

The organizing committee shall provide free Shared Double room accommodation for players rated Elo 2650 and above (prior approval from the organizing committee is needed in order to guarantee the accommodation).

- Grandmasters with a standard Elo of 2700+ may apply for a single room accommodation.
- Applying for accommodation doesn't automatically make the player eligible to get the accommodation.
- If a participant is given accommodation, the organizer will contact the player directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed through the email.

### **Visa**

- Fees for UAE Visa \$100.
- Players who require visas are requested to upload and attach a scanned copy of their passports and colored personal photo in the online application form.
- Entry visas to the UAE will be issued for eligible participants and will be valid for 30 days from the date of arrival.

## Schedule

Day	Dates	Rounds	Time
Thursday	21 March - 2019	Arrival	After 12:00 noon
Friday	22 March - 2019	Technical Meeting Opening ceremony <b>Round 1</b>	11:00 18:00 <b>18:30</b>
Saturday	23 March - 2019	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Sunday	24 March - 2019	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Monday	25 March - 2019	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Tuesday	26 March - 2019	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Wednesday	27 March - 2019	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Thursday	28 March - 2019	<b>Round 7</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Friday	29 March - 2019	<b>Round 8</b>	<b>18:00</b>
Saturday	30 March - 2019	<b>Round 9</b> <b>Closing Ceremony</b>	<b>15:00</b> <b>20:30</b>
Sunday	31 March - 2019	Departure for all players	12:00

### Information

[www.shjchessmasters.com](http://www.shjchessmasters.com)

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