



# Sharjah Masters 2024 International Chess Championship

Under the Patronage of

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## 1. Prospectus

The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club is pleased to invite you to participate in the 7th Sharjah Masters 2024, which will be held at the Club's premises, from May 13th (Arrival) to 23rd (Departure), 2024.

## 2. Participation & Registration

Tournament is open to all FIDE-rated players in the following categories

- **Masters** : For players rated 2500 (FIDE Standard) and above.
- **Challengers** : For players rated 1900-2499 (FIDE Standard).
- **Futures** : For players rated 1400-1899 (FIDE Standard).
- Registration is only accepted online via the following link : <https://masters.sharjahchess.ae>
- Last day of registration & payment is 25th April 2024
- Out of all players the 80% will be selected by 25th April 2024 (after relative online Application) and the rest 20% will (might) be given Wild Card participation permission.
- The highest rated player per federation will be invited to participate (priority), after relative Application. Priority will be given to higher (over-the-board) titles and ratings (standard). Exceptions can be given to the Wild Cards.
- For each federation a maximum of twenty (20) players will be allowed to participate. An exception will (might) be given to (proven) resident players of the United Arab Emirates.
- Organizing committee reserves the right to accept or deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules and regulations and UAE Laws.

## 3. Data

- **9 Rounds** Swiss System.
- **Time Control**: 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.
- **Delay Time**: 30-minute delay will apply
- **The Playing Hall** will be at the Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club (Sharjah, UAE) premises.

## 4. Event's Sections & Entry Fees

- The event will be held as per the following sections, as per the FIDE Rating List (Standard) of 01.05.2024:

<b>Masters</b> : Rating 2500+.	<b>Challengers</b> : 1900-2499.	<b>Futures</b> : 1400-1899.
Players Eighty (80).	Players Sixty (60).	Players Sixty (60).
- GMs & WGMs: USD 0.	- GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.	- GMs & IMs & WGMs: USD 0.
- Rating 2600+: USD 0.	- Rating 2200-2399: USD 200.	- Rating 1800-1899: USD 100.
- Rating 2500-2599: USD 100.	- Rating 2100-2199: USD 300	- Rating 1700-1799: USD 150.
	- Rating 1900-2099: USD 350.	- Rating 1600-1699: USD 200.
		- Rating 1500-1599: USD 250.
		- Rating 1400-1499: USD 300.



### 5. Visa and Accommodation:

- Entry Visa for the officially invited VIPs, Arbiters & Players will be for free.
- Coaches & Accompanying Persons: USD 100.
- All Visa Fees for Coaches & Accompanying Persons must be paid in advance (net - Bank Expenses on the Sender) in the SCCC Bank Account.
- Entry Visas to the UAE will be issued for the eligible VIPs, Participants, Coaches & Accompanying Persons and will be valid for thirty (30) days from the date of arrival in UAE.
- All Visa Applications are subject to the approval of the UAE Authorities.
- All Visa Application fees are non-refundable.

### 6. Arbitration & Appeals Committee

- The SCCC shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and the Arbiters.
- In the Technical Meeting an Appeals Committee will be selected.
- Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter and/or the Arbiters must be submitted in written and signed form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.
- An Appeal shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of USD 200 or its equivalent in the local currency
- If the Appeal is accepted, the above fee will be returned; otherwise, it shall be forfeited to the Organizing Committee.

### 7. Tie-Breaks

- The tie-break criteria (for all three sections) will be (by order):
- Direct Encounter.
- Buchholz-cut1.
- Buchholz-cut2.
- Highest Number of Wins with black (played).
- Rating Performance.

### 8. Dress-Code & Forbidden Items

All participants are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual or elegant casual, with no shorts, slippers, etc..

Any electronic equipment (computers, cameras, mobile phones, tablets, hand-watches, pencils, etc.) is strictly forbidden in the Playing Hall, as per FIDE Handbook.





## 9. Playing Schedule

- The Sections will be played according to the following Schedule (UAE Timing - GMT +4).

Masters & Challengers			
Dates	Day	Time	Activity
May 13	Mon	12:00	Arrival
May 14	Tue	12:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
May 15	Wed	15:00	Round 2
May 16	Thu	15:00	Round 3
May 17	Fri	15:00	Round 4
May 18	Sat	15:00	Round 5
May 19	Sun	15:00	Round 6
May 20	Mon	15:00	Round 7
May 21	Tue	15:00	Round 8
May 22	Wed	15:00	Round 9
		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 23	Thu	12:00	Departure

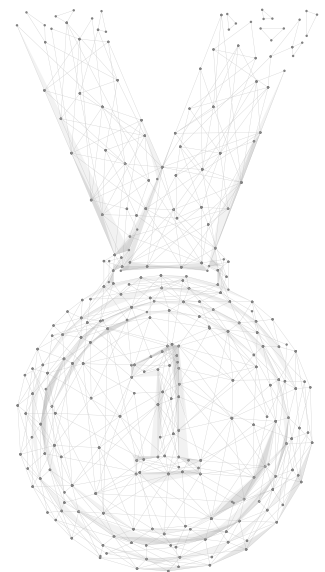
Futures			
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May 14	Tue	12:00	Technical Meeting
		16:30	Opening Ceremony
		17:00	Round 1
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May 19	Sun	17:00	Round 6
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May 22	Wed	15:00	Round 9
		20:30	Closing Ceremony
May 23	Thu	12:00	Departure

## 10. Awards & Prizes

- Awards & Prizes will be distributed according to the following table.

- Note that the Cash Prizes will be more than USD 65,000 (for all three sections). Cash Prizes will not be shared, but awarded by points and/or tie-break criteria, as per Article 7

Position	Masters \$ 52,000	Challengers \$ 8,800	Futures \$ 5,000	Medals
1 <sup>st</sup>	12000	2000	1500	Gold Medal + Cup
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8000	1600	1100	Silver Medal
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7000	1300	900	Bronze Medal
4 <sup>th</sup>	5000	1000	700	
5 <sup>th</sup>	4000	700	500	
6 <sup>th</sup>	3000	600	300	
7 <sup>th</sup>	2500	500		
8 <sup>th</sup>	2000	400		
9 <sup>th</sup>	1600	300		
10 <sup>th</sup>	1500	200		
11 <sup>th</sup>	1400	Best Female 200		
12 <sup>th</sup>	1300			
13 <sup>th</sup>	1200			
14 <sup>th</sup>	1100			
15 <sup>th</sup>	1000			
Best Female	600			





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### 12. Hotel Accommodation

- The Centro Rotana Sharjah will be the official Hotel of the tournament.
- The accommodation offer of the tournament is as following (no triple rooms are offered):
- Single Room USD 110 per night (Full-Board).
- Double Room USD 160 per night (Full-Board).
- Added Infant Bed USD 40 per night (Full-Board).
- Transportation will be only provided (to - from) the club for the official Hotel by the Organizing Committee:
  - \* To and From the SCCC premises to the official Hotel (daily).
  - \* From and To Dubai (Terminals 1-2-3) or Sharjah airports to the official Hotel.
- All Payments should be made to the SCCC Bank Account (net of Bank expenses).

### 13. SCCC Bank Account

- Payments (net) should be made directly to Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club's Bank Account (net - Bank transfer expenses must be on the Sender).

Bank: Sharjah Islamic Bank - Sharjah Beneficiary: Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club

IBAN: AE490410000012095122001 Account No.: 0012095122001

Beneficiary SIB - SWIFT: NBSHAEAS Address: Al Dhaid Road, E88 - Sharjah - UAE





#### 🏠 14. Invited Players & Arbiters

- The Organizing Committee, taking into reference the Standard FIDE Rating List of 01.04.2024 and prior Application & Approval, shall provide:
- Invited GMs rated 2700+: Single-room accommodation with full-board.
- Invited GMs rated 2600-2699: Shared double- room accommodation with full-board.
- An upgrade from shared double to a single room accommodation, will cost USD 50 per night.
- To apply for invitation you **must** register online via link : <https://masters.sharjahchess.ae>
- If a Player is given any of the above privileges, the Organizing Committee will contact him/her directly with an official form to be signed and returned as instructed, via the official e-mail ([shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com](mailto:shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com)).

#### 🏠 15. Force Majeure

- The Sharjah Cultural & Chess Club & the Organizing Committee are baring no responsibility in case of a Force Majeure which might cancel or postpone the event.

#### 🏠 16. Contact/Information

- Tournament Director IA/IO Murad Abdulla
- Head of Technical Committee IM Omar Noaman Al Ali.
- General Coordinator IA/IO Rajai Al Susi.
- Website: [masters.sharjahchess.ae](https://masters.sharjahchess.ae)
- E-mail: [shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com](mailto:shjchessmasters2020@gmail.com).

