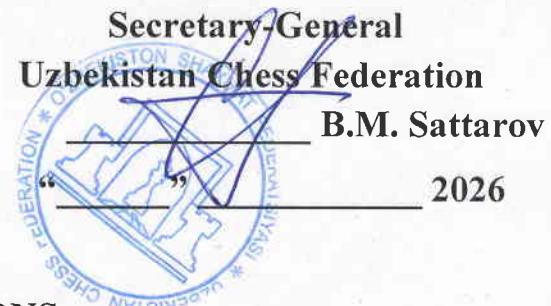


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**REGULATIONS**  
(English Translation)

**The IV International Tournament “Women’s Chess Championship”,  
dedicated to International Women’s Day.**

**Bukhara, Uzbekistan**

**March 9 – March 15, 2026**

**I. Goals and Objectives of the Tournament**

1.1. In accordance with the implementation of the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 8, 2023, No. PP-150 “On measures for comprehensive preparation for the 46th World Chess Olympiad, to be held in Uzbekistan in 2026, and the promotion of chess as a mass movement,” the IV International Chess Tournament – “Women’s Chess Championship” will be organized to fulfill following goals:

- To further promote chess in our country and to spread the engagement of youth in sports competitions.
- Creation of the necessary conditions for the further development of the knowledge and experience of Uzbek chess players, as well as their proper encouragement;
- Improve the sports skills of amateurs and young chess players, as well as support for the organization of meaningful leisure activities for students during their free time;
- Promote a healthy lifestyle among youth and strengthening cultural and sports ties.

**II. Tournament Procedure**

2.1 The general management and organization of the competition is carried out by the Uzbekistan Chess Federation (hereinafter UCF). The direct management of the tournament is entrusted to the Board of Arbiters.

2.2 The tournament will take place in Bukhara from March 9 (*arrival day*) to March 15 (*departure day*), 2026.

2.2.1 Address: Bukhara City

2.3. The competition will be organized in 3 (three) groups based on FIDE rules:

**“Masters” Group** consists of 7 foreign chess players with a FIDE rating of 2450 and above, as well as 3 chess players from Uzbekistan selected by the tournament organizers (excluding the rating requirement for the selected Uzbek chess players).  
**“Challengers” Group** is an open tournament for chess players with a rating of 1800 and above who have expressed their desire to participate and have paid the entry fee.

**“Futures” Group** The “Futures” group is open to all chess players with a FIDE rating of 0–1899 who have paid the entry fee.

2.4. FIDE rating (standard) of the all participants will be registered as of February 1, 2026, while the pairings list will reflect the standings as of March 1, 2026.

2.5. The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation and travel expenses based on the ratings of invited chess players as of February 1, 2026.

2.6. The organizers will accept a limited number of high-rated chess players. Participants can send a request for preferential admission via email to [uzchess@inbox.ru](mailto:uzchess@inbox.ru).

2.7. The “Masters” group is conducted in a round-robin system, following the standard time control, with 9 rounds. Each participant is allocated 60 minutes for the entire game, with an additional 30 seconds added for each move, starting from the first move. It is not permitted to agree to a draw before Black’s 30th move.

The “Challengers” and “Futures” groups - in the Swiss system, is conducted in 9 rounds in the standard time control. Each participant is given 60 minutes, and 30 seconds are added to each move, starting from the first move. It is not permitted to agree to a draw before Black’s 30th move.

2.8. The maximum allowed delay time for a round is 15 minutes. Participants who do not show up for the round without any prior notice may be excluded from the draw for the next round by the chief arbiter of the competition.

2.9. Pairings will be made using **Swiss-Manager** software.

2.10. All participants of the competition must confirm their participation between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on March 9, 2026. Otherwise, they will be removed from the tournament schedule.

2.11. Foreign chess players wishing to participate in the tournament can submit their applications by February 25, 2026, via the official email address of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation: [uzchess@inbox.ru](mailto:uzchess@inbox.ru).

2.12. The participation of Uzbek chess players in the “**Masters**” group shall be reviewed and approved by the Coaching Council of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation. Uzbek chess players can submit a written application to the Coaching Council by February 15, 2026.

2.13. Event Schedule:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
09.03.2026	Arrival Accreditation	Throughout the day 16:00-19:00
10.03.2026	Opening Ceremony	10:30
	Round 1 Round 2	11:00 16:00
11.03.2026	Round 3 Round 4	11:00 16:00
12.03.2026	Round 5 Round 6	11:00 16:00
13.03.2026	Round 7 Round 8	11:00 16:00
14.03.2026	Round 9	11:00
14.03.2026	Closing Ceremony	15:00
15.03.2026	Departure Day	Throughout the day

### **III. Awarding of the tournament winners**

- 3.1. The total prize fund of the IV International Chess Tournament – “Women’s Chess Championship” amounts to USD 70 000;
- 3.2. Prizes for the winners from Uzbekistan may be paid in the national currency at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3.3. Prizes will be transferred to the winners’ bank accounts, cards, or may be provided in cash only after they submit all necessary documents.
- 3.4. Bank services may be deducted from the prize fund;
- 3.5. The winners of the “**Masters**” group shall be determined by the number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following criteria shall be used to determine the remaining places:

1. Direct encounter;
2. Sonneborn Berger Tie-Break;
3. The greater number of Wins;
4. The greater number of Wins with Black;
5. The Koya System and others.

The winners of the “**Challengers**” and “**Futures**” groups shall be determined by the number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following criteria shall be used to determine the remaining places:

1. Buchholz Cut -1;
2. Buchholz;
3. Direct encounter
4. The greater number of Wins with Black;
5. Rating Performance and others.

3.6. The procedure for the draw shall be determined by the Chief Arbiter.

3.7. In case of a tie, prizes are not shared and are awarded according to the tie-breaks. If a player qualifies for more than one prize, only the higher prize shall be awarded.

3.8. The prizes will be awarded in the following order:

**The total prize fund is 70 000 US dollars.**

<b>№</b>	<b>“MASTERS”</b>	<b>“CHALLENGERS”</b>	<b>“FUTURES”</b>
<b>1.</b>	8 000 US dollars	5 000 US dollars	2 000 US dollars
<b>2.</b>	6 000 US dollars	4 000 US dollars	1 500 US dollars
<b>3.</b>	5 000 US dollars	3 000 US dollars	1 000 US dollars
<b>4.</b>	4 000 US dollars	2 500 US dollars	900 US dollars
<b>5.</b>	3 500 US dollars	2 000 US dollars	800 US dollars
<b>6.</b>	3 000 US dollars	1 800 US dollars	700 US dollars
<b>7.</b>	2 500 US dollars	1 600 US dollars	600 US dollars
<b>8.</b>	2 000 US dollars	1 300 US dollars	500 US dollars
<b>9.</b>	1 500 US dollars	1 200 US dollars	300 US dollars
<b>10.</b>	1 000 US dollars	1 000 US dollars	200 US dollars
<b>UNDER 16</b>		500 US dollars	300 US dollars
<b>UNDER 12</b>		500 US dollars	300 US dollars
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36 500 US dollars</b>	<b>24 400 US dollars</b>	<b>9 100 US dollars</b>

3.9. All foreign prize winners are required to obtain **PINFL** numbers from the Tax Committee of Uzbekistan.

#### **IV. Tournament Participants and Entry Fees**

4.1. Entry fees for participants of the “Challengers” and “Futures” group from Uzbekistan:

GM, WGM, IM, WIM, and players with a FIDE rating of 2300 and above are exempt from the entry fee.

FIDE rating 2000–2299: 400,000 UZS

FIDE rating 1800–1999: 450,000 UZS

FIDE rating 0–1799: 500,000 UZS

4.2. Winners of the 2025 Uzbekistan Chess Championship (Standard) in the under 7-18 age categories may participate in groups corresponding to their rating, exempted from the tournament fee.

4.3. A 50% discount is provided to participants from Uzbekistan aged 60 and over, as well as to individuals with disabilities.

Participants from Uzbekistan are required to transfer the entry fees to the bank account of the Uzbekistan Chess Federation:

<b>Account</b>	<b>2021 2000 1001 7827 6001</b>	<b>INN 201710234</b>
<b>Bank name</b>	<b>PJSCB "DAVR BANK"</b>	<b>MFO 00981</b>

**4.4. Payments for international participants (due by February 25):  
100 US dollars.**

Foreign nationals shall make payments to the following bank account:

Uzbekistan Chess Federation	Account: 2021 2840 2001 7827 6009
S.W.I.F.T.: DVRBUZ22	Location: 98A Karimov str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Bank name: P.J.S.C. "DAVR BANK"	Bank phone number: (99871) 207-09-81

4.5. Players from Uzbekistan who fail to register within the established deadline are required to pay an additional registration fee of 300 000 UZS. Foreign participants in a similar case must pay an additional fee of 50 US dollars.

## **V. Appeals Committee**

- 5.1. An appeals committee will be established to review complaints submitted after the tournament, consisting of at least 5 members (3 primary and 2 reserve). The composition of the Appeals Committee will be approved by the organizing committee.
- 5.2. Participants dissatisfied with the tournament arbiters and their decisions may appeal to the Appeals Committee within 1 (one) hour after the last game of the round during the competition.

## **VI. Fair Play Rules**

- 6.1. All participants must adhere to the Fair Play rules and demonstrate cooperation. Players may be disqualified from the tournament at any time by the final decision of the chief arbiter, based on the principles of Fair Play.
- 6.2. All players agree that they have no right to challenge the aforementioned actions through arbitration, consultations, or judicial procedures in any jurisdiction. Participants have no right to appeal the pairings made during the tournament. By registering for the tournament, players forfeit their right to demand any financial compensation or adjustments related to the tournament.
- 6.3. To ensure the successful conduct of the event, the Organizer has the right to change the schedule with proper notice, update the regulations, or make decisions on any issue not specified in the current rules.

## **VII. Visas**

- 7.1. Participants who require a visa to enter Uzbekistan must register and submit copies of their passports by February 15, 2026. Otherwise, the organizers cannot guarantee visa support.
- 7.2. In case of a visa denial by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the organizers are not authorized to provide any additional services.

## **VIII. Dress Code and Health Safety Measures**

- 8.1. Compliance with the FIDE dress code is mandatory. A participant may be disqualified from the tournament if they exhibit a fever or other signs of illness. The rules may be supplemented with additional provisions as necessary.

## **IX. Tournament Funding**

- 9.1. The prize fund, organizational expenses, payments to arbiters, transportation, accommodation of invited participants and tournament officials are covered by the funds of the Chess Federation of Uzbekistan, sponsorship contributions, and tournament entry fees.

## **X. Final Provisions**

- 10.1. To ensure the successful organization of the competition, the Organizing Committee may introduce amendments and additions to the tournament regulations.
- 10.2. All chess players participating in the tournament are required to take part in media events organized by "UzChess" and give interviews. If a participant refuses to comment on their games or provide interviews, they will be fined 100 US dollars for each missed interview.

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