



Regulations International Chess Festival ASTANA OPEN-2017

1. General Provisions

1.1 The International Chess Festival (hereinafter: Festival) ASTANA OPEN-2017 consists of 5 tournaments with a total guaranteed **Prize Fund** of **11 300 000 KZT (35 000 USD)** and a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar:

№	Tournament's Name	Dates	Tournament's description
1	Astana Masters	13-19.07	International Master norm tournament
2	Astana Open-blitz	20.07	Blitz tournament dedicated to the International Chess Day
3	Astana Open-A	21-29.07	Stage 1, Chess Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan
4	Astana Open-B (open U14)	21-29.07	Stage 4, Chess Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan among children under 14 years
5	Astana Open-B (open U10)	21-29.07	Stage 4, Chess Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan among children under 10 years
6	FIDE Arbiters' Seminar	22-26.07	FIDE Arbiters' seminar. Lecturer: International Arbiter, Ashot Vardapetyan (Armenia)

1.2 The International Chess Festival ASTANA OPEN-2017 shall be governed by the FIDE rules and it represents a stage of Cups of the Republic of Kazakhstan in classical chess in adults' and children's categories.

1.3 The festival's objectives are:

- Popularization of chess in Astana and the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Promoting healthy lifestyles;
- Preparing national teams of the Republic of Kazakhstan for participation in official competitions;

- Determination of candidates to participate in the Finals of the adults' and children's Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2017.

2. Organizers of the competition

2.1 General management of the Festival shall be exercised by LLP 'Central Chess Club ASTANA' together with the Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan, RPA 'Kazakhstan Chess Federation' (hereinafter: KCF), and SI 'Department of Education of Astana city'.

2.2 The FIDE Arbiters' Seminar shall be conducted by the Kazakhstan Chess Federation together with the Chess Federation of Astana city. Program of the Seminar is attached in the Annex D.

2.3 Tournament Director: Shakenov Yerzhan Zhaksylykovich.

2.4 Chief Arbiter: International Arbiter, Sergey Yurovskiy.

3. Tournament information

3.1 Venue of the Festival: Schoolchildren's Palace named after M. Utemisov (A.Bukeikhan str., 1, embankment of the Ishim River, map is attached in the Annex C).

3.2. Preliminary applications (for the seminar and all tournaments, except Astana Masters) shall be submitted at astanaopen2017@mail.ru in the established format (Annex A - for international participants, Annex B - for Kazakh participants) before July 10th, 2017

3.3. The organizing committee reserves its right to reject applications after 10th of July 2017.

3.4 For the participants who requested registration (admission to the tournament) on an exceptional basis after 10th of July 2017, the entry fee increases by 5,000 KZT.

3.5 Festival's procedure:

№	Tournament's name	Type	Number of rounds	Time control
1	Astana Masters	Round Robin	9	90 min + 30 sec
2	Astana Open-blitz	Swiss	11	3 min + 2 sec
3	Astana Open-A	Swiss	9	90 min + 30 sec
4	Astana Open-B (open U14)	Swiss	9	90 min + 30 sec
5	Astana Open-B (open U10)	Swiss	9	90 min + 30 sec

3.6 The pairing shall be made by the Swiss Manager software.

3.7 Tournaments Astana Open-A, Astana Open-B (open U14), Astana Masters, Astana Open-blitz shall be FIDE rated.

3.8 Festival's Program

	Astana Open-A	Astana Open-B (open U14)	Astana Open-B (open U10)	FIDE Arbiters' Seminar
20 July Thursday	10 ⁰⁰ -16 ⁰⁰ : registration of participants; 16 ³⁰ : opening ceremony of the Festival; 17 ⁰⁰ : blitz tournament Astana Open-blitz.			
21 July Friday	11 ⁰⁰ – 1 round			
22 July Saturday	11 ⁰⁰ – 2 round			16 ⁰⁰ -20 ⁰⁰
23 July Sunday	11 ⁰⁰ – 3 round			16 ⁰⁰ -20 ⁰⁰
24 July Monday	11 ⁰⁰ – 4 round			16 ⁰⁰ -20 ⁰⁰
25 July Tuesday	11 ⁰⁰ – 5 round			16 ⁰⁰ -20 ⁰⁰
26 July Wednesday	11 ⁰⁰ – 6 round			16 ⁰⁰ – exam
27 July Thursday	11 ⁰⁰ – 7 round			
28 July Friday	11 ⁰⁰ – 8 round			
29 July Saturday	10 ⁰⁰ – 9 round 17 ⁰⁰ – closing ceremony of the Festival			

Astana Masters								
12 July, 18 ⁰⁰ – drawing of lots								
13 July Thursday	14 July Friday	14 July Friday	15 July Saturday	16 July Sunday	17 July Monday	17 July Monday	18 July Tuesday	19 July Wednesday
1 round	2 round	3 round	4 round	5 round	6 round	7 round	8 round	9 round
10 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	16 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	16 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰

3.9 A player who arrives at a chessboard later than 30 minutes after the start of the session shall lose the game, his/her opponent gets «+», the latecomer gets «-».

3.10 Cheating control is governed by the FIDE Anti-Cheating Rules, at a standard level of protection.

3.11 Appeals.

- To resolve contentious issues, the Appeals Committee (AC) shall be elected at a technical meeting, it will consist of the Chairman, 2 main members of the AC + 2 substitute members of the AC;

- A player may protest against any decision of the arbiters' team, by filing an appeal in writing to the AC, not later than 1 hour after the end of the game by paying the appeal fee of 30 000 KZT;

- Appeals Committee's decision shall be final;
- In the case of allowance of the appeal, the appeal fee shall be returned in full amount.

4. Conditions of participation

4.1 To participate in the below competitions of the Festival, the sportsmen shall meet the following requirements.

№	Tournament's Name	Conditions of participation	Age limits	Tournament fee	
				ELO	Amount in KZT
1	Astana Masters	By invitation	-	-	-
2	Astana Open-blitz	Open not lower than Grade 1	-	GM, WGM ≥ 2400 2200-2399 2000-2199 1999 and lower No ELO	- - 3000 * 5000 * 8000 * 10000 *
3	Astana Open-A	Open	-	GM, WGM ≥ 2400 2200-2399 2000-2199 1999 and lower No ELO	- - 7000 * 10000 * 15000 * 20000 *
4	Astana Open-B (open U14)	not lower than Grade 2	2003 and younger	-	5000
5	Astana Open-B (open U10)	not lower than Grade 3	2007 and younger	-	5000
6	FIDE Arbiters' seminar	no restrictions	-	-	30 000

* - Astana Open-A and Astana Open-blitz tournaments provide a 50% discount for boys and girls born in 2001 and younger and veterans born in 1957 and elder.

4.2 Tournament and seminar fees shall be spent for organizational arrangements.

4.3 The unofficial team scoring will be conducted within the framework of the Children's Cup. The team shall consist of 4 players (3 boys + 1 girl) –by one player in the following age categories (2009 and younger, 2007-2008; 2005-2006; 2003-2004). Substitution of a boy by a girl is allowed.

4.4 The unofficial team scoring will be also conducted within the framework of the adults' Cup. The team shall consist of 2 players (the average rating of team members shall not exceed 2400).

5. Determination of winners. Awarding.

5.1 Winners of the tournaments shall be determined by the maximum amount of points scored in all games.

In case of a tie score the place shall be defined by the following criteria, in priority order:

- in the Swiss system:

- a) the result of a personal game (if all participants of a tie have played against each other);
- b) Buchholz coefficient (abridged, without 1 worst result);
- c) largest number of wins;
- d) performance (not to be used in Astana Open-B (open U10)).

- in the round-robin system:

- a) the result of a personal game;
- b) Berger coefficient;
- c) largest number of wins.

- in the children's team tournament: smallest sum of places taken by all members of the team.

- in the adults' team tournament:

- a) smallest average rating of the team;
- b) highest place taken by any member of the team.

5.2 Applications for the team tournaments shall be submitted not later than before the 2nd round.

5.3 The guaranteed prize fund of the Festival of 11 300 000 KZT (35 000 USD) consists of the funds allocated by Kazakhstan Chess Federation (2 750 000 KZT), LLP Central Chess Club «ASTANA» and sponsor's funds.

5.3.1 Astana Open-A. Main prizes, 8 500 000 KZT

1 place	2 000 000
2 place	1 500 000
3 place	1 200 000
4 place	900 000
5 place	700 000
6 place	500 000
7 place	400 000
8 place	300 000
9 place	200 000
10 place	150 000

11 place	100 000
12 place	70 000
13 place	70 000
14 place	70 000
15 place	70 000
16 place	70 000
17 place	50 000
18 place	50 000
19 place	50 000
20 place	50 000

5.3.2 Astana Open-A. Additional prizes, 690 000 KZT

Women		Veterans born in 1957 and elder	
1 place	150 000	1 place	80 000
2 place	100 000	2 place	40 000
3 place	50 000	3 place	20 000
Best result among players with ELO < 2300			100 000
Best result among players with ELO < 2100			50 000
Best result among players with ELO < 1900			50 000
Best result among players from Astana			50 000

5.3.3 Astana Open-B (open U14). Main prizes, 400 000 KZT

1 place	150 000
2 place	100 000
3 place	70 000
4 place	50 000
5 place	30 000

5.3.4 Astana Open-B (open U14). Additional prizes, 220 000 KZT

Girls		Best result among boys born in 2005 and younger		Best result among girls born in 2005 and younger	
1 place	50 000	1 place	30 000	1 place	30 000
2 place	30 000	2 place	20 000	2 place	20 000
3 place	20 000	3 place	10 000	3 place	10 000

5.3.5 Astana Open-B (open U10). Main prizes, 300 000 KZT

1 place	120 000
2 place	80 000
3 place	50 000
4 place	30 000
5 place	20 000

5.3.6 Astana Open-B (open U10). Additional prizes, 220 000 KZT

Girls		Best result among boys born in 2009 and younger		Best result among girls born in 2009 and younger	
1 place	50 000	1 place	30 000	1 place	30 000
2 place	30 000	2 place	20 000	2 place	20 000
3 place	20 000	3 place	10 000	3 place	10 000

5.3.7 Astana Open-blitz. Main prizes, 460 000 KZT

1 place	150 000	5 place	30 000
2 place	100 000	6 place	20 000
3 place	70 000	7 place	20 000
4 place	50 000	8 place	20 000

5.3.8 Astana Open-blitz. Additional prizes, 110 000 KZT

Best result among women	30 000
Best result among chess players from Astana	20 000
Best result among veterans born in 1957 and elder	20 000
Best result among boys born in 2003 and younger	20 000
Best result among girls born in 2003 and younger	20 000

5.3.9 Astana Masters, 200 000 KZT

1 place	100 000
2 place	60 000
3 place	40 000

5.3.10 Children's team tournament, 100 000 KZT

1 place	50 000
2 place	30 000
3 place	20 000

5.3.11 Adults' team tournament, 100 000 KZT

1 place	100 000
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5.4 The USD/KZT exchange rate on 10.03.2017: 1USD = 318 KZT

5.5 All prizes are subject to tax deduction under the current legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5.6 Main and additional prizes shall not be divided.

5.7 The participant can receive only one prize - the largest one.

5.8 Players of the adults' and children's Cups get score points according to the rules of the Cup of the Republic of Kazakhstan in classical chess.

6. Travel and accommodation of the participants

6.1 All travel expenses of the Festival participants shall be covered by themselves or their respective organizations.

6.2. In order to improve qualifications of arbiters in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the authorized body KCF will prepare a list of 5 people from various regions of the Republic to participate in the FIDE seminar for arbiters. KCF will cover all travel expenses of participants for the period of the seminar (travel, accommodation, meals, payment of a seminar fee).

6.3 Chess players with a rating of 2650 or higher (at the time of application) are provided with accommodation and meals.

6.4 Information on accommodation during the Festival will be available starting from June 1, 2017

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Official websites of the tournament:

www.kazchess.kz
www.playchess.kz

Pairings and starting lists will be available on the website: www.chess-results.com

**These regulations represent
the official invitation to the Festival**

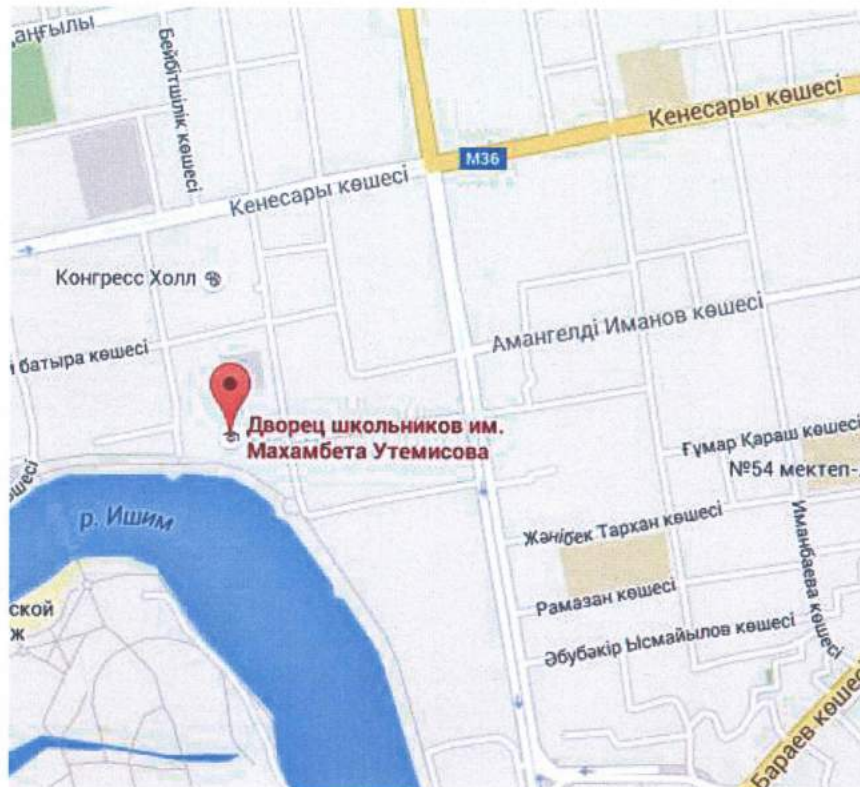
ANNEX A

ASTANA OPEN-2017 Registration form for international participants (to be submitted in English)

Surname:	
Name:	
Date of birth (d/m/y):	
Sex:	
Country:	
City:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	
FIDE ID:	
ELO:	
Title:	
Tournament:	
Arrival date:	
Departure date:	
Passport No:	
Date of issuance:	
Date of expiry:	

ANNEX C

Location Map Schoolchildren's Palace named after M. Utemissov (A. Bukeikhan street 1)



APPENDIX D

Program of the FIDE Arbiters' Seminar

(Astana, July 22-26, 2017)

1. FIDE Chess Rules (including Rapid, Blitz and Annexes).
2. Competition Rules.
3. Competition systems and tie-breaks.
4. Swiss system and pairing rules.
5. Regulations on the rating and titles of FIDE.
6. Regulations on titles for arbiters.
7. Using an electronic clocks.
8. Use of pairing software.
9. Anti-Cheating Instructions for arbitrators.