

18th DUBAI OPEN CHESS Tournament 2016
SHEIKH RASHID BIN HAMDAN AL MAKTOUM CUP
10th - 20th April 2016
US\$ 50,000 Prize Fund

Under the Patronage of **Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**, Dubai Chess & Culture Club is pleased to invite you to participate at the **18th Dubai Open Chess Tournament 2016**, which will be held at Dubai Chess & Culture Club from **10th - 20th April 2016**.

1. Participants & Registration:

- 1.1. Open to all Fide-rated players with a standard rating of **1500 and above** (as of 1st March 2016) – *Online ratings & titles are not accepted*
- 1.2. Last day of registration & payment is **10th March 2016**
- 1.3. **Registration is only accepted online via the following link** www.dubaichess.ae/do16-form/
- 1.4. All participating players accept to fully comply with the regulations of the tournament and the organizer
- 1.5. All participating players and accompany persons accept to fully comply with the rules and regulations of the United Arab Emirates

2. Number of Rounds & Time Control:

- 2.1. **9 Rounds** Swiss System
- 2.2. **Time Control:** 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.

3. Playing Venue:

- 3.1. At **Dubai Chess & Culture Club** (*Sheikh Rashid Bin Hamdan Hall*), next to Al Shabab Club in Al Mamzar, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 3.2. Google Map: <http://goo.gl/7kGlXT>
- 3.3. Plan your Journey www.dubaichess.ae/contact-us/



4. Entry & Related Fees:

4.1. Based on standard rating & title as of 1st March 2016

GM, IM with standard Elo above 2400 & WGM	Free	
IM below 2400, WIM, FM, WFM	US\$ 50	AED 180
Players with a standard Elo of 2000-2399	US\$ 100	AED 360
All other players with a standard Elo below 2000	US\$ 250	AED 900
Processing Visa Fee of an accompany Person	US\$ 100	AED 360

4.2. Entry fee is inclusive of tournament participation and the issuance of entry visa for the participating player only

4.3. Entry fee and related payments have to be paid in **FULL** prior to the deadline (10th March, 2016) either in cash at Dubai Chess & Culture club or through Bank Transfer/ Deposit to the following Address:

Name	Bank	Branch
Dubai Chess & Culture Club	EMIRATES ISLAMIC	Hamriya Souq
Swift Code	Account Number	IBAN
MEBLA EAD	0049-296666-001	AE83 0340 0000 4929 6666 001
Bank Address	Hor Al Anz - Hamriya Shopping Centre P.O Box 6564 Dubai, UAE	

4.4. Kindly mention your Fide Name & Fide ID in your transfer and send a copy of the transfer to info@dubaichess.ae

5. Prizes & winners:

5.1. Total prize fund of the tournament is **US\$ 50,000**

5.1.1. Main Prizes (based on Tie-Break):

1 st Place	US\$ 13,000 + Trophy	9 th Place	US\$ 1,500
2 nd Place	US\$ 7,000	10 th Place	US\$ 1,300
3 rd Place	US\$ 5,000	11 th Place	US\$ 1,200
4 th Place	US\$ 3,500	12 th Place	US\$ 1,100
5 th Place	US\$ 2,500	13 th Place	US\$ 1,100
6 th Place	US\$ 2,200	14 th Place	US\$ 900
7 th Place	US\$ 2,000	15 th Place	US\$ 800
8 th Place	US\$ 1,700		



5.1.2. Special Prizes (based on performance):

Best Female	1st Place: US\$ 500 2nd Place: US\$ 350
Best Dubai Chess Player	1st Place: US\$ 500 2nd Place: US\$ 350
Best Emirati Player	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Arab Player	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Rated Player 2301-2400	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Rated Player 2201-2300	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Rated Player 2101-2200	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Rated Player 2001-2100	1st Place: US\$ 500
Best Rated Player 2000 and Below	1st Place: US\$ 500

5.2. Main Prizes will be awarded based on Tie-Break and will not be shared

5.3. Special Prizes will be awarded based on Rating Performance

5.4. A player cannot be awarded more than one prize, and will be awarded the highest prize

5.5. Winner of the Tournament **SHOULD BE PRESENT** at the closing ceremony

5.6. Prize winners are requested to follow the dress code of business casual (or elegant casual) – no shorts, sports shoes or sneakers, slippers, hats or caps (except for religious reasons).

6. Tie Break

1. Direct encounter
2. Buchholz (lowest)
3. Buchholz (highest)
4. Great Number of victories

7. Hotel Accommodation:

7.1. Players are free to stay at any hotel

7.2. The **(5-star) JW Marriott Dubai** is the official Hotel of the tournament.

7.2.1. Transportation will only be provided to/from the club for JW Marriot residents only.

Single Room	Double Room	Triple Room
AED 500/night Full Board	AED 600/night Full Board	AED 850/night Full Board



7.2.2. For Hotel Booking & Payment kindly Email:

Mr. Moataz El Desouki	Moataz.Desouki@marriott-hotels.com
Tel: +971-4-2624444	Mob: +971-50-1078465
http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dxbae-jw-marriott-hotel-dubai/	
Kindly mention "Dubai Chess Club" to get the above rates	
Booking and payment shall be done directly to the hotel	

8. Accommodation Condition:

- 8.1. **Grandmasters** with a standard Elo of **2600+** may apply for accommodation by submitting the following form www.dubaichess.ae/do2016-condition/
- 8.2. The organizer will provide a limited number of rooms
- 8.3. Applying for accommodation doesn't automatically make the player eligible to get a condition
- 8.4. 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

9. Arbitration & Appeal Committee:

- 9.1. The Chief Arbitrator and the Organizing Committee will nominate the arbitration team.
- 9.2. The Appeal Committee will be selected according to the provisions of the Fide regulations.

10. Visa:

- 10.1. All participants are required a visa, **unless** they are from the following countries:

GCC Countries	Western Europe	North America	Far East & Australia
Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia	United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Finland, Spain, Monaco, Vatican City, Iceland, Andorra, San Mario, Malta, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Cyprus and Liechtenstein	USA and Canada.	Japan, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand.

- 10.2. Visa rules are subject to change. Kindly confirm with your airline prior booking.
- 10.3. Players who require a visa are requested to upload and attach a scanned copy of their passports and colored personal photo in the online application form
- 10.4. Entry visas to the UAE will be issued for eligible participants and will be valid for 15 days from the date of arrival.

11. Schedule:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	10th Apr	Arrival & Confirmation of Registration	All Day
Monday	11 th Apr	Nomination of Appeal Committee	10:00
		Opening Ceremony	18:15
		Round 1	18:30
Tuesday	12 th Apr	Round 2	17:30
Wednesday	13 th Apr	Round 3	17:30
Thursday	14 th Apr	Round 4	17:30
Friday	15th Apr	Rest Day / Blitz Cup	16:30
Saturday	16 th Apr	Round 5	10:00
		Round 6	18:00
Sunday	17 th Apr	Round 7	17:30
Monday	18 th Apr	Round 8	17:30
Tuesday	19 th Apr	Round 9	17:30
Wednesday	20th Apr	Closing Ceremony	19:00
Thursday	21th Apr	Departure for all Invited players	12:00

12. Other:

- 12.1. For other queries, please contact us at info@dubaichess.ae