



QATAR

MASTERS OPEN 2024





Organization :

The Qatar Masters Open 2024
(hereinafter referred to as tournament)
is organized by the Qatar Chess Association.

- **Players With a FIDE Rating Of 2300 or Higher** are eligible to participate in Tournament A.
- **Players with a FIDE Rating Of 2299 and Below** are eligible to participate in Tournament B.



• SCHEDULE

2 December 2024	Arrival day Opening Ceremony Technical Meeting	7 PM After the opening Ceremony
3 December 2024	Round 1	3 PM
4 December 2024	Round 2	3 PM
5 December 2024	Round 3	3 PM
6 December 2024	Round 4	3 PM
7 December 2024	Round 5	3 PM
8 December 2024	Rest Day	
9 December 2024	Round 6	3 PM
10 December 2024	Round 7	3 PM
11 December 2024	Round 8	3 PM
12 December 2024	Round 9 Play-Off (if necessary) Closing Ceremony	12 PM To be announced 7 PM or after the Play-off
13 December 2024	Departure Day	



Rules & Regulations :

- The Tournament will be conducted according to the Swiss System, which Includes 9 rounds and Play-Off matches If necessary.
- The Tournament will be played according to the schedule from **2nd December till 13th December 2024.**
- All players are required to fulfil the registration requirements.
- The Zero Tolerance Rule is not applicable in this Tournament, however, there is a 15 minutes' default time at the start of each round.
- Players cannot offer or agree to a draw before 30 moves are played on the board by both players.



Registration & Fees:

- Registration is accepted online via the following link:
- <https://www.qatarchess.qa/qatar-masters-2024/>
- The Registration fee for all players and accompanying persons is \$150 which covers transportation during the event, including airport-to-hotel, hotel-to-playing hall, and hotel-to-airport transfers, and Entry Visas.
- **The last day of registration is 10th November 2024.** Entry fees and related payments must be made to confirm registration.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept and deny a participant's registration according to FIDE Rules & Regulations and Qatar Laws.

Playing Hall:

- The Tournament Venue Is **Torch Ballroom.**
- Walking distance 3 – 5 Minutes from **The Torch Doha Hotel.**
- Walking distance 15 – 20 Minutes from **Al Aziziyah Boutique Hotel.** (free Shuttles Hotel – Venue – Hotel)



Official Hotels:

- All participants must stay in one of our two official 5-Star hotels.
- **The Torch Doha Hotel:**
Single Room: 180 USD per night (including full board for 1 person)
Double Room: 220 USD per night (including full board for 2 persons)



- **Al Aziziyah Boutique Hotel:**
Single Room: 160 USD per night (including full board for 1 person)
Double Room: 200 USD per night (including full board for 2 persons)



Drawing of colors:

The drawing of colors will be conducted during the Gala Dinner on 2nd of December by the Chief Arbiter and the top seeded player of the Tournament A as of December 2024 FIDE rating list, The B Tournament should follow the same procedure.



Time control:

- **Tournament A** time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- **Tournament B** time control is 90 minutes, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- Games shall be played using DGT electronic clocks.



Pairings:

Pairings will be managed using Swiss Manager Software soon as possible after each round.

Pairings will be published on the official website and posted in front of the entrance to the Playing Hall.

Prizes and Tie-Breaks for Tournament A:

- The Tournament winner and best woman player will be awarded with trophies accordingly.
- **The total prize fund of \$ 94,250** provided by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

General Prizes for the Best Players of the Tournament A:

1	\$25,000
2	\$15,000
3	\$10,000
4	\$7000
5	\$6000
6	\$5000
7	\$4000
8	\$3000
9	\$2000
10	\$1000
TOTAL	\$ 78,000



Best female players prizes:



1	\$5000
2	\$3000
3	\$2000
4	\$1000
5	\$750
TOTAL	\$ 11,750

Rating band prizes:

ELO 2500-2599	ELO 2400-2499	ELO 2300-2399
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000
\$500	\$500	\$500
Total All Groups	\$4500	

- All the prizes for the event will be awarded based on the tie-break and will not be shared.
- When performance rating is used to determine a prize winner or qualified player for the play-off, it is calculated with the actual rating of the player (no 400 points rule).
- Tie-break will be announced during the players technical meeting before the first round.
- One player may not win more than one prize and (or) trophy. If a participant qualifies for different awards, the prize of a bigger amount of money will be given out.
- In case a player is eligible for several prizes with the same amount of money, the following priorities will be used:
 - 1. General prizes
 - 2. Female players prizes
 - 3. Rating band prizes

Prizes and tie-breaks for Tournament B:

- The Tournament winner will be awarded with trophies accordingly.
- The total prize fund of \$14,400** provided by the Organizing Committee will be as follows:

General prizes for the best players of the Tournament B:

1	\$2500
2	\$2000
3	\$1500
4	\$1000
5	\$900
6	\$800
7	\$700
8	\$600
9	\$500
10	\$400
TOTAL	\$10,900

Best female player prize : \$1000



Best Qatari Prizes

Male	\$750	\$500
Female	\$750	\$500
Total For Best Qatari	\$2500	

- All the prizes for the event will be awarded based on the tie-break and will not be shared.**

Additional rules:

- **All players are expected to always adhere to the dress code (smart casual) during the event, including in the playing hall and awards ceremony. Non-compliance may result in penalties from the organizing committee.**
- **Smoking is prohibited in the playing venue.**
- **After each game players must hand the original scoresheets to the arbiter, signed by both players.**
- **Communication with other players and spectators is not allowed during the game. Players may only speak to the arbiter or their opponent, as permitted by the laws of chess.**
- **Players who have finished their games shall be considered as spectators and are not allowed to stay in the playing area.**
- **Players should not bring watches, mobile phones or any other electronic devices (even if switched off) into the playing hall. Possession of electronic devices in the playing hall will result in forfeiture.**
- **The arbiter may require the player to allow inspection of their clothes, bags, or other items, conducted privately. The person conducting the inspection shall be of the same gender as the player. Refusal to cooperate will result in action as per article 12.9. of the laws of chess.**
- **Random checks may be conducted before and after every game.**
- **Fair play measures will be enforced according to the fide anti-cheating regulations.**
- **Players must not engage in any action that may bring the game of chess into disrepute.**
- **Players must comply with all tournament regulations.**
- **Photographs with flash are permitted only during the first ten minutes of the rounds. Thereafter, only accredited media representatives are allowed to film or photograph in the playing hall.**
- **Only players and arbiters are allowed in the playing area. Exceptions require authorization from the tournament organizer and chief arbiter.**
- **The english version of these tournament regulations is the official version.**

Procedure Of Appeals:

- **In the event of a protest against a decision made by the Chief Arbiter or any other Arbiter, the protest must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session, The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of 100 USD from the signatory. If the protest is accepted and the decision changed, the deposit will be returned to the claimant. Otherwise, the deposit will be transferred to the Tournament Organizing Committee.**
- **Appeals Committee Composition:
The Appeals Committee will consist of three members appointed by organizing committee.**
- **Unforeseen Situations:
Any Matters Not Mentioned In These Regulations Shall Be Decided By The Tournament Organizing Committee.**



Unforeseen Situations:

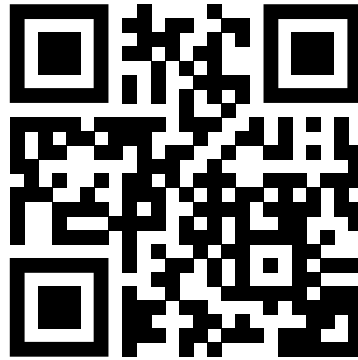
Any matters not mentioned in these Regulations shall be decided by the Tournament Organizing Committee.



QATAR
MASTERS OPEN 2024

Register Now

<https://www.qatarchess.qa/qatar-masters-2024/>



Hamad Al-Tamimi
Tournament Director
WhatsApp Number: +974 55445540

