



4th Stars Cup

Tehran, Iran

1- 10 March 2020

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation for participation in the “4th Stars Cup” which will be held in Tehran, Iran, from 1st March (arrival) till 10th March (departure) 2020. The competition will be organized and held by Iran Chess Palace under the auspices of Chess Federation of I.R. Iran.

2. Participation

2.1 The Principals are:

- FIVE invited GMs from different countries.
- FIVE best Iranian players

3. Time Control

90 Min for 40 Moves + 30 Minutes for rest of the game with 30 Sec. / Move

4. Technical Regulations

4.1 The tournament will be played according to the Scheveningen System in 10 rounds

Match on 5 Boards

Round 1	A1-B1	A2-B2	A3-B3	B4-A4	B5-A5
Round 2	B2-A1	B3-A2	B4-A3	A4-B5	A5-B1
Round 3	A1-B3	A2-B4	B5-A3	B1-A4	A5-B2
Round 4	B4-A1	B5-A2	A3-B1	A4-B2	B3-A5
Round 5	A1-B5	B1-A2	B2-A3	A4-B3	A5-B4
Round 6	B1-A1	B2-A2	B3-A3	A4-B4	A5-B5
Round 7	A1-B2	A2-B3	A3-B4	B5-A4	B1-A5
Round 8	B3-A1	B4-A2	A3-B5	A4-B1	B2-A5
Round 9	A1-B4	A2-B5	B1-A3	B2-A4	A5-B3
Round 10	B5-A1	A2-B1	A3-B2	B3-A4	B4-A5

4.2 The drawing of lots for the first round shall be arranged by CO, if possible to be open to players, visitors and media.

4.3 All participants should attend the ceremony of drawing of lots. A player who has not arrived on time for the drawing of lots maybe included at the discretion of the CA.

4.4 Time control: The time control shall be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move from move one.

4.5 Default time is 15 minutes.

4.6 All other regulations apply as FIDE Handbook.

4.7 The winner team is the one that achieves more points according to the match point. If the match points are equal, the game point is considered.

4.8 Tie-breaks: If two or more players are tied, the following tie-breaks will be used: a. The greater number of wins. b. Sonneborn-Berger score c. Koya System

4.9 GM and IM norms are also possible for the other players based on their performances and their opponent's titles/ratings as FIDE Handbook requirements.

4.10 During play, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone and/or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. If it is evident that that a player brought such a device into the playing venue, he shall lose the game. The opponent shall win.

4.11 A player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

4.12 During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing area without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

5. Tournament Schedule

Date	Time	Rounds and Ceremonies
02.03.2020	15:30	Opening Ceremony
	17:00	Round 1
03.03.2020	10:00	Round 2
	17:00	Round 3
04.03.2020	10:00	Round 4
05.03.2020	10:00	Round 5
	17:00	Round 6
06.03.2020	10:00	Round 7
07.03.2020	16:00	Round 8
08.03.2020	10:00	Round 9
09.03.2020	10:00	Round 10
	14:00	Closing Ceremony

6. Appeals Committee

6.1 Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants must be submitted in a written form to the Chairman of Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the end of the game. The protest must be accompanied with the protest fee of 200 Euros. The fee must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the fee is forfeited to organizer.

7. Interviews, Functions and Mode of Dressing

7.1 The players are expected to co-operate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged through the Press Officer.

7.2 The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews, of not more than 10 minutes duration, immediately after each game. This applies to the winner of each game, or both players in the event of a draw. The players are also required to be present at all official functions approved by the organizer, including official meetings, the opening and closing ceremonies.

7.3 The players should wear formal dress.

8. Visa

8.1 All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Iran must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before the deadline of 20 February 2020.

9. Travel Information

9.1 All participants arriving by international flights should take plane to Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA), Tehran, Iran.

9.2 The host federation will arrange the transportation from airport to the hotel for arrival and departure during the schedule dates.

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