

FIDE Women's World Team Championship 2019

Astana, Kazakhstan

04-15.03.2019

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations who are participating in the **FIDE World Team Championship 2019**, which will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from the 4th of March (arrival) till the 15th of March (departure) 2019. The Championship will be organized and held by Kazakhstan Chess Federation and under the auspices of FIDE.

2. Organizing Committee

Kazakhstan Chess Federation is Executive Directorate of the Organizing Committee FIDE World Team Championship 2019.

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3. Participation

3.1 According to FIDE Regulations D.07.11.6.2 the following federations are entitled to participate in the championship:

1. Russian Federation
2. China
3. United States of America
4. Arab Republic of Egypt
5. Ukraine
6. Georgia
7. Hungary
8. Republic of Armenia
9. Republic of Kazakhstan
10. Republic of India

3.2 Each team will consist of 4 players, 1 reserve and one coach/captain of the team for a total of 6 persons.

3.3 If the federation cannot participate in WTCC, there should be the official letter informing it. The right to participate in WTCC goes to the federation from the reserve list.

1. Azerbaijan
2. France
3. Spain

4. Players' Obligations

4.1 All players are obliged to participate in opening and closing ceremony.

4.2 Default time is 15 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time shall lose the game.

4.3 Draw offer will not be made for the first 30 moves.

4.4 All participating federations accept that they will fully comply with these regulations.

5. Registration

By February 17, 2019 every participating Federation that has registered must notify the following details to the Organizer:

- name/surname of the team captain,
- name/surname of each member of the team,
- FIDE ID and ratings of team members (according to the most recent FIDE rating list).

In case of late registration the Organizer will not cover the accommodation cost.

6. Travel Conditions

All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federations. During the Tournament the Organizer will provide a transfer:

- from the Nursultan Nazarbayev airport to the official hotel (upon arrival);
- from the official hotel to the Nursultan Nazarbayev airport (upon departure).

7. Official hotel

7.1 The official hotel of the event is “Hilton Astana”, 46, Sauran Street, Astana.

7.2 Participants shall be accommodated in the official hotel. Rooms are booked through the Organizing Committee

7.3 Free accommodation in single rooms with full board will be provided to 6 team members (4 players + 1 reserve + 1 team captain) during the Tournament, 4th of March (only lunch and dinner), 15th of March (only breakfast).

7.4 Accommodation for accompanying persons will cost:

- Single room with full board: **120 USD** per night
- Twin room with full board (two person occupancy, price for one person): **85 USD** per night
- Executive twin room with full board (two person occupancy, price for one person): **110 USD** per night
- Suite with full board: **185 USD** per night.

Accommodation should be paid directly to the hotel upon arrival. Credit cards VISA Int. (VISA, Electron), Europay Int. (Eurocard / MasterCard) are accepted. Cash payment is made only in Kazakh tenge in accordance with the Kazakhstan legislation. The other currencies are not accepted.

7.5 In case of early arrival before 15:00 pm of 04.03.2019 and/or late departure after 12:00 pm of 16.03.2019 the participant covers accommodation and meals by himself.

7.6 Transfer fee for accompanying persons **50 USD**.

8. Playing Hall

The Tournament will be held in **Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC)**, 41/3 Mangylik El street, C-4.4 pavilion, Astana city, The Republic of Kazakhstan.

9. Trophies

9.1 Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams and gold, silver and bronze medals for all members (players, reserve and captain) of the first three teams respectively.

9.2 Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists will be in competition with each other for an individual board prize (gold, silver and bronze medals). For the purpose of this award, the players' percentage scores from their games will be compared, then points, number of games and performance. Only the following will be eligible for board prizes:

Players of boards 1 to 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 6 games for 9 rounds).

Players of board 5 who take part in at least 50% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 5 games for 9 rounds).

10. Programme of the FIDE World Team Championship 2019

Date		Time	Event
04.03.2019	Mon		Arrival
04.03.2019	Mon	19:00	Opening Ceremony
		21:00	Technical meeting
05.03.2019	Tue	15:00	Round 1
06.03.2019	Wed	15:00	Round 2
07.03.2019	Thur	15:00	Round 3
08.03.2019	Fri	15:00	Round 4
09.03.2019	Sat	15:00	Round 5
10.03.2019	Sun		Day off
11.03.2019	Mon	15:00	Round 6
12.03.2019	Tue	15:00	Round 7
13.03.2019	Wed	15:00	Round 8
14.03.2019	Thur	12:00	Round 9
		20:00	Closing Ceremony
15.03.2019	Fri		Departure

* Time of the Ceremonies is preliminary, changes are possible.

11. System of Play

11.1 The championship will be played in round robin system with 9 rounds. Each team will play against with all other teams. Colours and starting numbers will be drawn at the opening ceremony or a technical meeting.

11.2 The time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, 30 minutes to the end, and 30 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.

11.3 For each round the list of the team composition for that round will be delivered to the arbiters at 9:00 a.m. in the morning. Otherwise, for that round the top 4 boards will be accepted as the playing team. For the last round the team composition will be delivered at 23:00 hrs the day before last round.

12. Scoring

Each match will be scored by match points as it is used in the FIDE Olympiad. Winner will get 2 points, a draw will give each team 1 point, and a loss is scored as 0 points. If any teams finish with equal game points, the tie shall be resolved as follows:

- by board points in total.
- if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide;
- if a tie again results, then Berger system will be used.
- if a tie again results, it shall be decided by board count (Berlin System) as follows:
 - win on Board 1 - 4 points
 - win on Board 2 - 3 points
 - win on Board 3 - 2 points

- win on Board 4 - 1 point

In case of drawn games these points are shared. If the board-count results in no victory for either side then the board points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upwards until the tie is broken.

- if a tie still results between teams in contention for medals, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game);
- if this match is indecisive, then lots shall be drawn.

13. FIDE Officials

Chief Arbiter: A. Sorokina (Belarus)

Deputy Chief Arbiter: B.Postovsky (USA), O.Rinas (Kazakhstan)

Arbiters: TBA

Chairman of appeals committee: D. Sadvakasov (Kazakhstan)

Members of appeals committee: A. Iashvili (Georgia) and J. Nisban (Singapore)

14. Visa

14.1 Participants coming from visa countries are obliged to get visa for entering the Kazakhstan Federation. Organizing Committee provides visa assistance to the participants of the Tournament.

14.2 A visa is issued to participants from China, Iran, India and Egypt through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

14.3 To issue an invitation for visa to enter the Kazakhstan participants should send a clear passport copy and provide visa form to the e-mail: raushan.k@kazchess.kz

14.4 17.02.2019 is the deadline when invitation for visa could be issued. After the deadline visa invitations are not issued.

14.5 Participants coming from USA, Ukraine, Georgia, Hungary and Armenia have to be registered in 3 (three) days after the arrival to Kazakhstan at migration police except Russia.

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