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RULES & REGULATIONS

Tournament Overview

The Maldives Chess Open is an open rapid chess tournament organized to promote competitive chess, sportsmanship, and community engagement across the Maldives. By registering, all participants agree to abide by these rules and any decisions made by the Tournament Director



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Eligibility

- *The tournament is open to all eligible participants as announced by the organizers.*
- *Every participant must complete registration before the registration deadline.*
- *The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or reject entries.*

Tournament Format

*The tournament will be conducted using a **Knockout Format***

- *Players will be paired randomly by the Tournament Director.*
- *If the number of participants is not a power of two, selected players may receive byes in the opening round.*
- *Winners advance to the next round until the final*
- *A third-place playoff will be held*



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Time Control

- *Rapid Chess*
- *10 minutes per player*
- *2-second increment per move*

Pairings

- *Pairings are determined at an invitational draw by the Tournament Director.*
- *Pairings will be done randomly.*
- *Once announced, pairings are final.*

Chess Rules

Players must:

- *Move with one hand*
- *Press the chess clock after every move.*
- *Respect the touch-move rule.*
- *Stop the clock and call the Tournament Director if an irregularity occurs.*

Time Control

- *The **first illegal move** results in a warning and the position being corrected where possible.*
- *The **second illegal move** by the same player results in loss of the game.*

The Tournament Director's decision is final.



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Draws

A game may end in a draw by:

- *Mutual agreement.*
- *Stalemate.*
- *Threefold repetition*
- *Insufficient mating material.*
- *The fifty-move rule.*
- *Any other applicable FIDE drawing rule.*

Tie-break Games

If a knockout game is drawn, an Armageddon chess game will be played to determine the winner.

The Tournament Director will announce the time settings for the Armageddon game, and the color will be selected by coin flip

Spectators

Spectators shall:

- *Remain silent.*
- *Not communicate with players.*
- *Not interfere with games.*
- *Follow instructions from tournament officials.*

The Tournament Director may remove disruptive spectators.



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Electronic Devices

Players must not use:

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches
- Chess engines
- Electronic analysis devices

during their games

If a player's phone rings or they are found using electronic assistance, the Tournament Director may declare the game lost.



Fair Play

Any form of cheating, including receiving outside assistance or using electronic devices, will result in immediate disqualification.

Additional disciplinary action may be taken.

Sportsmanship

Players are expected to

- Treat opponents respectfully
- Shake hands before and after each game, if both players are comfortable doing so.
- Accept the result gracefully.
- Avoid abusive language or unsporting conduct.

Repeated misconduct may result in penalties or removal from the tournament.



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Arrival & Forfeit

- *Players must be present before their scheduled match.*
- *A player arriving more than 10 minutes late loses the game by forfeit.*
- *Exceptional circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Tournament Director.*

Results

Players must confirm the game result before leaving the playing area.

Once recorded, results are considered final unless an administrative error is discovered.

Appeals

Any appeal must be made immediately after the game. The Tournament Director shall review the matter. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final.

Organizer's Rights

The organizers reserve the right to:

- *Modify the schedule if necessary*
- *Adjust pairings due to unforeseen circumstances.*
- *Interpret these rules.*
- *Make decisions in situations not specifically covered in this rulebook.*



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Code of Conduct

Participants shall:

- *Respect tournament officials.*
- *Respect fellow competitors.*
- *Maintain good sportsmanship.*
- *Follow venue rules*
- *Keep the playing area clean and orderly.*

Failure to comply may result in warnings, game forfeiture, or disqualification.

Awards

Prizes shall be awarded according to the official tournament announcement.

Players must attend the prize-giving ceremony unless excused by the organizers.

Final Authority

The Tournament Director has the final authority over the interpretation and application of these rules throughout the Laamu Chess Open..



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