

Western Asian Junior & Youth Chess Championships 2026

Ahmedabad, 22.10.2026 – 30.10.2026

Minutes of Technical Meeting

- **The tournament will be played under nine rounds Swiss system for Open and seven rounds each for rapid and blitz events**
- **The WA Youth under 14 and 16 boys will be merged to get FM & CM titles as per written in prospectus**

7.4 Gold medallists of the U16 category shall be awarded IM norm. 1st equal player (best 3 after tie breaks) will get the FM title. The silver & bronze medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM) title.

7.5 Gold medallists of U14 category shall be awarded the title of FM. The silver & bronze medal winners shall be awarded the CM title.

- **Pairing Program: Swiss Manager**
- **Rate of Play: Standard: 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one**
- **Rapid: 15 minutes + 10 seconds/move**
- **Blitz: 3 minutes + 2 seconds/move**
- **Default time: Standard: 30 minutes, Rapid: 15 minutes and Blitz: 3 minutes**

By default, all players will be entered in the respective rapid and blitz events. If anybody does not want to play the rapid/blitz events, kindly inform the chief arbiters.

- **Draw agreement in Standard: Players shall not agree to a draw before each player makes 30 moves, without the consent of the arbiter. Even if there is a three-fold repetition, they have to claim from the arbiter**

Tiebreak: Direct Encounter, Number of wins (including forfeit points),

Buchholz Cut-1, Buchholz Cut 2, Sonneborn Berger, Blitz match or tournament between tied players only to decide the champion. In case the above still does not produce a decision, it shall be decided by a draw of lots. (The mode of blitz match will be decided later, depending on the number of tied players}.

➤ Appeals Committee

GM & FST Tejas Bakre	IND
IA Hassan Wael	UAE
IA Hamdan Al Hinai	OMA

➤ Reserves

Ms. Sindira Joshi	NEP
IA Ammineni Udaykumar	IND

- Norms and titles will be awarded as per the Direct Titles given in the FIDE Handbook <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2026>. *Subject to fulfilling the Direct Titles conditions*, gold medallists shall be awarded a grandmaster norm and the title of International Master (IM) (For women: a Woman Grand Master norm/Woman International Master (WIM)). The silver & bronze medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM)/.
- The titles will be confirmed by FIDE, only after the championships are rated.
- During play, a player is forbidden to wear any kind of wrist watch or to carry a mobile phone or any electronic device in the playing venue in his pocket/body. If it is evident that a player had such a device during the game in his pocket, he/she shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. Special electronic devices like hearing aid – the players have to inform the chief arbiter.
- The arbiter may require the player to allow his clothes, bags or other items to be inspected, in private. The arbiter or a person authorised by the arbiter shall inspect the player and shall be of the same gender as the player. If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9.
- Spectators are not allowed. Players who have completed the games will be treated as spectators.
- Dress code has to be followed. Boys (above U 10 category) shall wear full pants and not shorts. Girls shall not wear shorts.
- Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first three places in all events and categories
- The best three countries of the overall championships (open, rapid and blitz) for boys and girls separately will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals. Country winning the greatest number of individual gold medals will be ranked first. If tied, country with more other medals will be awarded the higher medal
- There is a separate analysis room and analysis is not allowed in the playing hall

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Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Event
23.10.2026	Friday	14:00 hrs.	Opening Ceremony / Technical Meeting
23.10.2026	Friday	15:00 hrs.	Round-1
24.10.2026	Saturday	10:00 hrs.	Round-2
25.10.2026	Sunday	10:00 hrs.	Round-3
26.10.2026	Monday	10:00 hrs.	Round-4
	Monday	16:00 hrs.	Round-5
27.10. 2026	Tuesday	10:00 hrs.	Round-6
	Tuesday	16:00 hrs.	Round-7
28.10. 2026	Wednesday	10:00 hrs.	Round-8
29.10. 2026	Thursday	10:00 hrs.	Round-9
		15:00 hrs.	Blitz Rds. 1 to 7
30.10. 2026	Friday	09:00 hrs.	Rapid Rds. 1 to 7
		18:00 hrs.	Closing & Award Ceremony