

Elegant 55th FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2026

Tournament Rules

The tournament will be played in a **5-round Swiss-League system** and will be governed by **FIDE – the official laws of chess** (adopted at the 88th FIDE Congress at Goynuk, Antalya, Turkey), which came into force on **1 January 2018**.

Time Control

Each player has **60 minutes** for the whole game, with an **increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1**.

Default Time

The **default time** is **60 minutes** from the start of the round.

Tie-Breaking

If two or more players are tied at the end of the tournament, Rankings will be decided using the following tie-breaking methods:

1. **Direct Encounter** – Results between the tied players.
2. **Buchholz Tie-Break (Variable with Parameter)** – (0,1,N,Y,0,N)
3. **Buchholz Tie-Break (Variable with Parameter)** – (0,0,N,Y,0,N)
4. **Greater Number of Victories** – Includes forfeit points (68).
5. **Sonneborn-Berger Tie-Break** – (0,0,N,S,0,N,N) (52)

Arbiters

- **Chief Arbiter** : IO,WCM Chowdhury Mahmuda Hoque ID:- 10203095
 - **Deputy Chief Arbiter** : FA Yasin Arafat :-10221182
 - **Arbiter** : NA Mohammed Maruful Hoque Chowdhury 532040849; Syed Ridwan 10216995
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Protests & Appeals

1. Any protest must be submitted **in writing**, along with a fee of **1000 Taka**, to the **Appeal Committee** within **two hours** of completion of the relevant playing session.
2. The committee shall decide **before noon of the following day**, and its decision is **final**.

Appeal Committee

Name	Position
	Chairman
	Member
	Member

Reserve Arbiter

- IA Md Haroon Or Rashid, ID-10208291

Some Important Rules

1. Playing Venue and Playing Area

The *playing venue* is defined as the *playing area*, restrooms, toilets, refreshment area, smoking area, and any other places designated by the arbiter.

The *playing area* is the place where the games of a competition are played.

Only with the permission of the arbiter may:

- A player leave the playing venue.
- The player having the move leave the playing area.
- A person who is neither a player nor an arbiter enter the playing area.

2. Conduct During Play

(a) During play, players are forbidden to use any notes, sources of information or advice, or to analyses any game on another chessboard.

(b) During play, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or any other electronic means of communication in the playing venue.

- If it is evident that a player has brought such a device into the playing venue, **the player shall lose the game** and the opponent shall win.
- The competition rules may specify a different, less severe penalty.
- The arbiter may require the player to allow their clothes, bags, or other items to be inspected in private.
- The inspection shall be conducted by the arbiter or a person authorized by the arbiter and shall be of the same gender as the player.
- If a player refuses to cooperate, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9.

(c) Smoking is permitted only in the area of the venue designated by the arbiter.

(d) Players who have finished their games shall be considered spectators.

(e) It is strictly forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any way. This includes making unreasonable claims, repeated draw offers, or introducing noise or disturbance into the playing area.

Prize:

1. Champion → 6000 taka

+Crest+ Certificate

2. 1st Runner Up → 4000 taka

+ Medal + Certificate

3. 2nd Runner Up → 3000 taka

+ Medal + Certificate

4. 4th Position → 2,500 taka

5. 5th Position → 2,000 taka

6. 6th Position → 2,000 taka

7. 7th Position → 2,000 taka

8. 8th Position → 2,000 taka

Category Prize:

1. Below 1700 Rating→ 1,500 taka

2. Below 1600 Rating→ 1,500 taka

3. Below 1500 Rating→ 1,500 taka

4. Best Non Rated → 1,500 taka

5. Best Female → 1,500 taka

Tournament Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Round
23-10-2026	Friday	10:00 AM	1st Round
23-10-2026	Friday	02:15 PM	2nd Round
23-10-2026	Friday	05:00 PM	3rd Round
24-10-2026	Saturday	10:00 AM	4th Round
24-10-2026	Saturday	01:00 PM	5th Round