

Rules and Regulations of the Qualification Tournament – President’s Cup of Tajikistan

Online Tournament series «The Road to Dushanbe»

Online Qualification Tournaments for the President’s Cup of Tajikistan
(November 9–16, 2025, Dushanbe).

1. General Provisions

Online qualification tournaments are held on the online platform worldchess.com in preparation for the President’s Cup of Tajikistan, which will take place from November 9 to 16, 2025, in Dushanbe.

The online tournaments are organized to select the strongest chess players of Tajikistan for participation in the final offline stage of the competition.

The tournaments are open to all chess players residing in Tajikistan, regardless of rating.

2. Tournament Format

- A total of 8 online tournaments will be held.
- Time control: 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment per move (blitz).
- Tournament system: 9 rounds, Swiss system.
- The tournaments are held on the official online platform worldchess.com.

3. Schedule

Start time of all tournaments: 13:00 UTC / 18:00 TJT

- October 1, 2025 (Wednesday)
- October 3, 2025 (Friday)
- October 6, 2025 (Monday)
- October 9, 2025 (Thursday)
- October 12, 2025 (Sunday)
- October 14, 2025 (Tuesday)
- October 18, 2025 (Saturday)
- October 19, 2025 (Sunday)

October 19–21 – internal fair play review of winners.

October 22, 2025 – announcement of qualification results and finalists.

4. Participation and Registration

- Participation is free of charge.
- Each participant must provide their real first name, last name, age, and country of residence – Tajikistan.
- The online tournaments are open to all chess players holding a Tajikistan Chess Federation ID, regardless of rating and residence.

5. Fair Play

- The use of chess engines, outside assistance, or consultations is strictly prohibited.
- During games, participants are forbidden from making calls, streaming, or using any external sources of help.
- Violators will be disqualified and banned from participation.

6. Media

- Organizers reserve the right to use participants' photos and comments for tournament promotion.
- Participants agree that their names and results may be used in press releases, promotional materials, and social media.

7. Results and Qualification

- Each player's best three results out of all tournaments played will count towards the final standings.
- Winners: 5 players with the highest total scores from their three best results.
- Additional qualifiers:
 - 1 best female player,
 - 1 best junior (under 20),
 - 1 best veteran (60+).

Invitation to the Final:

All winners receive an official invitation to participate in the final stage of the President's Cup of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Organizers provide:

- Free transportation within Tajikistan to and from the tournament venue,
- Accommodation during the competition,
- Participation in the final without organizational fees.

Participation Conditions:

- Invitations are provided to chess players who confirm their ability to be physically present in Tajikistan on the final dates.
- Travel expenses are covered only within Tajikistan. International flights must be covered

by participants themselves.

Underage Participants:

- Players under 18 are allowed in the final only if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Organizers provide accommodation for both the player and their accompanying guardian during the tournament.

8. Contacts

Official website and registration platform: <https://worldchess.com/president-cup-tajikistan-2025>

Email for inquiries: support@worldchess.com