7th Akabane Chess Club FIDE Classical Tournament

Tournament Regulations

Peatix Registration Page:
https://akabanefide7.peatix.com/

[Tournament Overview]

Dates:
Saturday, December 26, 2026
Sunday, December 27, 2026

Playing Venue:
Hokutopia, 16th Floor, Room 1601, Kita City

Analysis and Waiting Room:
Hokutopia, 16th Floor, Room 1602, Kita City Capacity: 36 people

Venue Access:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/dYNVSexuu5DqThgh8

Organizer: Akabane Chess Club
Chief Arbiter: Yamaguchi Tosei
Arbiter: Hayashi Takanori

Tournament Type: FIDE-rated Standard Tournament / JCF-rated Standard Tournament
Format: 5-round Swiss System
Time Control: 60 minutes + 30 seconds increment per move
Capacity: 82 players

Entry Fee: JPY 9,500

* For non-members of the Japan Chess Federation, the entry fee is the tournament fee plus the JPY 3,000 non-member fee payable to the Japan Chess Federation.

[Schedule]

There will be no opening or closing ceremony.

Day 1: Saturday, December 26, 2026

Registration 9:20–9:50
Round 1 10:10 onwards
Round 2 13:20 onwards
Round 3 16:20 onwards

Day 2: Sunday, December 27, 2026

Venue Opens 9:00
Round 4 10:00 onwards
Round 5 13:20 onwards

* The start time of each round may be subject to change depending on the progress of the tournament.

[Registration and Round 1 Pairings]

Round 1 pairings will be prepared and announced after on-site registration closes.

Players who have not completed on-site registration by the end of the registration period without prior notice will not be included in the Round 1 pairings and will receive 0 points for Round 1.

If a player completes on-site registration by the time all Round 1 games have finished, the player will be included in the pairings from Round 2.

A player who has not completed on-site registration without prior notice and has not contacted the organizer by the end of all Round 1 games to confirm continued participation may be withdrawn from the tournament.

If you know in advance that you will not be able to arrive during the registration period, please contact us at the email address below.

Contact:
akabanechessclub★gmail.com

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[Eligibility]

This tournament is open to players who already have a FIDE ID at the time of registration.

If you do not have a FIDE ID
and are a member of the Japan Chess Federation, you can apply to the Federation using the link below. A FIDE ID is normally issued within one week.
https://japanchess.org/fide-id-registration/

The December 2026 FIDE rating list will be used to determine eligibility.

Players with a FIDE Standard rating of 2400 or higher are not eligible to participate.

[How to Register]

To participate, please register through the Peatix link below.

Peatix Registration Link:
https://akabanefide7.peatix.com/

By registering through Peatix, participants are deemed to have agreed to these Tournament Regulations.

[Registration and Participation]

The organizer may refuse an application or cancel a registration, even after the application has been completed through Peatix, when the organizer reasonably determines that this is necessary to ensure a safe and secure environment or the fair and smooth operation of the tournament.

If a registration is cancelled by the organizer, the cancellation and refund will be processed through Peatix.

[Cancellation Policy]

If we receive your cancellation request by Saturday, December 12, 2026, the cancellation and refund will be processed through Peatix.

The refund method, refund amount, and any applicable refund fees are subject to Peatix's policies.

If you wish to cancel, please contact us at the email address below.

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If the tournament is cancelled by the organizer, the organizer will provide separate information regarding the arrangements.

[Prizes]

No cash prizes, other prizes, or free tournament entries will be awarded at this tournament.

[Rules of Play]

As this is a FIDE-rated tournament, all games and competition-related matters will be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and the relevant FIDE regulations.

For matters not specified in these Tournament Regulations, the organizer and arbiters will make decisions taking into account the FIDE Laws of Chess, relevant FIDE regulations, regulations of the Japan Chess Federation, and the principles of fair and smooth tournament operation.

[Default Time]

A player who arrives 15 minutes or more after the scheduled start time of a round, or after the start time designated by the arbiter, will lose the game by default.

[Electronic Devices]

Mobile phones, smartphones, smartwatches, tablets, earphones, and all other electronic devices must be completely switched off and stored in a bag or similar place during play.

Players may not carry such electronic devices on their person during play.

If a player uses an electronic device during play, or touches an electronic device without the arbiter's permission, penalties may be imposed in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the arbiter's decision.

If you are unsure how to handle an electronic device, please ask the arbiter before the game begins.

[Scoresheets and Result Reporting]

Recording moves is mandatory.

After the game, both players must call an arbiter to check both players' scoresheets and confirm the game result.

Once the scoresheets and result have been confirmed, both players and the arbiter will sign the scoresheets to complete the result reporting process.

[Byes]

A forced bye resulting from an odd number of participants or other tournament-operational circumstances will be worth 1 point.

If you would like to request a bye, please enter it in the designated field when registering through Peatix.

Requested byes will be accepted until 18:00 on the day before the tournament.

A requested bye declared by 18:00 on the day before the tournament will be worth 0.5 points.

A bye requested after the deadline will be worth 0 points.

However, all requested byes in the final two rounds will be worth 0 points regardless of when they are requested.

If you need to change a bye request after registering, please contact us at the email address below.

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[Starting Rank and Pairings]

Starting rank will be determined in the following order of priority:

(1) FIDE Standard rating
(2) JCF Standard rating
(3) Any other method deemed necessary by the organizer and arbiters

FIDE Standard ratings will be taken from the December 2026 FIDE rating list.

An accelerated Swiss System may be used for pairings, taking into account the number of participants and the rating distribution.

Acceleration points will be used for pairing purposes only and will not be added to actual tournament scores or counted towards the final standings.

[Tie-breaks]

The following tie-breaks will be applied in order to determine the final standings:

(1) Direct encounter
(2) Buchholz Cut-1
(3) Buchholz
(4) Sonneborn-Berger
(5) Drawing of lots

[Photography and Publication of Results]

Photographs may be taken inside the venue during this tournament.

Photographs taken at the tournament may be published on the Akabane Chess Club website, social media accounts, promotional materials, and other media.

If you have a preference regarding the publication of photographs, please select one of the following options when registering through Peatix:

(1) Photos showing my face may be published.
(2) Only photos in which my face is not visible may be published.
(3) I do not consent to the publication of photos of me.

The organizer will take participants' stated preferences into consideration; however, it may not be possible to completely prevent incidental or minor appearances in photographs showing the venue as a whole.

By participating in this tournament, participants agree that their names, FIDE IDs, ratings, game results, and related information may be submitted to and/or published by FIDE, the Japan Chess Federation, Chess-Results.com, and other relevant services.

[Contact]

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[Discrepancies Between Language Versions]

If there is any discrepancy between the Japanese and English versions of these Tournament Regulations, the Japanese version shall prevail.