OFFICIAL REGULATIONS FOR HOSTING
Kuwait International Championship for Turkish Draughts - Kuwait 2026

From 10 to 13 December 2026

-Organizer: Kuwait Mind Sports Association

-The Supervision of: The Public Authority for Sport – State of Kuwait.

-Supported and Accredited by: The Asian Draughts Confederation (ADC) and the World Draughts Federation (FMJD).

-The championship will be conducted in accordance with the Turkish Draughts rules approved by the Asian Draughts Confederation (ADC). The specific regulatory frameworks for Turkish Draughts will apply regarding refereeing, discipline, appeals, and tie-breaks.

Tournament Details:

1. Kuwait will host two (2) main players or more from each participating country.

2. Participation in the Kuwait International Draughts Championship is open to players officially approved by their National federations.

3. No player will be permitted to participate except through their respective national federation in an official capacity. It is required that any hosted player must have participated in an international or Asian championship during the past two years.

4. Players and any delegation member arriving in the State of Kuwait and staying one day or more beyond the official departure date will bear the costs of hotel accommodation and any additional booking amendment fees at their own expense.

5. Additional players who obtain approval from their federations to participate in the Kuwait International Draughts Championship will bear only Visa and travel tickets.

6- The championship will be held at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel (the cost is KWD 80 for a single room and KWD 105 for a double room per day). Additional players are permitted to stay outside the official tournament hotel.

7- All participants, officials, referees, and delegations shall abide by the regulations of the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) in force throughout the tournament period.

Tournament Objectives:

1. To promote and develop Turkish Draughts at the international level.
2. To strengthen sports and cultural relations between the participating countries.
3. To elevate the technical standards of the players.
4. To support cooperation among national federations, Asian Confederation and the international federation.
5. To enhance the status of the State of Kuwait in hosting international sporting events.

Rules of the Kuwait International Draughts Championship 2026:

1. The player with the Black pieces will start the clock, and the player with the white pieces will make the first move.

2. The championship will be conducted under the Swiss System over nine (9) rounds.

*** Each player have 45 minutes per round.**

3. The clock will be started for any late player from the official start time of the games. In the event of a delay of 20 minutes, the player will be declared lost.

4. In the event of a complaint, the arbiter will be called by raising a hand, and the arbiter will stop the clock for consultation and decision-making.

5. A player will not be entitled to stop the clock during play, nor communicate with the opponent. In case of violation, the player will be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Arbiters Committee.

6. A player will be committed to moving the piece once it has been touched.

7. It is not permissible to adjust the position of the pieces during the opponent's turn.

8. Mobile phones and devices causing disturbance during play, such as prayer beads and other noise-making items, are prohibited inside the playing hall.

9. If a player's phone rings during the game, the arbiter will deduct five (5) minutes from the player's remaining time. In case of repetition, the player will lose the game but may continue participating in subsequent rounds.

10. Capturing pieces will be carried out upon the approval of the other player, as well as promotion to a "King" (Dama).

11. Players must maintain complete silence and avoid hitting the playing piece while moving it.

12. Interference in the games of other players is strictly prohibited under any circumstances.

13. A player will bear responsibility for any mistaken capture unless the opponent objects when such error is in their favor.

14. In the event of multiple captures ("Arkab play") and captured pieces, the opponent will have the right to call the arbiter to verify the correctness of the number of captures if known to the opponent.

15. A piece that becomes a "King" (Dama) must be verbally announced to the opponent, and an additional piece will be placed on top of it.

16. A player will rearrange fallen pieces during movement using their own time and in the presence of the arbiter. In the event of repeated dropping of pieces, the opponent will have the right to call the arbiter to take appropriate action.

17. A player absent for two rounds will be withdrawn from the championship.

18. A game will be considered a draw if the same move is repeated four (4) times, provided the arbiter is called at the appropriate time. In the case of a technical draw, the Arbiters Committee will have the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate.

19. If the arbiter accepts the excuse, a player may take one break only during the game, provided that the mobile phone is handed over to the arbiter before leaving.

20. Complaints will be submitted to the arbiter by raising a hand.

21. If players start the game with incorrect colors, they may continue unless the arbiter objects.

22. If a player objects to the arbiter's decision, a written appeal will be submitted to the Chairman of the Arbiters Committee together with the payment of the appeal fee. The Chairman will convene the committee to review the appeal after verifying that all legal requirements have been met, including payment of the fee of €50 will be forfeited to the World Draughts Federation (FMJD) if the appeal is rejected. The fee will be refunded if the appeal is successful, provided that the appeal is decided before the start of the following round.

23- Players shall commit to the following:

- Respecting the rules and regulations.
- Adhering to sportsmanship.
- Respecting referees and organizers.
- Punctually attending tournament rounds.
- Maintaining the property of the tournament venue.

Participation Confirmation & Visa Procedures for Entry into the State of Kuwait

- Federations wishing to participate in the Kuwait International Draughts Championship must confirm their participation through an official letter addressed to The Kuwait Mind Sports Association, no later than 09 September 2026.
- The Kuwait Mind Sports Association reserves the right to reject participation requests submitted after 09 September 2026.
- Participation confirmation forms must be completed with all required conditions and information. The names of players must also be submitted before 09 September 2026.
- Any federation wishing to participate and obtain an entry visa to the State of Kuwait must submit a visa application at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the championship, i.e., before 09 September 2026. Passport copies must be attached and valid for more than six (6) months from the date of entry into Kuwait. The attached participation form must also be completed, with the understanding that The Kuwait Mind Sports Association will not be responsible for the granting or refusal of entry visas by the competent authorities, nor for applications submitted after the specified deadline, as this process falls outside its jurisdiction.
- Each participating federation will be required to send scanned passport copies of all delegation members to The Kuwait Mind Sports Association before the designated participation deadline, while adhering to the above-mentioned instructions.
- All federations wishing to participate must confirm their participation by completing the participation form attached to the invitation and submitting it via email to The Kuwait Mind Sports Association, accompanied by a clearly scanned passport copy in PDF format.

Financial Obligations:

- The State of Kuwait will provide hospitality including airport pick-up and drop-off, entry visa, hotel accommodation, and full board (three meals per day: breakfast, lunch, and dinner) at the hotel.
- To provide a quiet and suitable hall for the competitions, featuring good lighting, an appropriate temperature, and a playing area separated from the spectators, as well as equipping numbered tables, boards, and equipment that meet official specifications.
- To take the necessary measures to provide protection and insurance coverage regarding accidents, illness, and hospitalization for the members of the organizing committee, referees, and players throughout the tournament period.
- Players and officials arriving before the official arrival date or wishing to remain after the official departure date will be charged as additional accompanying persons or according to the hotel rate, and the Organizing Committee will bear no additional costs.

Referee Authority

Penalties Available to the Arbiters

The arbiters will have the authority to impose the following penalties:

- Issuing a warning.
- Reducing the offending player's time or increasing the affected player's time.
- Restoring the game position to the state prior to the occurrence of the error.
- Recording a loss for the offending player.
- Removing the offending player from the championship.
- Taking any action deemed appropriate at the time.
- Clearing the playing hall of players whose rounds have ended.
- The decision of the Chief Arbiter will be final and may not be appealed.

Tie-Break System:

When players are tied on points, the following criteria shall be applied in order:

1. Direct encounter result.
2. Number of wins.
3. Solkoff system.
4. Shortened Solkoff system.
5. Rapid playoff match if necessary.

The decision of the technical committee shall be final.

Tournament Schedule of the Kuwait International Draughts Championship

Date	Event
Wednesday, 09 December 2026	**Arrival of Delegations**
Thursday, 10 December 2026	**Technical Meeting at 10:30 AM** **Opening Ceremony – 16:00** **Round 1 – 17:00** **Round 2 – 19:00**
Friday, 11 December 2026	**Round 3 – 14:00** **Round 4 – 16:00** **Round 5 – 18:00**
Saturday, 12 December 2026	**Round 6 – 14:00** **Round 7 – 16:00**
Sunday, 13 December 2026	**Round 8 – 11:00** **Round 9 – 14:00** **Closing Ceremony – 20:00**
Monday, 14 December 2026	**Departure of Delegations**

Financial Prizes:

The following prizes shall be awarded:

Championship Cup for the winner.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals for the top three positions.

- First Place Prize: 2,000 Kuwaiti Dinars (KWD).
- Second Place Prize: 1,000 Kuwaiti Dinars (KWD).
- Third Place Prize: 500 Kuwaiti Dinars (KWD).

Participation Conditions:

1. Hosted players participating in the Kuwait International Draughts Championship must have previously participated in a World Championship, International Championship, or Asian Championship during the past two years.
2. Additional players wishing to participate must obtain official approval from their national federation to participate in the championship through an official letter addressed to The Kuwait Mind Sports Association, including the names of the players.
3. Additional players are responsible for their travel, accommodation, living expenses, and entry visa.

Participating Countries Hosted in the Kuwait International Draughts Championship – December 2026

1. Kuwait
2. Saudi Arabia
3. United Arab Emirates
4. Qatar
5. Bahrain
6. Oman
7. Turkey
8. Lebanon
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Thailand
11. Uzbekistan
12. Mongolia
13. Kazakhstan
14. Japan
15. Egypt
16. China
17. Pakistan
18. Estonia
19. Netherlands
20. Palestine
21. Syria
22. Jordan
23. Poland
24. Lithuania
25. Iraq
26. Morocco
27. Turkmenistan
28. Hungary
29. Yemen