Berger Paints 44th National Women's Chess Championship 2026

Final Phase

Tournament Rules

The championship shall be played in a single round robin league system and will be governed by FIDE - the official laws of chess (which were adopted at the 88th FIDE Congress at Goynuk, Antalya, Turkey) coming into force on 1 January 2018.

Time Control

The Session is start from 3:00 PM. The time control for each game is: 90 minutes for first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

Default Time

The default time is 1 hour from the starting of the round.

Tie-Breaking

If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for any place their final position will be decided by play-off match.

After a new drawing of lots, two tiebreak Rapid games shall be played. The Rapid games shall be played using the DGT clock starting with 25 minutes and the additional 10 seconds after each move.
If scores are level after two the Rapid games, after a new drawing of colors, a match of 2 games shall be played with a time control of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds increment after each move.

If the score is still level after 2 blitz games, then one (1) sudden death game is played. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. The player with the white pieces receives 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces receives 4 minutes whereupon; after 60 moves, both players receive an increment of 3 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared winner of the match. The Prize money will not be shared.

Selection for the coming Asian Continental Women, Women Zonal, Asian Nations Cup for Women team and other international events for Women at home and abroad before 45th National Women's Chess Championship-2027 Primarily on the basis will be of the Berger Paints 44th National Women's Chess Championship-2026. According to Bangladesh Chess Federation rules withdrawal name from the event and give walk-over without any reason are not acceptable.

Arbiters

1. IA Md Anichuzzaman Jewel - Chief Arbiter
2. FA Rumana Ferdous - Deputy Chief Arbiter
3. FA Kishoara Shajrin Evana - Deputy Chief Arbiter

1. Protest, if any, must be submitted in written with 500.00 (Five Hundred) Taka fees to the appeal committee within two hours of completion of the playing session in question.

2. The Appeal Committee shall decide before noon of the followed day and its decision is final.

Appeal Committee

1. FM Mehdi Hasan Parag - Chairman
2. IM Abu Sufian Shakil - Member
3. IA Shahjahan Kabir - Member

Prize Money

1st	**Prize**	**:**	**25,000.00**	**Taka**
2nd	**Prize**	**:**	**20,000.00**	**Taka**
3rd	**Prize**	**:**	**15,000.00**	**Taka**
4th	**Prize**	**:**	**10,000.00**	**Taka**
5th	**Prize**	**:**	**9,000.00**	**Taka**
6th	**Prize**	**:**	**8000.00**	**Taka**
7th	**Prize**	**:**	**7,000.00**	**Taka**
8th	**Prize**	**:**	**6,000.00**	**Taka**
		Total	**100,000.00**	**Taka**

Prize money will not be shared.

Schedule

Round	Date	Day	Starting Time
1st Round	**01-11-2026**	**Sunday**	**3:00 PM**
2nd Round	**02-11-2026**	**Monday**	**3:00 PM**
3rd Round	**03-11-2026**	**Tuesday**	**3:00 PM**
4th Round	**04-11-2026**	**Wednesday**	**3:00 PM**
5th Round	**05-11-2026**	**Thursday**	**3:00 PM**
6th Round	**06-11-2026**	**Friday**	**3:00 PM**
7th Round	**07-11-2026**	**Saturday**	**3:00 PM**
	08-11-2026	**Sunday**	**Rest Day**
8th Round	**09-11-2026**	**Monday**	**3:00 PM**
9th Round	**10-11-2026**	**Tuesday**	**3:00 PM**
10th Round	**11-11-2026**	**Wednesday**	**3:00 PM**
11th Round	**12-11-2026**	**Thursday**	**3:00 PM**
12th Round	**13-11-2026**	**Friday**	**3:00 PM**
13th Round	**14-11-2026**	**Saturday**	**3:00 PM**
Play-Off	**15-11-2026**	**Sunday**	**10:00 AM**
Prize-Distribution			**3:30 AM**

Some important Rules

1. The ‘playing venue’ is defined as the ‘playing area’, rest rooms, toilets, refreshment area, area set aside for smoking and other places as designated by the arbiter. The playing area is defined as the place where the games of a competition are played. Only with the permission of the arbiter can: a player leaves the playing venue. The player having the move be allowed to leave the playing area. A person who is neither a player nor arbiter be allowed access to the playing area.
2. (a) During play the players are forbidden to use any notes, sources of information or advice, or analyses any game on another chessboard.

(b) During play, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone and/or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. If it is evident that a player brought such a device into the playing venue, she shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. The rules of a competition may specify a different, less severe, penalty. The arbiter may require the player to allow her 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.

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

(d) It is forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any manner whatsoever. This includes unreasonable claims, unreasonable offers of a draw or the introduction of a source of noise into the playing area.

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