



The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Ukraine



The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad is probably the biggest sporting event in the world in terms of country participation. 206 nations registered for the Open event and 189 nations for the Women's category. The biennial Chess Olympiad was held at the Silk Road International Exhibition Centre from 16th to 27th September 2026. Each team is represented by 5 players, played over 4 boards.

After an exhaustive 11 rounds, host nation, Uzbekistan clinched the coveted Gold Medal. India was second and Germany third. Top seed USA was placed fifth. GM Nordibek Abdusattorov won the Board 1 Gold Medal with a fantastic 8.5/11 score with 6 wins and 5 draws!



In the Women's event, the Chinese quintet of GM Zhu, IM Song, IM Lu, WIM Yan and WGM Zhai upset the favourites India by emerging Champions with 9 wins and 2 draws! Kazakhstan took the Silver and India, the Bronze.

GM Zhu Jiner won the Board 1 Prize with a magnificent 7/9. IM Lu Miaoyi took the Board 3 Prize with a fantastic 9.5/11!



Team China

Bo .		Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games
1	GM	Zhu, Jiner	2550	CHN			1	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	7	9
2	IM	Song, Yuxin	2457	CHN	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	½	½	½	½	8	11
3	IM	Lu, Miaoyi	2371	CHN	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	9,5	11
4	WIM	Yan, Tianqi	2338	CHN	1	1	½			1	0					3,5	5
5	WGM	Zhai, Mo	2336	CHN	1	1		½	½			1	½	0	½	5	8

Final Ranking after 11 Rounds - Women

Rk.	SNo	FED	Team	Group	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	4	CHN	China	A	11	9	2	0	20	463	33	161
2	3	KAZ	Kazakhstan	A	11	7	4	0	18	395	29	160
3	1	IND	India	A	11	7	3	1	17	424	31	161
4	5	USA	United States of America	A	11	8	1	2	17	418	32,5	150
5	9	POL	Poland	A	11	8	1	2	17	381	28,5	160

Something to talk about!

63-year-old Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling scored a fantastic 8/11 at Board 1. Cramling was playing in her 15th Chess Olympiad and anchoring Team Sweden. She proved her legendary status by achieving a stellar performance rating of 2532 (!) playing alongside her daughter, Woman FM Anna Cramling. She is one



of the few elite players to have competed in both the Open and Women's section, winning the Board 1 prize on 3 occasions!

However, 75 year-old Filipino Eugenio Torres, the first Asian Grandmaster holds the record for playing in 23 Chess Olympiads! He was the Captain of Team Philippines in Samarkand. He won a silver medal on Board 1 at the 1974 Chess Olympiad in Nice.

England's 11-year-old prodigy FM Bodhana Sivanandan made history with a score of 8/11 at Board 1! She completed her requirements for WGM title and also secured her second IM norm!



The Malaysian Teams at the 46th Chess Olympiad.

In the Open section, our men's team was made up of a relatively young team with Penang's IM Tan Jun Ying holding fort at Board 1. IM Chan Kim Yew was at Board 2, 15 year old FM Kavin Mohan on Board 3, FM Lim Zhuo Ren on Board 4 and CM Chow Yi Chen on Reserve. 12 year old Chow Yi Chen fulfilled a Direct Title requirement and qualified for the FM Title. He secured 6 points out of 9 games with a performance rating of 2295! Congrats! The team finished at 78th position. Let's hope our two strongest players, GM Yeoh Li Tian and IM Poh Yu Tian can make it for the next Olympiad in Abu Dhabi!



Bo.		Name	Rtg	FED	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts.	Games	Rp
1	IM	Tan, Jun Ying	2399	MAS	1	0	1	½	0	½	0	1		½	4,5		9	2361
2	IM	Chan, Kim Yew	2383	MAS		0	1	½		0	½	0		½	½	3	8	2350
3	FM	Kavin, Mohan	2348	MAS	1	0	1	0	1	1		1	1	0	½	6,5	10	2405
4	FM	Lim, Zhuo Ren	2309	MAS	1	0		0	1	1	0		1	0		4	8	2299
5	CM	Chow, Yi Chen	2152	MAS	1		½		1	1	1	½	0	½	½	6	9	2295



The Open Team with Mr. Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah, MCF President

The Women's team finished at 65th position, 3 places above their ranking. 3 Penang players featured in the team, WFM Agnes Chong Kai Ni, WCM Chua Jia-Tien and Kumaran Ashwiniy. The other two players were WFM Tan Li Ting and WFM Ainul Mardhiah Mohd. Afif.

Ainul Mardhiah played exceptionally well and scored 6.5 out of 9 points on Board 4, only losing on her last game to WIM Montilla Reyes of Colombia. Well done Ainul Mardhiah. WFM Agnes rose to the occasion in Round 9 and got the better of Belarussian IM Olga Badelka (Rating 2424). Also our congratulations to newly minted WCM Ashwiny Kumaran and WFM Chua Jia-Tien. Not forgetting IA Abdul Hamid receiving the FIDE's Arbiter's Award for long service of over 35 years. Proud of all of you! Malaysia Boleh!

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1	WFM	Tan, Li Ting	2067	MAS	1	0		½	1	0	1	0		½	½	4,5	9	2015
2	WFM	Chong, Kai Ni Agnes	2024	MAS		0	1	0	1	0		1	1	0		4	8	2062
3	WCM	Chua, Jia-Tien	1938	MAS	1	0	1	0	1		1	1	0		1	6	9	2072
4	WFM	Mohd Afif, Ainul Mardhiah	2006	MAS	1	1	½	½		1	1		½	1	0	6,5	9	2101
5		Kumaran, Ashwiniy	1712	MAS	1		1		1	0	1	1	0	1	0	6	9	1983



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CHUA JIA-TIEN
QUALIFIES FOR THE
WFM TITLE

6/9 POINTS
66.7% SCORE
1938 PERFORMANCE RATING

Direct WFM Title Requirement
At least 65% score over a minimum of 9 games at the Chess Olympiad.
Requirement achieved

Chua Jia-Tien delivered an impressive performance at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. She scored 6/9 points over nine games, achieving a 66.7% score with a performance rating of 1938. Under FIDE regulations, a female player who scores at least 65% over a minimum of nine games at the Women's Olympiad fulfils the playing requirements for the direct Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title

Current FIDE profile:
The FM title will become official after the Malaysian Chess Federation submits the application to FIDE and the application is approved.

Another remarkable milestone for the 12-year-old Malaysian chess player.
Congratulations, Chua Jia-Tien!

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A New Title for Malaysia

MALAYSIA'S NEW WCM

ASHWINIY KUMARAN
OFFICIAL WCM TITLE RESULT
AFTER 7 GAMES

5/7 POINTS
71.4% SCORE
1975 PERFORMANCE RATING
+83.6 EST. RATING GAIN
WCM TITLE RESULT

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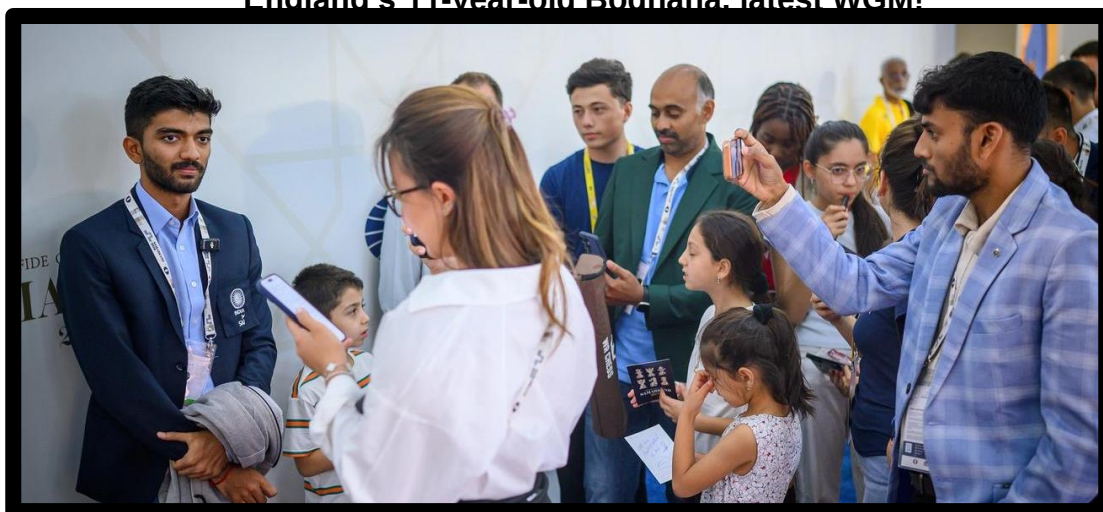
Congratulation
IA Abdul Hamid

The FIDE Arbiter's Award is granted to arbiters with a minimum of 35 years of service as an International Arbiter

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England's 11-year-old Bodhana, latest WGM!



World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju at Samarkand



Timur-Turlov, the New FIDE President from Kazakhstan



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SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN

15 – 27 SEPTEMBER 2026



ABOUT THE EVENT

The 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad took place in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from **15 to 27 September 2026**.

The prestigious global event concluded with host nation **Uzbekistan** taking gold in the Open section and **China** securing gold in the Women's section.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Uzbekistan** won the **gold** medal in the Open section.
- China** won the **gold** medal in the Women's section.
- India** finished with a **silver** medal in the Open section and a **bronze** medal in the Women's section.
- Venue: Samarkand, Uzbekistan.**

OPEN SECTION FINAL STANDINGS

1		UZBEKISTAN
2		INDIA
3		GERMANY

WOMEN'S SECTION FINAL STANDINGS

1		CHINA
2		KAZAKHSTAN
3		INDIA

