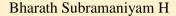
## Online Asian Nations Cup Under-14 Years (Open & Girls) Chess Teams Championships 2021

India and Mongolia in the lead! Sri Lankan Girls A team also shining!







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Indian A team got the lead after the  $6^{th}$  round of the Online Asian Nations Cup 2021 (Under 14 Yrs Open) Chess Championships conducted at the Chess.com flatform. India beat Hong Kong 4-0, Malaysia Avengers 3-1, Mongolia Team I 3 ½ - ½, Philippines 2 ½ - 1 ½, Kazakhstan 3-1 and drew with Islamic Republic of Iran 2-2 to reach 11 match points out of 12 possible.

Mongolian Girls Team 1 also in the same performance after they drew 2-2 with Sri Lanka A team in the  $6^{th}$  rounds to achieve 11 points out of possible 12 points. Mongolia Women Team 1 beat Kazakhstan Team II 3-1, Iran Girls A Team  $3\frac{1}{2}-1/2$ , India B  $3\frac{1}{2}-1/2$  and India A 3-1 in the first 5 rounds.

On behalf of the Asian Chess Federation, the Asian Nations Cup for under 14 Years (Open and Girls) is organized by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka on 27th, 28th and 29th of March 2021 at the Chess.com flatform. As usual the event will be in two categories, Open where Boys and Girls can participate and a separate event for girls only. A team should comprise of 4 players and a reserve and a country is allowed to field 2 teams in each section.

More than 50 teams from 20 Asian Countries are participating in the event. Bahrain, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Maldives, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Thailand, UAE and Sri Lanka are competing for the supremacy.

Malaysia Avengers, Philippines and Kazakhstan are in the  $2^{nd}$  spot of the Open section with 9 match points being ranked  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  on the tie breaker. Malaysian Avengers beat Oman 4 -0, Palastine 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bangladesh Green 3 -1, Indonesia 3 – 1, drew with Philippines 2 -2 and lost to India A 1 -3 while Philippines beat Bahrain 4 – 0, Kazakhstan 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Bangladesh Green  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , Iran  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and lost to India A 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to reach 9 points. Kazakhstan beat Bangladesh Red 4-0, Thailand Team A 3 -1, India B 3-1, Kazakhstan Team II  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , drew with Indonesia 2 -2 and lost to India A 1-3 to equalize the  $2^{nd}$  place.

In the Girls section Sri Lanka A team took the outright  $2^{nd}$  place with 10 match points being unbeaten, 4 wins against Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Bangladesh, India B and two draws with leading Mongolian team and India A Team. The  $3^{rd}$  place is shared by the Mongolian 2nd team and the Iran Team with 9 match points. Mongolia  $2^{nd}$  team beat Oman 4-0, Malaysia Avengers 3-1, Kazakhstan  $3\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ , Sri Lanka B 3-1, drew with IR Iran A 2-2 and lost to India A 1-3 while IR Iran A beat Sri Lanka B 4-0, Malysia Avengers 3-1, Lebanon 4-0, India A  $2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$ , drew with Mongolia B 2-2 and lost to Mongolia Team I  $\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$ .

The Events is held on the Swiss System for teams in 9 rounds. 15 minutes is given for a player per game with 10 second increments for each move he plays. All precautions for prevent cheating are thoroughly activated. Players are allowed to use laptop/ Desktop computers only and they should play along in a room facing a wall. A camera/Webcam is compulsory and they have to open the camera and microphone in a zoom meeting in all times when they play. All players are required to share their screen in zoom. The arbiters are carefully observing the players while playing through this zoom meeting. All games are sent to experts for checking.

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka has offered medals and Trophies for the winners while a DGT Chess clock is awarded for the members of the winning teams. The Sri Lanka teams are selected by the CFSL online Youth (Open and Girls) Chess Championships 2021 held in last two months.

A live streaming of the total event is arranged through the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka Youtube Chanel with commentaries by Grand Master Dymitro Komrov of Ukarine, Grand Master Pravin Thipsay of India and Sri Lankan National Chess Champions Dulan Edirisnghe, Minul Doluweera, Harshana Thilakarathne and Ranindu Dilshan Liyanage.

Standings after Round 6 (Open)

Rk.	SNo	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	твз
1	1	India - 'A'	6	5	1	0	11	18	0
2	10	Malaysia Avengers	6	4	1	1	9	17	0
3	13	Philippines	6	4	1	1	9	16	0
4	3	Kazakhstan	6	4	1	1	9	16	0
5	2	I.R.I IRAN Open A	6	3	2	1	8	16	0
6	6	Kazakhstan - Team 2	6	4	0	2	8	15	0
7	5	India - 'B'	6	3	2	1	8	15	1
8	8	Mongolia - Team 1	6	3	2	1	8	15	1
9	23	Sri Lanka - 'A'	6	4	0	2	8	14	0
10	9	Indonesia - B	6	3	1	2	7	15	0
11	7	I.R.I IRAN Open B	6	3	1	2	7	14	0
12	27	Sri Lanka - 'C'	6	2	3	1	7	13	0
13	22	Palestine	6	3	1	2	7	12	0
14	12	Indonesia	6	2	2	2	6	15	0
15	16	Thailand - Team 1	6	2	2	2	6	14	0
16	14	Iraq	6	3	0	3	6	14	0
17	4	Bangladesh - Green	6	3	0	3	6	13	0
18	11	New Zealand	6	3	0	3	6	13	0
		United Arab							
19	20	Emirates	6	2	2	2	6	13	0
20	18	Thailand - Team 2	6	3	0	3	6	12	0
21	21	Mongolia - Team 2	6	2	2	2	6	11	0
22	15	Malaysia Challengers	6	2	1	3	5	12	0
23	19	Bangladesh - Red	6	2	1	3	5	11	0
24	24	Sri Lanka - 'B'	6	2	0	4	4	11	0
25	17	Hong Kong	6	1	2	3	4	9.5	0
	28	Maldives - Team 1	6	1	2	3	4	9.5	0
27	25	Lebanon - Team A	6	1	2	3	4	9	0
28	31	Maldives - Team 2	6	2	0	4	4	7	0
29	30	Lebanon - Team B	6	1	1	4	3	7	0
30	32	Pakistan	6	1	1	4	3	6.5	0
31	29	Bahrain	6	1	0	5	2	4	0
32	26	Oman	6	0	0	6	0	2.5	0

## Standings after Round 6 (Girls)

Rk.	SNo	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	ТВ3
1	2	Mongolia - Team 1	6	5	1	0	11	18	0
2	13	Sri Lanka - 'A'	6	4	2	0	10	16	0
3	17	Mongolia - Team 2	6	4	1	1	9	17	0
4	6	IRAN Girls A	6	4	1	1	9	16	0
5	4	IRAN Girls B	6	4	0	2	8	16	0
6	10	India - 'B'	6	4	0	2	8	15	0
7	9	Philippines	6	3	1	2	7	16	0
8	1	Kazakhstan Girls	6	3	1	2	7	14	0
9	5	India - 'A'	6	3	1	2	7	14	0
10	18	Sri Lanka - 'B'	6	3	1	2	7	13	1
11	8	Kazakhstan Girls - 2	6	3	1	2	7	13	1
12	3	Bangladesh	6	3	0	3	6	16	0
13	11	Malaysia Avengers	6	3	0	3	6	14	0
14	14	Malaysia Challengers	6	2	2	2	6	13	0
15	20	UAE	6	2	1	3	5	11	0
16	16	Hong Kong	6	2	1	3	5	11	0
17	7	New Zealand	6	1	2	3	4	9.5	0
18	15	Sri Lanka - 'C'	6	2	0	4	4	9.5	0
19	19	Palestine	6	1	2	3	4	9.5	0
20	22	Lebanon	6	2	0	4	4	9	0
21	12	Thailand	6	1	2	3	4	9	0
22	23	Bahrain	6	1	1	4	3	6	0
23	21	Maldives	6	1	0	5	2	4	0
24	24	Oman	6	0	1	5	1	4	0

Stay Safe! Enjoy Chess!

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