

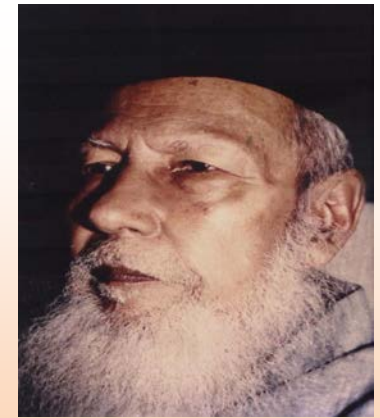
Formation of Chess Federation of Pakistan & Organization of first Recognized National Chess Championship

In sixties a body was working in West Pakistan under the name of Pakistan Chess Federation. This body has no representation of East Pakistan and even not recognized/affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board. This body hold four championship under the name of National Chess Championship in the years 1959, 1960, 1962 & 1964. The winners of these championships were Sheikh Muhammad Akram (1959, 1960 & 1964) and Abdul Sattar (1962).

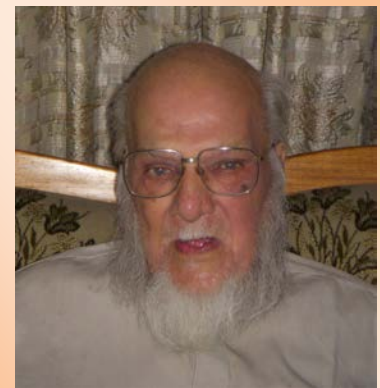
In the year 1969 Pakistan Chess team was invited to participate in “first R.C.D Chess Championship” to be held at Istanbul, Turkey. In this championship Pakistan got first position and the team was consisting of:

1. Zahir Uddin Farooqui
2. Abdul Sattar
3. Iftekhar Ahmed
4. Hanif Javed Rana

The above team was selected from the players of West Pakistan only, totally neglecting the players of East Pakistan. After this event the players and the officials of East Pakistan took serious notice of this **irregularity** and they approached to the Federal Minister of Sports, Pakistan. Due to their sincere efforts the game of chess was recognized by the Pakistan Sports Board in the year 1970. The name of chess body was Pakistan National Chess Federation and the following office bearers were elected for the tenure 1970-71 and 1971-72.



Dr. Qazi Motahar Hossain
(Founder President
Chess Federation of Pakistan)



Wazir Hasan Ansari
(Founder Secretary General,
Chess Federation of Pakistan)

<u>Sr. Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>City</u>
1. Dr. Qazi Mutahir Hussain	President	Dacca
2. Mr. Abdul Latif Khan	Vice-President	Karachi
3. Mr. Wazir Hasan Ansari	Secretary-cum-Treasurer	Dacca
4. Mr. Hanif Javed Rana	Joint Secretary-cum-Joint Treasurer	Lahore

Executive Committee:

5. Mr. S. Z. Mansur	Member	Chittagong
6. Dr. W. A. Ansari	Member	Dacca
7. Mr. S. M. Hussain	Member	Barisal
8. Mr. SK. Mohd. Akram	Member	Lahore
9. Mr. K. U. Khaled	Member	Karachi
10. Mr. A. Z. Jalil Ahmed	Member	Bogra
11. Prof. M. Hussain	Member	Lyallpur
12. Mr. M. Y. Farooqui	Member	Islamabad

In the same year Pakistan National Chess Federation constituted two selection committees, one at East Pakistan and the second one for West Pakistan. These committees selected eight players from each zone and hence first Pakistan National Raking Chess Tournament was held at Chittagong from 26-09-1970 to 04-10-1970. This Tournament was played on Swiss League Basis of 9 rounds. Following is the ranking list

National Ranking

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Zaheeruddin Farooqui	Karachi	7.0
2.	Abdul Sattar	Lahore	6.0
3.	Qazi M. S. Hasan	Chittagong	5.5 (23.50)
4.	Dr. Akmal Husain	Khulna	5.5 (19.25)
5.	Chiragh Dehalvi	Karachi	5.5 (18.50)
6.	Iftekhar Ahmad	Rawalpindi	5.0 (23.25)
7.	A. Razzaq Kanpuri	Karachi	5.0 (20.50)
8.	M. N. Kaleem	Karachi	5.0 (19.75)
9.	K. M. Shakoor	Dacca	5.0 (11.25)
10.	Nazir Ahmad	Multan	4.5 (21.50)
11.	Dr. A. Mannan	Sylhet	4.5 (13.50)
12.	Bashir Qureshy	Chittagong	2.5 (9.50)
13.	Zafar Siddiqui	Chittagong	2.5 (5.00)
14.	Sheikh Akram	Lahore	2 (10.50)
15.	Karim Chowdhary	Khulna	2 (6.50)
16.	Mufti Kased	Mymensingh	1.5

"I express my hearty thanks to the government of Pakistan, gave recognition to the royal game of chess as a National game and provided funds for holding the first official and regular ranking tournament on all Pakistan basis." (Dr. Q. M. Hussain, Founder President PNCF)

"I am glad that the Federation was able to hold the first National Chess Ranking Tournament at Chittagong so successfully and smoothly within four month of its existence." (W. H. Ansari Founder Secretary Cum-Treasure, PNCF)

"This successful conclusion of First Pakistan National Ranking Tournament will go down in the history of chess as a Milestone." (Shahnawz Khan, Manager of West Pakistan Chess Team and General Secretary, Sindh Chess Association)

In the year 1977 the name of Pakistan National Chess Federation was changed and the new name is Chess Federation of Pakistan.

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