



KENKEN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (KIC) 2026

Official International Round – Dubai

21 & 22 November 2026

Dear KenKen Enthusiasts,

We are delighted to invite you to the 12th edition of the Official KenKen International Championship (KIC) 2026 – International Round in Dubai. The championship is now open to students aged 6 to 17 from across the globe.

KenKen is recognised by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), USA, for developing numeracy, logical reasoning, perseverance, and problem-solving. Featured in over 200 global publications, including The New York Times and The Times (UK), KenKen builds skills that go well beyond the competition floor.

Prizes and Recognition

- Prizes worth **AED 50,000** across the championship
- Every participant receives a trophy or memento and a certificate, based on their achievement
- Top rank holders receive trophies, certificates and prizes

Key Dates and Details

Who can register	Students aged 6–17
Registration fee	USD 100. Includes registration for both rounds, portal access and practice material (100 practice challenges), and a group training session.
Registration deadline	29 October 2026
Preliminary Round	31 October 2026 Online exam taken from home through the KenKen portal. No travel required.
International Round	21 November 2026 Computer-based test in Dubai. Students unable to travel may compete remotely from home.
Award Ceremony	22 November 2026, Dubai Felicitation ceremony for all international and national winners. Students competing remotely will have awards delivered, with courier charges applicable. More details to be announced.

Selection Criteria

- **Preliminary Round:** Accuracy. A minimum of two puzzles must be solved correctly.
- **International Round:** Accuracy and time. The highest marks scored in the least time.

Registering through local partners

Participants from countries where KenKen has a local partner **must register and participate through that partner**. Participants from all other countries can register directly using the link below.

Travel to Dubai

Participants travelling to Dubai are responsible for arranging their own visa, travel and accommodation in advance.

Register and Pay online

<https://kenkenuae.com/KICIR/>

Registration deadline: **29 October 2026**

For any queries, contact us at info@kenkenuae.com or call/WhatsApp +971 45519428 or +971 45519406.

Best wishes,
Team KenKen UAE