



NATIONAL HYBRID ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 SERIES

December 2020 to January 2021

Rules and Regulations

1. ORGANIZER

The National Hybrid Online Chess Championship Series 2020 is organized by the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF)

2. EVENT CONCEPT

The Hybrid Online event concept merges the Online playing platform with players converging at a Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) authorized Hybrid Centers set up at various cities and townships around the country. Each of the Hybrid Center will be monitored and managed by a recognized Arbiter who will oversee all players to ensure fair play is adhered by everyone

3. EVENT NAME & DATE

The Rules and Regulations contained within this document are related to the following Hybrid Online Chess Championship 2020 series

No	EVENT COST	START	END	FORMAT	TIME CONTROL
1	1st National Hybrid Online Ladies Open Chess Championship 2020	19-Dec-20	20-Dec-20	7 Rounds Swiss	30 min + 10 sec
2	1st National Hybrid Online Junior U20 Open and Girls Chess Championship 2020	9-Jan-21	10-Jan-21	7 Rounds Swiss	30 min + 10 sec
3	1st National Hybrid Online Individual Open Chess Championship 2020	22-Jan-21	24-Jan-21	9 Rounds Swiss	60 min + 10 sec

Note: Although the series are completed and organized in 2021, the series will continue to bear 2020 as its official year of event

4. AUTHORIZED HYBRID ONLINE CHESS CENTERS

The authorized Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) Hybrid Centers that will be participating in this tournament are:

a) Johor (Johor Bahru)	Johor Chess Association
b) Kedah (Alor Setar)	MD Star Corporation Sdn Bhd
c) Kelantan (Kota Bharu)	X-Chess Academy
d) Kuala Lumpur (Sri Hartamas)	KL Chess Academy
e) Melaka (Ayer Keroh)	Persatuan Catur Negeri Melaka
f) Perak (Kuala Kangsar)	Brainy Chess Academy
g) Perak (Taiping)	Brainy Chess Academy
h) Perlis (Kangar)	Pusat Khidmat Wakil Rakyat
i) Pulau Pinang (Bayan Lepas)	Marcus Chess Academy
j) Sabah (Kota Kinabalu)	Sabah Chess Academy
k) Selangor (Bukit Jelutong)	Chess Hacks
l) Putrajaya (Putrajaya)	Chess Math Training Center (NEW)
m) Kuala Terengganu (Terengganu)	(NEW – Details will be added later)
n) Miri (Sarawak)	(NEW – Details will be added later)
o) Sibu (Sarawak)	(NEW – Details will be added later)
p) Kuching (Sarawak)	(NEW – Details will be added later)

NOTE: Additional Academies/Centers will be added as and when they become available
NOTE: NOT ALL CENTERS are available for all events – please check registration form.

5. CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

The Hybrid Online Chess Championship 2020 series is open to **MALAYSIAN CITIZENS** only



6. REGISTRATION

Interested participants are required to complete and submit each events respective entry form – together with proof of payment to mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org with copies to inquiries@malaysiachess.org and to Treasurer drziner@gmail.com. Verbal registrations or registrations via Whatsapp, SMS or any other mode with or without entry fees will not be entertained.

The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) reserves the right to accept or reject any entries without providing any reason whatsoever to the applicants and in such a situation, the Malaysian Chess Federation will refund the entry fees in full.

Closing date to register for each of the Championship series is stated in the series specific event Brochure.

7. ENTRY FEES

Please refer to each specific event Brochure to view the Entry Fee rates as it is different for each event series.

Players are reminded to provide “proof of payment” when submitting the Registration Form to the Event Secretariat

8. PLAYING VENUE / PLATFORM

All games and shall be played via the www.tornelo.com which will act as the Championship series primary playing platform. The organizer may opt to use the www.chess.com chess playing website as its alternative or secondary playing platform for the series

All players are required to register their REAL Names (as per NRIC) using their usual email address in www.tornelo.com complete with a passport size photo and other details as required by the website.

9. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Please refer to each specific event Brochure to view the Playing Schedule for each series

10. PLAYING FORMAT

All series will be played using Swiss system tournament format. Pairings will be automatically by www.tornelo.com playing website using JaVaFo pairing engine – the same engine used by Swiss Manager.

Please refer to each specific event Brochure to view the Number of Rounds to be played

11. TIME CONTROL

Time Control will either be Rapid or Standard format with a minimum of 30-minute game plus 10 second increment.

Please refer to each specific event Brochure to view the Time Control to be played.

12. PRIZE FUND

The total prize fund offered for the entire series is RM 7,600

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| 1. Ladies Open Chess Championship 2020 | RM 1,700 |
| 2. Juniors U-20 Open & Girls Chess Championship 2020 | RM 2,400* |
| 3. Individual Open Chess Championship 2020 | RM 3,000* |

Note: The prize fund for item (2) was earlier advertised as RM2,800 (reduced by RM400) and for item (3), has earlier advertised as RM3,100 (reduced by RM100)

Please refer to each specific event Brochure to view the complete breakdown of all the cash prizes offered



13. ACCOMMODATION

Players will be responsible for their own travelling, board, and lodging arrangements while participating in any of the event series.

14. GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- a. All players will need to report at the respective Satellite Center at least 30 minutes before the start of Round 1 to allow for the necessary registration, equipment check and temperature scan to be completed in a timely manner.
- b. Players are required to adhere to all SOPs and Guidelines imposed by the authorities due to the COVID19 pandemic situation. This includes wearing mask during play, carrying hand sanitizer, social distancing and avoid overcrowding
- c. Where possible, players will be assigned to a specific table throughout the duration of the tournament
- d. Players to take note that all pairings, notices, documentations and information will only be posted online via MCF website and Facebook page including via www.chess-result.com and other web addresses that will be made known from time to time. Additionally, the site Arbiter will share verbal announcements during breaks or in between rounds, as and when required and appropriate.
- e. At any time during an active round, players are not allowed to have any electronic devices in their possession while being in the playing area. Players are required to leave their electronic devices including watches and bags – at their own risk. at a safe and secured area outside of the playing area.
- f. A player may use and set up a chess board and pieces as a reference point (in order to avoid looking at the computer for too long) but, the player must not use the chess board and pieces to analyze his/her game that is currently being played. However, the player is responsible for the arrangement of the board and pieces and any discrepancy between the board and the actual game on the computer will solely be the player's responsibility.
 - i. Any player using the board to analyze an ongoing game will be immediately disqualified by the Arbiter for the current round
 - ii. Further use of the board for subsequent rounds may not be allowed unless the Site Arbiter decides otherwise.
- g. During a game, players may leave the playing area (to take a break) but must first obtain the permission from the Site Arbiter.
- h. Only MCF Officials/Arbiters, Hybrid Center management team/technician, and players are allowed admission into the Hybrid Center. Spectators including accompanying persons and players who have finished their games, are not allowed in the playing area at any time.
- i. Players who are caught cheating or attempting to cheat and will be immediately expelled from the tournament and may face a two (2) year ban from playing in any level chess tournament/event with immediate effect

15. PLAYING DEVICES / LAPTOP

- a. All players are responsible for their own equipment/laptop including to ensure that it is fully charged or connected to a power supply
 - i. The organizer will not be responsible for any issue caused by the laptop such as crashing, freezing, or lagging or failure to connect to the center's wifi. In such a case, a player may request to use a secondary computer provided the request is approved by the Site Arbiter.
 - ii. If an issue with a computer occurs during a game, a player may switch to a secondary computer provided the reconnection is made before the player's playing time lapsed. In such a situation – where the playing time has lapsed (or if the server deems that the player has been disconnected for too long), the player will be considered to have lost on time.
- b. At any time during the course of a round, a player is only allowed to have the www.tornelo.com website page appearing on his computer screen. All other windows tabs and application must not be activated.
 - i. The Site Arbiter has the rights to check a player's computer/laptop at any time during the duration of the tournament/round.
- c. In any situation, the use of a handphone to play the games is TOTALLY PROHIBITED.



16. INTERNET CONNECTION

- a. In the event the Internet Connection at the Satellite Center fails or is disconnected, the Site Arbiter may allow players to reconnect to the server using their personal smart devices as a modem. However, the smart devices must remain hidden i.e. inside a bag, at all time.
 - i. Reconnection to the server shall be the player's own responsibility. If the player fails to reconnect before the system time out resulting in a loss game, the result shall stand. No replay or appeal shall be entertained.
 - ii. Once the internet connection at the Satellite Center has been restored, the Site Arbiter can decide either to allow the player to continue using his/her own smart device or reconnect to the center's internet connection.
- b. In case a game which has started but aborted accidentally by the server, the game shall be replayed with blitz (5 minutes) time control. Players are required to inform their respective Site Arbiter to confirm the situation.
 - i. If a player is disconnected due to poor connection or service disruption, the player will need to reconnect back to the server at his own time provided the game can continue where it was left off. If the system has timed out or have declared a lost for the player, then the result shall stand.
- c. All games that were completed before the disconnection happens, will not be replayed and the results of the games shall remain as is.

17. REFUND POLICY

No refund will be entertained once the closing date for each of the event series has lapsed. For cancellation made before the closing date of a series, the organizer will only refund 50% of the entry fee paid to the Federation.

A full refund will only be provided if the Organizer rejects the application including in situation where it is due to oversubscription of space/seat at a specific Hybrid Center.

18. ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Hybrid Chess Center

- a. The Management of each Hybrid Chess Center will provide the following:
 - i. A recognized and approved Arbiter (NA/FA or IA)
 - ii. Internet Connectivity via Wifi
 - iii. Computer/Printer – For administrative purposes
 - iv. Webcam (that shows the entire playing area)
 - v. Chess set (for references)
 - vi. Register their establishment with "My Sejahtera" application and provide a QR scanner at the main entrance
 - vii. Temperature scanner and hand sanitizer at the entrance
 - viii. Logbook to record names, addresses and contact numbers of everyone entering and leaving the premise.
- b. The Management of each Hybrid Chess Center has the right to refuse entry or remove anyone showing signs of being ill/sick and request the person to get immediate medical attention at the nearest clinic
- c. In general, each Hybrid Chess Center must be able to provide a safe, secure, and acceptable environment to be able to host, manage or execute any chess activities, tournaments, or programs of any levels.

B. Player(s)

- a. The Player shall provide/bring the following when participating in any of National Hybrid Online Chess Championship 2020 series:
 - i. A laptop or tablet (with attached keyboards) that can connect to the Hybrid Center's Wifi
 - ii. A mobile device with data connectivity (for Internet back up should the Hybrid Online Center connection fails)
 - iii. "My Sejahtera" application installed on the Mobile phone
 - iv. Face mask and a small bottle of hand sanitizer (recommended)



- b. Each player shall perform the following safety measures:
 - i. Provide emergency contact name/number
 - ii. Signed a declaration form to confirm they are not at risk, or have not travelled from an infected area
 - iii. Adhere to all rules, regulations and requirements set by the authorities
- c. Players who do not have laptop/tablet/computers, may request for a computer from the Hybrid Centers and it is the Center's prerogative to provide the equipment. Additional charges maybe imposed by the center.
- d. As mentioned in 15(c), the use of a mobile devices such as handphones or smartphones, are TOTALLY PROHIBITED

C. Site Arbiter (s)

- a. The Arbiter shall ensure that everyone in the Hybrid Center adhere to all SOP, Rules and Regulations that has been set for the tournament
- b. The Arbiter shall have the right to inspect a player's laptop/tablet to make sure that it is acceptable for use in the tournament
- c. The Arbiter shall check and take player's attendance at the start of each round.
- d. In case of a dispute, the Arbiter will decide, or may consult the Chief Arbiter to decide, on an ongoing issue that he is facing at his Hybrid Center. In such a case where the Arbiter has consulted the Chief/Central Arbiter, the decision will be deemed as final.

19. CLOSURE/INACCESSIBILITY OF A CENTER

- a. In the event that a Hybrid Center has been ordered to shut down its Operations by the authorities, all players within the center would be deemed to have left the tournament. In this situation, all players playing from the center will be given a full refund.
- b. In the event that a Hybrid Center is inaccessible due to road closure, players are allowed to change to a nearby Hybrid Center provided that the center is able to accept additional players
 - i. If the tournament has not yet started, players who decided to discontinue playing in the tournament will be given a full refund
 - ii. If the tournament has already started, players who decided to discontinue playing in the tournament will be given a 50% refund
- c. In both situations described above, the Organizer will not be held responsible for any other expenses sustained/incurred by the players and/or their accompanying person(s)

20. DISCLAIMER

By participating in any of the National Hybrid Online Chess Championship 2020 Series, all players, participants, accompanying persons, audiences, and spectators hereby agree not to hold the Malaysian Chess Federation, the Management/Owner of the Chess Centers, the organizing committee and/or its officials, and all other persons who are part of the Championship series, responsible or accountable for any damages or loss of any nature sustained or experienced, prior to, during, or after the course of the activity.

In view of the current situation with COVID19, all players MUST follow the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Sports, the National Security Council, FIDE and MCF in adhering to the SOP requirements. Where necessary, the Organizer has the right to refuse entry to any players in situation where the venue is feared to be over crowding due to space constraint, or if a player is suspected or showing signs of being ill and/or unwell.

The Hybrid Center Management including the Site Arbiter, Chief Arbiter and/or MCF Officials, reserves the right to refuse entry to any person(s)/player(s) who are abusive or disruptive, or who displays potential of becoming one, in order to maintain the wellbeing and safety of those who are participating and managing the event.



21. OTHER INFORMATION

The Malaysian Chess Federation reserves the right to change, amend, add, or otherwise delete the clauses and terms contained within this Rules and Regulations, and of that of each event's Prospectus without giving or providing any prior notice.

Players, participants, and all interested parties are advised to continuously check for any changes and/or to this Rules and Regulations, and other Terms and Conditions for the National Hybrid Online Chess Championship Series 2020 via our Malaysian Chess Federation official website and Facebook page.

22. INQUIRIES & CONTACT INFORMATION

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