



MCF – KUPPTM NATIONAL HYBRID ONLINE INDIVIDUAL OPEN & CHALLENGER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

(A FIDE Rated Event)
31st March to 4th April 2021

Rules and Regulations

1. ORGANIZER

The MCF-KUPPTM National Hybrid Online Individual Open and Challenger Chess Championship 2020/21 is jointly organized by the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and Kolej Universiti Poly-Tech MARA Kuala Lumpur (KUPPTM)

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. This includes the newly setup KUPPTM Kuala Lumpur Campus Hybrid Center as the latest addition in support of the Hybrid Concept of Event Organization for a National Level FIDE Rated event.

Each of the Hybrid Center will be monitored and managed by recognized Arbiter(s) who will oversee all players to ensure fair play including regulatory SOPs are adhered by everyone.

3. AUTHORIZED HYBRID ONLINE CHESS CENTERS

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

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| 1. Kuala Lumpur (Shamelin Perkasa) | Kolej Universiti Poly Tech MARA |
| 2. Selangor (Bukit Jelutong) | Chess Hacks / MCF Office |
| 3. Johor (Johor Bahru) | Johor Chess Association |
| 4. Johor (Batu Pahat) | JW Chess Academy |
| 5. Johor (Batu Pahat) | Setia Jaya Tuition Center |
| 6. Kedah (Alor Setar) | MD Star Corporation Sdn Bhd |
| 7. Kelantan (Kota Bharu) | X-Chess Academy |
| 8. Kuala Lumpur (Sri Hartamas) | KL Chess Academy |
| 9. Melaka (Ayer Keroh) | Persatuan Catur Negeri Melaka |
| 10. Perak (Kuala Kangsar) | Brainy Chess Academy |
| 11. Perlis (Kangar) | Pusat Khidmat Wakil Rakyat |
| 12. Pulau Pinang (Bayan Lepas) | Marcus Chess Academy |
| 13. Pulau Pinang (Sungai Dua) | CS Tuition Center |
| 14. Sabah (Kota Kinabalu) | Sabah Chess Academy |
| 15. Putrajaya (Putrajaya) | Chess Math Training Center |
| 16. Kuala Terengganu (Terengganu) | kedaicatur.com |
| 17. Sarawak (Miri) | Persatuan Catur Bahagian Miri |
| 18. Sarawak (Sibu) | Sibu Chess Academy |
| 19. Sarawak (Kuching) | Persatuan Catur Sarawak |
| 20. Selangor (Bandar Baru Bangi) | Maxoft Sdn Bhd |
| 21. Pahang (Kuantan) | Setia Chess Center |
| 22. Kuala Lumpur (SRAI Taman Keramat) | School – Independent Center |

*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.*



4. CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY

The MCF-KUPTM National Hybrid Online Individual Open and Challenger Chess Championship 2020/21 is open to **MALAYSIAN CITIZENS** only, and playing from authorized MCF/KUPTM Hybrid Centers

5. REGISTRATION

Kindly register via Google Form at <https://forms.gle/aR7oiypUqoi9tJbq5> Please take note that a scan copy of your IC and your proof of payment are required in order to complete the registration. Entries via other means including email or whatsapp, will not be accepted.

The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) reserves the right to accept or reject any entries without providing any reason whatsoever including in situations where a particular Hybrid has been overbooked – based on first come first serve rule. In such a situation, the Malaysian Chess Federation will refund the entry fees in full.

6. ENTRY FEES

OPEN CATEGORY

IM / WIM / NM and WNM	Free Entry
FM / WFM / CM / WCM	RM 60 per player
All Players (Rated 1800 and Above)	RM 100 per player
All Players (Rated below 1800)	RM 130 per player
Para Athlete	RM 70

Note: UNRATED Players are not allowed in the Open Category

CHALLENGER CATEGORY

All Players	RM 70 per player
Para Athlete	RM 40
All Unrated (with FIDE ID)	RM 90 per player

Note: Players without FIDE ID are requested to register for FIDE ID first (RM50)

Note: TITLED players are not allowed in the Challenger Category

7. CLOSING DATE

Completed entries must be submitted **ON or BEFORE 12:00noon 28th March 2021 (Sunday)**. Entries received AFTER this date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee with a penalty of RM 50.

Entries are accepted based on a "first come first serve" basis (according to Google Form time stamp) and the number of seats available at the Hybrid Centre where the respective player is interested to play from. In the event of an overbooking, the Organizer has the right to reject an entry and provide a full refund.

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. EVENT SCHEDULE

The event schedule are as follows:

28 th March (Friday)	12:00noon 6:00pm 9:00pm	Registration Closes Publish List of Players Meeting with Arbiters/Hybrid Centers
29 th March (Sun)	8:00pm	Players Meeting/Registration (Challenger)
30 th March (Mon)	8:00pm 9:30pm	Players Meeting/Registration (Open) Final Meeting with Arbiters/Hybrid Centers

The playing schedule are as follows:

31 st March (Wed)	9:30am 2:00pm 2:30pm 3:00pm	Publish Pairing for Round 1 Registration (at Hybrid Centre) Setting Up / Briefing / Opening Ceremony Round 1
1 st April (Thu)	9:00am 2:30pm	Round 2 Round 3
2 nd April (Fri)	8:30am 2:30pm	Round 4 Round 5
3 rd April (Sat)	9:00am 2:30pm	Round 6 Round 7
4 th April (Sun)	9:00am 2:30pm 3:00pm	Round 8 Final Briefing and Closing Round 9

10. PLAYING FORMAT

Both Open and Challenger categories will be paired using Swiss system tournament format for 9 Rounds. All pairings will be done by www.tornelo.com website using JaVaFo pairing engine – the same engine used by Swiss Manager. However, the Final Ranking of all the players in both categories, will be determined by Swiss Manager application and posted on MCF official website at www.malaysiachess.org and www.chess-results.com.

11. TIME CONTROL

The Standard time control used for both categories shall be 110 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move per player from move 1.

12. FIDE RATE

This event has been submitted to FIDE Qualification Commission for it to be considered and approved as a FIDE Rated event.

13. PRIZE FUND

The total prize fund offered for the Championship is **RM 8,000** based on the following breakdown:

Open Category (Total RM 5,000)

Main Prizes Champion (RM1,600), Runner Up (RM800),
3rd (RM400), 4th & 5th (RM200)
6th – 10th (RM150 each)

Additional Prizes Best Below 1800 / 1600: (RM 150 each)
Best Lady / Veteran / Para / U12 / U16: (RM150 each)
Note: Additional prizes will only be awarded provided there are 3 or more players competing in the respective category.



Challenger Category (Total RM 3,000)

Main Prizes Champion (RM 400), 2nd (RM 250), 3rd (RM 160),
4th (RM 120), 5th - 10th (RM 90 each)

Additional Prizes Best Below 1600 / 1400 / 1200: (RM 100 each)
Best Lady / Veteran / Para: (RM 100 each)
2nd Lady / Veteran / Para: (RM 80 each)
Best Unrated / U12 / U16: (RM 100 each)
2nd Unrated / U12 / U16: (RM 80 each)
3rd Unrated / U12 / U16: (RM 50 each)

Note: Additional prizes will only be awarded provided there are 3 or more players competing in the respective category.

14. ACCOMMODATION

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

15. 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. A speaker has also been set at each Hybrid Center for the Central Administrator Team including the Chief Arbiter to make their announcement as and when required.
- 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 or other games. 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 or to visit the toilet) but must first obtain the permission from the Site Arbiter. The player must have made his/her move first before requesting for the permission.
- 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 – or longer, from playing in any level chess tournament/event with immediate effect.



16. 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 players 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 or any handheld devices, to play the games is TOTALLY PROHIBITED.

17. 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 inside a bag, or at the Arbiters' table at all time.
 - i. Player needs to ensure that the phone will be in silent mode throughout the connection. The Arbiter shall have the rights to check the setting of the phone before the connection can be made. If the phone rings, the player may be deemed to have lost his/her game.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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 from the point where the server aborts the game.
 - i. If this is not possible, a new game shall be played either immediately, or later – at a time and date to be decided by the Chief Arbiter, to ensure that the event schedule will not be disrupted. In the situation where the game is played at a different time, for pairing purposes, the game will be considered as a drawn game. Once the reschedule game has been played and completed, the drawn score will be corrected and the final position to be adjusted and recalculated.
 - ii. 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.

18. 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.



19. 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 or webcams (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
 - v. 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 such a device 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 as a playing device, are TOTALLY PROHIBITED

C. Site Arbiter (s)

- a. Each Site Arbiter shall ensure that everyone in the Hybrid Center adhere to all SOP, Rules and Regulations that has been set for the tournament.
- b. Each Site 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. Each Site Arbiter shall check and take player’s attendance at the start of each round.
- d. In case of a dispute, the Site Arbiter will consult the Chief Arbiter, to decide on an ongoing issue that he/she has at his/her respective Hybrid Center. In such a case where the Arbiter has consulted the Chief/Central Arbiter, the decision will be deemed as final.
- e. If the tournament is a FIDE Rated tournament, a player may make an appeal on the Arbiter’s decision to the Appeals Committee.



20. 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)

21. Appeals Committee (for FIDE Rated event)

- a. Members of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated and/or appointed with consent from the players participating in the event before the start of the tournament.
- b. Site Arbiters, Chief Arbiters and/or Organizing Committee who are directly involved in the tournament, MUST NOT be nominated, or appointed as a member of the Appeals Committee.
- c. An Appeals Committee must be odd in numbers consisting of at least 5 members – 3 Committee Members and 2 Reserves, or a maximum of 7 members – 4 Committee Members and 2 Reserves.
- d. A player may appeal on a decision made by the Site Arbiter/Chief Arbiter provided the Letter of Appeal is submitted in writing to the respective Site Arbiter within 30 minutes after the disputed game has ended, together with a fee of RM 300 in cash.
- e. The Site Arbiter will then submit the Letter of Appeal to the Appeal Committee Chairman for the appeal to be discussed and deliberated.
- f. If the appeal is successful, the necessary correction including point adjustment, shall be made and the full appeal fee of RM300 will be returned to the player who submitted the appeal.
- g. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the player who submitted the appeal shall lose his appeal fee of RM300 and no further appeal can be made for the game.
- h. In both situations mentioned in (f) and (g), the decision made by the Appeal Committee is deemed to be final and no further appeal shall be entertained or allowed to reverse the decision.

22. 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.



23. 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 the 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 amendments to this Rules and Regulations, and other Terms and Conditions for the NATIONAL HYBRID ONLINE INDIVIDUAL OPEN & CHALLENGER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 via our Malaysian Chess Federation official website and Facebook page.

24. INQUIRIES & CONTACT INFORMATION

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