



NATIONAL RAPID & BLITZ CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

A FIDE Rated Tournament by The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF)

HOTEL TENERA, BANDAR BARU BANGI, SELANGOR
24th to 26th December 2021



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

- 1.1. PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA (MCF – The Malaysian Chess Federation) invites all Malaysians to participate in the National Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships 2021 from 24th to 26th December 2021

2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. **The event is open to MALAYSIAN CITIZENS ONLY**
- 2.2. All participants must have a valid FIDE ID
- 2.3. All participants must have received 2 doses of COVID19 vaccination
 - 2.3.1. For minors below the age of 18, parent consent is needed to participate in the event even if the player has completed its vaccination requirement
 - 2.3.2. For minors below the age of 18/12, both parents must have completed the required vaccination dosages
- 2.4. While the proof of vaccination is not required during the registration process, players/parents must be able to provide proof when requested by the organizing officials when physically present at the tournament venue. Players/parents who failed to provide the necessary credentials, will not be accepted to play and no refund will be entertained
- 2.5. By registering, each player agrees to abide by the Regulations of the championship, including the anti-cheating rules – where applicable.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. Entry Fees are as follows:

PLAYERS CATEGORY	RAPID ONLY	BLITZ ONLY	BOTH EVENTS
IM/NM/WIM/WNM	F.O.C	RM 15	RM 15
OTHER TITLED PLAYERS	RM 60	RM 30	RM 72
ALL RATED PLAYERS	RM 80	RM 40	RM 96
LADIES/JUNIORS	RM 70	RM 35	RM 84
PARA/OKU	RM 50	RM 25	RM 60
ALL UNRATED	RM 95	RM 50	RM 116

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. All registration must be made via the event's official registration portal at <https://forms.gle/uwbTMYWECP4ucjba8>
- 4.2. Proof of payment must be attached when submitting the registration form
- 4.3. Dateline for registration is 17 December 2021
- 4.4. The Federation reserves the right to reject an application without providing any reasons whatsoever.

5. ACCOMMODATIONS

- 5.1. HOTEL TENERA shall be the Official Hotel and Venue for the event however, players are free to choose and make their own accommodation arrangement
- 5.2. For those who prefer to stay at the hotel, special rates are given if bookings are made and confirmed via the Registration form.
- 5.3. Rooms and Apartment Rates (per night) provided are as follows:

	Published Rates	Special Rates
Sharing/Single	RM 300	RM 110
Double	RM 600	RM 190
Deluxe Triple Room	RM 630	RM 280
1 Room Apartment	RM 750	RM 300
2 Rooms Apartment	RM 870	RM 400

6. PAYMENTS

- 6.1. All payments for entry fees and/or accommodation are to be made to the Malaysian Chess Federation official accounts as per the following details:

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Account Number	8000649725
- 6.2. Request for refunds AFTER the closing date shall not be entertained.
- 6.3. Request for refunds BEFORE the closing date shall be subjected to a 50% deduction

7. SCHEDULE

Day 1

24th December 2021 (Friday)

8:30am to 12:30pm	Confirmation of Registration (Rapid)/Check In BREAK FOR LUNCH and FRIDAY PRAYERS
2:30pm to 3:00pm	Player's Briefing
3:00pm to 3:20pm	Opening Ceremony
3:30pm to 5:00pm	Round 1
5:00pm to 6:30pm	Round 2

Day 2

25th December 2021 (Saturday)

9:00am to 10:30am	Round 3
10:30am to 12:00noon	Round 4
BREAK FOR LUNCH	
2:00pm to 3:30pm	Round 5
3:30pm to 5:00pm	Round 6
5:00pm to 6:30pm	Round 7

Day 3

26th December 2021 (Sunday)

9:00am to 10:30am	Round 8
10:30am to 12:00noon	Round 9
BREAK FOR LUNCH	
12:00noon to 12:30pm	Registration Confirmation (Blitz)
2:00pm to 2:30pm	Player's Briefing
2:30pm to 3:30pm	Round 1 to Round 4
3:30pm to 4:30pm	Round 5 to Round 8
4:30pm to 5:30pm	Round 9 to Round 11
6:00pm to 7:00pm	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
7:00pm	Departure

8. SYSTEM OF PLAY

- 8.1. FIDE Laws of Chess for Rapid and Blitz (inadequate supervision) shall be used for the Championship
- 8.2. Both Rapid and Blitz events will be paired using Swiss Manager Pairing System.
- 8.3. Number of Rounds
 - Rapid – 9 Rounds Swiss
 - Blitz – 11 Rounds Swiss
- 8.4. Time Control
 - Rapid – 20 mins + 10 secs
 - Blitz – 3 mins + 2 secs
- 8.5. There is NO WAITING TIME imposed. Players are required to let the entire playing time to lapse if opponent is not present at the start of the round to claim for a win.
- 8.6. Tiebreaks (for both events)
 - a. Direct Encounter
 - b. Buchholz Cut 1
 - c. Buchholz
 - d. Sonnenborn-Berger
 - e. Cumulative

9. ANTI CHEATING

- 9.1. All participants shall comply and co-operate with the Organizer and Arbiter's Team with regards to Anti Cheating enforcement
- 9.2. If a player refuses to be inspected, he/she shall get a warning for non-compliance of Rules and Regulations. If the player continues to refuse being inspected by the Arbiter's Team, he/she shall lose the game and be precluded from further play in the tournament.
- 9.3. In any event, Arbiter's have the right to warn, penalize, disqualify, reverse the score, and/or expel any player who does not comply with the Laws of Chess, and/or does not abide by the Rules and Regulations of the tournament.
- 9.4. Players who are caught cheating shall be removed from the tournament and his/her scores to be reversed – where applicable. A report shall be filed to FIDE and the player can be banned from playing in any chess tournaments or competitions between 2 and 5 years for a first-time offence, and up to a lifetime ban for continued offences.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Total Cash Prizes to be awarded shall be RM 5,000
- 10.2. Rapid Event
 - Total Cash Prize: RM 3,500
 - Champion RM 800
 - Runner Up RM 500
 - 3rd RM 250
 - 4th RM 150
 - 5th to 10th RM 100 each
 - Other Prizes:
 - Best Lady RM 200
 - 2nd Lady RM 120
 - 3rd Lady RM 80
 - Best Veteran 50+/U18/U12/OKU RM 100 each
 - Best Below U1600/1400/1200/UR RM 100 each

- 10.3. Blitz Event
 Total Cash Prize: RM 1,500
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| Champion | RM 300 | Runner Up | RM 200 |
| 3 rd | RM 100 | 4 th to 10 th | RM 50 each |
| Other Prizes | Best Lady/Veteran 50+ | | RM 50 each |
| | Best U18/U12/OKU | | RM 50 each |
| | Best Below U1600/1400/1200/UR | | RM 50 each |

11. APPEALS

- 11.1. All decisions made by the Chief Arbiter is considered as final. No Appeals are possible or accepted by the Organizer or the Arbiter's Team.

12. SELECTION FOR NATIONAL TEAM

- 12.1. The Malaysian Chess Federation Selection Committee may use the final results and rankings of this event as selection criteria to select National Players to represent Malaysia at upcoming regional/international events such as SEA Games, ASIAN Games and Chess Olympiad, including other age group events and/or invitational events where Malaysia has been invited to be represented.

13. DISCLAIMER

- 13.1. The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) has the right to change the schedule, change, amend or otherwise update the regulations, or decide for any matter that is not mentioned in this document, and/or any other documents that is directly or indirectly related to this Championship
- 13.2. By registering and agreeing to participate in this Championship, players and their accompanying party(ies), agree not to hold the Malaysian Chess Federation, the Management/Owner of Hotel Tenera, the Organizing Committee and/or its officials, the Arbiter's Team, and all other persons who are part of this championship, responsible or accountable for any damages or loss of any nature – personal, financial or otherwise, sustained or experienced, prior to, during and throughout the course of the event.

14. CONTACT PERSONS

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| 14.1. | Event Secretariat | mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org |
| 14.2. | Tournament Director | TBA |
| 14.3. | Chief Arbiter | TBA |
| 14.4. | Other Inquiries | inquiries@malaysiachess.org |