



MALAYSIAN NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Organized by

PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)

Hotel Tenera, Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor
8th June (Wednesday) to 12th June 2022 (Sunday)

Rules and Regulations

1. ENTRY REGULATIONS

1.1. Eligibility

- 1.1.1. This event is open to **Malaysian Citizens** only.
- 1.1.2. This is a FIDE Rated event - player must have FIDE ID in order to participate
- 1.1.3. A minimum FIDE Rating (Standard or Rapid Rating) is also required in order to play in the tournament
 - 1.1.3.1. OPEN Category - minimum rating of 1600
 - 1.1.3.2. WOMEN Category - minimum rating of 1400
- 1.1.4. UNRATED players are not allowed to participate in the event

1.2. Entry Requirements

Participants can be nominated either by their respective State Affiliate as a State Player, or via Open Entry application made directly to the Malaysian Chess Federation.

In states where there is no active State Affiliate, the Malaysian Chess Federation will have the rights to appoint an active chess entity within the state to take up the role of nominating the players for the Championship.

1.3. State Representatives

- 1.3.1. Each State is allowed to nominate no more than four (4) players for the Open Category and two (2) players for the Women Category.
- 1.3.2. A State Affiliate may nominate no more than ONE (1) player - for each the OPEN and WOMEN Category that do not meet the minimum rating requirement, but must provide justification for doing so

1.4. Open Entries

- 1.4.1. Open entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Malaysian Chess Federation.

1.5. International/National Masters (Men and Women)

- 1.5.1. International Masters/Women International Masters and former National Champions (both Men and Women) are invited to participate at no charge. Please contact mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org to confirm interest.

- 1.6. Condition for Entry
At any time throughout the registration period, the Malaysian Chess Federation RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT any application including nominations from the State affiliate without providing any reasons whatsoever
- 1.6.1. In situations where a nomination has been rejected by the Malaysian Chess Federation, the state has the right to field a replacement provided it fulfils the minimum requirement stipulated in para 1.3.1.

2. REGISTRATION

- 2.1. State Representatives
The Malaysian Chess Federation will only accept entries submitted using the State Official Entry Forms that needs to be approved, endorsed. and signed by the President and/or the Honorary Secretary of the respective State Affiliate.
- 2.1.1. Entry Fees
- OPEN Category
Players with MCF ID - RM 120 per player
Players without MCF ID - RM 150 per player
- WOMEN Category
Players with MCF ID - RM 100 per player
Players without MCF ID - RM 125 per player
- 2.1.2. Forms Submission
All completed Entry Forms are to be submitted to MCF Honorary Secretary at mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org (with a copy sent to MCF Treasurer at drziner@gmail.com) together with the necessary documentation and proof of payment
- 2.2. Open Entry
The Malaysian Chess Federation will only accept entries via the official Google Form at <https://forms.gle/5h9XEsn6nPUN3XR7>
- 2.2.1. Entry Fees
- OPEN Category
Players with MCF ID - RM 210 per player
Players without MCF ID - RM 270 per player
- WOMEN Category
Players with MCF ID - RM 175 per player
Players without MCF ID - RM 225 per player
- 2.3. PARA/OKU Entry
The Malaysian Chess Federation will only accept entries via the official Google Form at <https://forms.gle/5h9XEsn6nPUN3XR7>
- 2.3.1. Entry Fees
- OPEN Category - RM 90 per player
WOMEN Category - RM 75 per player
- 2.4. International/National Masters (Men and Women)
Please contact mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org to confirm interest and to register
- 2.5. Closing Date
All registration complete with fee must be submitted no later the 29th of May 2022. No entries shall be entertained nor accepted after this date.
- 2.6. Payments
All payment to be credited to the following bank account:
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| Account Name | : | Persekutuan Catur Malaysia |
| Account Number | : | CIMB / 8000649725 |

For more information, please contact:

Secretary: FA Najib Abdul Wahab at +6016.338.2542 or mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org
Assistant Secretary: Iwan Schani Ibnu at +6017.564.5183 or ischani10@gmail.com, inquiries@malaysiachess.org

3. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- 3.1. Laws Of Chess
The latest FIDE Laws of Chess shall be enforced throughout the championship
- 3.2. Championship Format
 Event Discipline : Classical
 Number of Rounds : 9 Rounds Swiss
 Time control : 90 minutes + 30 second increment
 Waiting Time : 30 minutes
- 3.3. Tie Break
 1. Direct Encounter (to determine the Champion)
 2. Buchholz Cut 1
 3. Buchholz
 4. Sonneborn Berger
 5. Progressive Score
- 3.4. Additional Championship Rules and Regulations
 3.4.1. Players are required to wear smart casual, formal suits or state's jersey when entering the championship hall. Shorts, slippers, round neck t-shirts, attire with offensive wordings, skimpy and revealing clothing will not be allowed in the championship hall at all.
 3.4.2. A player who wishes to withdraw from the tournament is required to submit a letter in writing to the Chief Arbiter failing which, disciplinary action will be taken against the player including banning the player from participating in future MCF events
 3.4.3. Additional Rules and Regulations specific to this championship imposed by the Organizing Committee/ MCF, shall be made known to the player as and when required.
- 3.5. Repeated Offenders
 Player(s) who is found to repeatedly breach any of the rules and regulations imposed by the organizer including behaviours and attitudes unbecoming of a sportsman, shall be expelled from this and other MCF programs or events in the future. In this case, the expelled player shall not have any right to any prizes, irrespective of his standing at the time of expulsion

4. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Tournament Schedule
 The championship schedule is as follows:

| EVENT DAY | DATE | DAY | START TIME | END TIME | AGENDA |
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| Day 1 | 8-Jun-22 | Wed | 9:00am | 1:00pm | Confirmation of Registratoin |
| | | | 2:00pm | 2:15pm | Players Briefing |
| | | | 2:15pm | 2:30pm | Opening Ceremony |
| | | | 2:30pm | 6:30pm | Round 1 |
| Day 2 | 9-Jun-22 | Thu | 8:30am | 12:30pm | Round 2 |
| | | | 2:00pm | 6:00pm | Round 3 |
| Day 3 | 10-Jun-22 | Fri | 8:30am | 12:30pm | Round 4 |
| | | | 3:00pm | 7:00pm | Round 5 |
| Day 4 | 11-Jun-22 | Sat | 8:30am | 12:30pm | Round 6 |
| | | | 2:00pm | 6:00pm | Round 7 |
| Day 5 | 12-Jun-22 | Sun | 8:30am | 12:30pm | Round 8 |
| | | | 2:00pm | 6:00pm | Round 9 |
| | | | 6:15pm | 7:00pm | Closing and Prize Giving |
| | | | 7:00pm | | Departure |

- 4.2. Changes in the Schedule
 The Malaysian Chess Federation reserves the rights to change, alter, delete, add, or otherwise amend the schedule without providing any prior notice(s).

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5. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 5.1. An appeal committee consisting of five (5) members plus two (2) reserves shall be appointed during the player's meeting
- 5.2. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Organizing Committee within thirty (30) minutes at the conclusion of the disputed game accompanied with a RM500 appeal fee.
- 5.3. If the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be returned or otherwise forfeited.
- 5.4. Decisions arising from the appeal is deemed as final

6. ANTI CHEATING and FAIR PLAY

- 6.1. FIDE Anti Cheating Regulations will be in full force and effect throughout the course of the championship
- 6.2. All players/persons playing in the tournament must agree for their bags and/or persons to be inspected by the Arbiter at all times during the course of the championship. Failure to comply to the request may result in severe warning including being removed from playing the current round, suspended, or expelled from the tournament.
- 6.3. Players/persons who are caught cheating or attempting to cheat will be dealt with swiftly and will be removed and expelled from the championship immediately.
- 6.4. Points earned by the players/persons who are caught cheating will be zeroed out, but points earned by that of the opponents, will remain as is.
- 6.5. All cheating incidences that that happened during the championship will be reported to FIDE and players/persons who are found guilty may be banned from playing chess for up to 15 years.

7. AWARDS & PRIZES

- 7.1. Awards
The winner shall be awarded the title of "National Masters" and "National Women Masters" respectively.

- 7.2. Total Cash Prize Fund
The total cash prize fund allocation for this championship is RM 4,000

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| Open Category | RM 2,600 |
| Women Category | RM 1,400 |

- 7.3. Cash Prize Fund Breakdown

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| For OPEN Category | |
| Champion | RM 1,000 + Gold Medal + Trophy |
| Runner Up | RM 600 + Silver Medal |
| 3 rd | RM 400 + Bronze Medal |
| Best Junior U18 | RM 200 + Medal |
| Best Junior U12 | RM 200 + Medal |
| Best OKU | RM 200 + Medal |
| For WOMEN Category | |
| Champion | RM 600 + Gold Medal + Trophy |
| Runner Up | RM 300 + Silver Medal |
| 3 rd | RM 200 + Bronze Medal |
| Best Junior U18 | RM 100 + Medal |
| Best Junior U12 | RM 100 + Medal |
| Best OKU | RM 100 + Medal |

Prizes for the Best Junior U18, Best Junior U12, Best Veteran and Best OKU category prizes - for both the OPEN and WOMEN Categories, will only be awarded provided that there are at least THREE (3) or more players vying for each of the category, and the player final score must be at least 50% or 4.5 points in order to be eligible for a prize

- 7.4. Olympiad Selection 2022
Both the Open and Women Champion will earn a direct qualification as part of the Malaysian Open and Women's Team to the World Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai, India

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8. ACCOMMODATION

8.1. Official Hotel

The Official Hotel for the Championship shall be the Hotel Tenera, Persiaran Kemajuan, Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor Darul Ehsan. Special discount for the rooms is available to players and their families/coaches/trainers who opted to stay in the hotel.

8.2. Room Rates for Players

The room rates on offer (per night stay) for players/family are as follows:

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| Standard Room | RM 230.00 nett |
| Superior Room | RM 230.00nett |
| Deluxe Triple | RM 300.00nett |
| Studio Room Apartment | RM 230.00nett |
| One Bedroom Apartment | RM 300.00nett |
| Two Bedroom Apartment | RM 360.00nett |

8.3. Payment for Hotels

All payments for Hotel Bookings made via the Malaysian Chess Federation, must be made to the Federation's official Bank Account as stated in para 2.4.

The Malaysian Chess Federation will not entertain any request for refund or rebate for rooms that are booked directly with the Hotel, or with other providers such as AGODA or BOOKING.COM.

8.4. Extra Beds and/or Breakfast

Players/Families requiring additional Beds and/or Breakfasts are required to make the request upon check-in to the hotel and settle all the necessary payments to the hotel directly. Players/Families are advised that they may be required to put up a security deposit prior to check-in.

9. MEAL & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All players participating in the Championship shall be responsible for their own meal and travelling cost including their own safety and well-being before, during, after and throughout the duration of the event.

10. COVID19 PRACTICES

Although the National Security Council and Ministry of Health Malaysia has eased the enforcement of COVID19 SOPs, please take note that - in the interest of public safety and well-being, the following will be enforced:

10.1. Vaccination Status

The Organizer will continue to accept players and/or parents - for players who are below the age of 18, who have received at least 2 doses of vaccination in order to participate in the event. Please take note that the organizer will continue to check for player's vaccination status - via My Sejahtera application, prior to entering the playing hall on the first day of the tournament.

10.2. Face Mask

The Organizer will continue to enforce the use of face mask throughout out the competition in view that the event is being held in an enclosed area. Players not adhering to this regulation, may be removed from the tournament hall and/or expelled from the tournament

10.3. Crowd Control

The Organizer will continue to practice online announcements with pairings to be posted on chess-results.com. No physical notices will be posted in the playing area. Non-playing spectators or coaches or players who have concluded their games, are not allowed to be in the playing area at all times.

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11. OTHER MATTERS

11.1. Limitation of Liability

The Organizer of this Championship including members of the Malaysian Chess Federation, the Management and Staff of Hotel Tenera, Officials and Helpers and other individual members who are part of this Championship shall not be held responsible before, during or after the said event for any inconveniences that may arise, financial or time loss sustained or experienced including personal losses or issues which may include injuries or death to any of the participants or those related to or accompanying the participants for this event.

11.2. Interpretation of these Rules and Regulations

At any time during the Championships, any issues or grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the Organizing Committee, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter for interpretation and final decision.

11.3. Selection for Olympiad

Both the Champions for the Open and Women Categories shall be included in the Malaysian Chess Squad to the upcoming World Chess Olympiad in Chennai, India

12. INQUIRIES

Any inquiries, clarification or questions about this Championship are to be directed to the Event Secretariat as follows:

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| Tournament Director | Najib Abdul Wahab |
| Email Address | mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org inquiries@malaysiachess.org |
| Official Website | www.malaysiachess.org |
| Facebook | www.facebook.com/malaysianchessfederation |

13. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

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| MCF President | Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah Sanusi |
| Deputy President | Tengku Ahmad Badli Shah Raja Hussin |
| Honorary Secretary | Najib Abdul Wahab |
| Treasurer | Emran Mohd Tamil |
| Tournament Chairman | Dr Zaidan Zulkipli |
| Technical Chairman | FM Sumant Subramaniam |
| Rating Officer | IA Steven Cheong Kok Love |
| Selection Chairman | NM Yeoh Chin Seng |

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| Tournament Director | Najib Abdul Wahab |
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Tournament Officials

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| Chief Arbiter | TBA (International Arbiter/FIDE Arbiter) |
| Pairing Arbiter | Najib Abdul Wahab (FIDE Arbiter) |

Open Category

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| Deputy Arbiter | IM Mok Tze Meng (International Arbiter) |
| Section Arbiter (Open) | TBA (FIDE Arbiter/National Arbiter) |
| Floor Arbiter | TBA (National Arbiter) |
| | TBA (National Arbiter) |

Women Category

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| Deputy Arbiter | TBA (International Arbiter/FIDE Arbiter) |
| Section Arbiter (Women) | TBA (FIDE Arbiter/National Arbiter) |
| Floor Arbiter | TBA (National Arbiter) |

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