



NATIONAL CHALLENGER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

(Under ELO 1600 & Unrated)

Organized by

PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA

THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)

&

HEROSIFU CHESS ACADEMY

at

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

Rules and Regulations

1. EVENT ORGANIZER

The NATIONAL CHALLENGER CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 is jointly organized by the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and Herosifu Chess Academy

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

2.1. Eligibility

2.1.1. This event is OPEN to MALAYSIANS only.

2.1.2. The event is OPEN event for both Men and Women provided they meet the ceiling rating requirement.

2.1.3. **As this is a FIDE/MCF Rated event, each player must have a FIDE ID and MCF ID in order to participate**

2.1.4. A maximum FIDE Rating (Standard or Rapid Rating) of 1600 is required in order to play in the tournament

2.1.5. UNRATED players are ALLOWED to participate in the event

2.2. All Over-The-Board titled players - GM/WGM, IM/WIM, NM/WNM, FM/WFM and CM/WCM are not allowed to participate in this event

2.3. Condition for Entry

At any time throughout the registration period, the Organizer RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT any application without providing any reasons whatsoever



3. STATE & OPEN ENTRY

3.1. State Entry

Each State is allowed to send no more than 4 representatives to the event
State Associations are to send an email to mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org together with the list of names and proof of purchase to confirm their representatives

3.2. State entries will earn a discounted rate

All other applications to participate in the event shall be considered as Open entry
Please check clause 4.2 in order to register for the event

4. REGISTRATION

4.1. Entry Fees

The entry fees for both Rated and Unrated shall be the same

State Representative - RM 150 per player

Note: Please contact State Association in order to register via State

Open Entry - RM 200 per player

OKU/PARA Players - RM 100 per player

Please ensure that player has both FIDE ID and MCF ID prior to registering

4.2. Open Entry

The Organizer will only accept entries via the official Google Form at
<https://forms.gle/aXf3aaVvrrkU2XnS6>

4.3. Closing Date

All registration complete with fee must be submitted no later the **29th of May 2022.**

4.4. Payments

All payment to be credited to the following bank account:

Account Name : **HEROSIFU CHESS ACADEMY**

Account Number : **CIMB 8603823491**

5. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

5.1. Laws Of Chess

The latest FIDE Laws of Chess shall be enforced throughout the championship

5.2. Championship Format

Event Discipline : Classical

Number of Rounds : 9 Rounds Swiss

Time control : 90 minutes + 30 second increment

Waiting Time : 30 minutes

5.3. Tie Break

1. Direct Encounter (to determine the Champion)

2. Buchholz Cut 1

3. Buchholz

4. Sonneborn Berger

5. Progressive Score

5.4. Additional Championship Rules and Regulations

5.4.1. 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.



- 5.4.2. 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
- 5.4.3. 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.

5.5. 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/Herisifu Chess Academy 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

6. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

6.1. Tournament Schedule

The championship schedule is as follows:

EVENT DAY	DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	8-Jun-22	Wed	9:00am	1:00pm	Confirmation of Registratton
			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

6.2. Changes in the Schedule

The Organizer reserves the rights to change, alter, delete, add, or otherwise amend the schedule without providing any prior notice(s).

7. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 7.1. The appeals committee appointed for the Malaysian Chess Championship 2022 will also preside over the National Challenger Chess Championship.
- 7.2. Any appeal 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.
- 7.3. If the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be returned or otherwise forfeited.
- 7.4. Decisions arising from the appeal is deemed as final. No other appeal will be entertained once the initial appeal has been submitted and accepted

8. ANTI CHEATING and FAIR PLAY

- 8.1. FIDE Anti Cheating Regulations will be in full force and effect throughout the course of the championship



- 8.2. 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.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. 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.
- 8.5. 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.

9. AWARDS & PRIZES

- 9.1. Total Cash Prize Fund
The total cash prize fund allocation for this championship is RM 2,000

- 9.2. Cash Prize Fund Breakdown

MAIN PRIZES

Champion	RM	400 + Gold Medal + Trophy
Runner Up	RM	300 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM	200 + Bronze Medal

CATEGORY PRIZES

Best Lady	RM	250 + Medal
2 nd Best Lady	RM	150 + Medal
3 rd Best Lady	RM	100 + Medal
Best Junior U18	RM	150 + Medal
Best Junior U12	RM	150 + Medal
Best Unrated	RM	150 + Medal
Best OKU	RM	150 + Medal

All the Category Prizes 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

10. ACCOMMODATION

- 10.1. 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.

- 10.2. Room Rates for Players
The room rates on offer (per night stay) for players/family are as follows:

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

For more information, please contact:

Tournament Director: FA Najib Abdul Wahab at +6016.338.2542 or najib.wahab@hotmail.com



10.3. Payment for Hotels

All payments for Hotel Bookings must be made to the following account:

Account Name : **HEROSIFU CHESS ACADEMY**
Account Number : **CIMB 8603823491**

Where applicable, the Organizer 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.

10.4. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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:

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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

12.3. 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.

13. OTHER MATTERS

13.1. Limitation of Liability

The Organizer of this Championship including members of the Malaysian Chess Federation, member and staff of Herosifu Chess Academy, 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.



13.2. 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.

14. INQUIRIES

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

Tournament Director	Najib Abdul Wahab
Email Address	najib.wahab@hotmail.com herosifuchess@gmail.com

15. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

Malaysian Chess Federation

President	Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah Sanusi
Deputy President	Tengku Ahmad Badli Shah Raja Hussin
Honorary Secretary	Najib Abdul Wahab
Treasurer	Emran Mohd Tamil

Herosifu Chess Academy

Director	Mohd Ezmi Mahmod
Advisor	Haji Ahmad Suffiani Johari
Financial Controller	Kamariah Arifin

Tournament Director	Najib Abdul Wahab
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Tournament Officials

Chief Arbiter	TBA (International Arbiter/FIDE Arbiter)
Pairing Arbiter	TBA (FIDE Arbiter/National Arbiter)

Other Officials

Deputy Arbiter	TBA (FIDE Arbiter/National Arbiter)
Floor Arbiter	TBA (National Arbiter)
	TBA (National Arbiter)