

Malaysian Chess Championship 2023



3rd to 7th May 2023 | 9 Rounds Swiss | FIDE Rated | 90 minutes + 30 seconds

Taiping, Perak Darul Ridzuan

MALAYSIAN NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Organized by

PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA

THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)

Flemington Hotel, No 1, Jalan Samanea Saman, 34000 Taiping, Perak
3rd May (Wednesday) to 7th May 2023 (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 National Level and FIDE Rated event. **ALL PLAYERS must have both FIDE ID and MCF ID in order to participate.**
- 1.2. Playing Categories and Rating Requirements
 - 1.2.1. **OPEN and WOMEN Category**
 - 1.2.1.1. A minimum FIDE Rating of 1800 - Standard or Rapid, is recommended.
 - 1.2.1.2. Players below the minimum rating is accepted at organizer's discretion and with a higher entry fee.
 - 1.2.1.3. Players without FIDE Rating/Unrated are not allowed to participate.
 - 1.2.2. **CHALLENGER Category**
 - 1.2.2.1. Players must not exceed FIDE Rating of 1800 (April 2023 Release)
 - 1.2.2.2. Players do not have FIDE Rating/Unrated
- 1.3. Entry Requirements
 - 1.3.1. IM/WIM/NM/WNM are invited to participate at no charge.
Please write to mcfscretariat@malaysiachess.org to confirm interest and register
 - 1.3.2. State Representatives
 - 1.3.2.1. Each State can nominate four (4) players for the Open category and two (2) players for the Women category.
 - 1.3.2.2. No nomination is required for the Challenger Category
 - 1.3.3. Open Entries
 - 1.3.3.1. Open entries are accepted at the discretion of the Organizer.
- 1.4. International/National Masters (Men and Women)
 - 1.4.1. International Masters/Women International Masters and former National Champions (both Men and Women) are invited to participate at no charge. Please contact mcfscretariat@malaysiachess.org to confirm interest.



1.5. 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.

1.5.1. In situations where a state 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.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1. Registration Portal

The Malaysian Chess Federation will only accept entries via the official registration form at at <https://forms.gle/E5zrewdRTkqpVWqW7>

2.2. Entry Fees

2.2.1. OPEN/WOMEN CATEGORY

IM/WIM/NM/WNM

OPEN

F.O.C.

WOMEN

F.O.C.

NOTE: Please contact mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org directly to register.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (FOR OPEN / WOMEN CATEGORY)

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FIDE RATING 2000 and ABOVE

F.O.C.

F.O.C

BETWEEN 1800 and 2000

RM 50

RM 40

BELOW 1800

RM 100

RM 80

NOTE: Maximum: 4 Men & 2 Women

Players with FIDE Rating 2000 & Above

RM 80

RM 60

FIDE Rating between 1800 & 2000

RM 160

RM 120

FIDE Rating below 1800

RM 200

RM 150

NO UNRATED ALLOWED

2.2.2. CHALLENGER CATEGORY

With FIDE Rating

RM 80

Without FIDE Rating / Unrated

RM 120

OKU

RM 40

2.3. Closing Date

All registration complete with fee must be submitted no later the 22nd of April 2023. Entries submitted after this date will be accepted at organizer's discretion and will incur a penalty of RM100 per entry.

2.4. Payments

All payment to be credited to the following bank account:

Account Name : **Persekutuan Catur Malaysia**

Account Number : **CIMB / 8000649725**

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

For more information, please contact:

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Assistant Secretary: Hamsarajan Lohanathan at +6018.245.1930 or inquiries@malaysiachess.org



- 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:

DAY	DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	3 May, 23	Wed	Morning	Arrival
			2:00pm	Player's Meeting
			2:30pm	Opening Ceremony
			3:00pm	Round 1
Day 2	4 May, 23	Thu	8:30am	Round 2
			2:30pm	Round 3
Day 3	5 May, 23	Fri	8:30am	Round 4
			2:30pm	Round 5
Day 4	6 May, 23	Sat	8:30am	Round 6
			2:30pm	Round 7
Day 5	7 May, 23	Sun	8:00am	Round 8
			2:00pm	Round 9
			6:30pm	Closing and Prize Giving
			7:00pm	Refreshment
			7:30pm	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).

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.

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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 of the Open and Women category 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 5,300

Open Category	RM 2,400
Women Category	RM 1,400
Challenger Category	RM 1,500
- 7.3. Cash Prize Fund Breakdown

For OPEN Category	
Champion	RM 1,000 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 600 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 400 + Bronze Medal
Best Junior U18	RM 200 + Medal
Best Veteran 50+	RM 200 + Medal
For WOMEN Category	
Champion	RM 600 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 400 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 200 + Bronze Medal
Best Junior U18	RM 100 + Medal
Best Veteran 40+	RM 100 + Medal
For CHALLENGER Category	
Champion	RM 300 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 200 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 100 + Bronze Medal
Best Lady/Veteran	RM 100 + Medal (each)
Best U18/U12	RM 100 + Medal (each)
Best U1600/U1400	RM 100 + Medal (each)
Best U1200/Unrated	RM 100 + Medal (each)
Best OKU	RM 100 + Medal (each)

Prizes offered for the all the sub-categories such as Best Juniors, Best Lady, Best Veteran, Best OKU etc., will only be awarded provided that there are at least THREE (3) or more players vying, and achieving at least 50% or 4.5 points from the total 9 rounds played.

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- 7.4. Malaysia's Representative to World and Asia Level events
Both the Open and Women Champion will be given the first option to represent Malaysia to major individual and/or team events at the World and Asian level tournaments in 2023

8. ACCOMMODATION, MEAL and TRAVELING

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

9. HEALTH PRACTICES

Although enforcement of COVID19 SOPs has been eased, please take note that - in the interest of public safety and medical well-being, the following will be enforced:

- 9.1. Face Mask
The use of face mask shall be optional however, the organizer/official/arbiter has the right to request for the face mask to be removed in situation where the option is deemed necessary.
- 9.2. Notice Boards
The Organizer/Official/Arbiter will continue to practice online announcements with pairings posted on chess-results.com. No physical notices posted in the playing area unless necessary.
- 9.3. Crowd Control
Non-playing spectators or coaches or players who have concluded their games, are not allowed to be in the playing area at all times.
- 9.4. Medical/Health conditions
The organizer/official/arbiter has the right to remove players who are unwell, or suspected to be unwell, from playing or competing. In such a situation, the player will be requested to get medical help from a clinic/hospital - at his/her own cost and will only be allowed to resume playing once the medical condition has been cleared by the doctor.

10. OTHER MATTERS

- 10.1. Limitation of Liability
The Organizer of this Championship including members of the Malaysian Chess Federation, the Management and Staff of **Hotel Flemington**, 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.
- 10.2. 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. INQUIRIES

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

Tournament Director	Iwan Schani Ibnu
Email Address	ischani10@gmail.com mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org inquiries@malaysiachess.org
Official Website	www.malaysiachess.org
Facebook	www.facebook.com/malaysianchessfederation

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12. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & OFFICIALS

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament Director Iwan Schani Ibnu

MCF COMMITTEE 2023/2024

MCF President Akhramsyah Muammar Ubaidah Sanusi
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Committee Abu Bakar Martin Abdullah
Committee Eliza Hanim Ibrahim
Committee Mohd Khairil Ikqwan Husin

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Note: All tournament officials - Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiter, Pairing Arbiter and Supporting Staff and Crew, will be named and confirm after the closing date of the event.

Note: Version 1.00 (16th March 2023 - 1:57pm)

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