

# Tournament Guidelines for NATIONAL INTERSTATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

## 1. Participation

### 1.1 Team

1.1.1 Open to Malaysians only;

1.1.2 Each Team consists of four (4) players and two (2) reserves (Optional).

1.1.3 Each State Association can send as many teams as they like subject to the limit number of participations for each category.

1.1.4 This event adhere strictly to "1 player, 1 State" policy for the Calendar year.

### 1.2 Category

1.2.1 Open

1.2.2 Women

1.2.3 Junior – born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005

## 2. Rating Regulations

### 2.1 Team Category

2.1.1 There is no minimum rating ceiling for this tournament.

## 3. Rules and Important Dates

3.1 FIDE Laws of Chess for Standard Chess applies.

3.2 Supplementary Rules and Regulations by the Organiser.

3.3 All officials & players should be smartly attired in the tournament hall.

3.4 All mobile phones & electronic devices are banned in the tournament hall.

3.5 The decision of the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter with regard to the running of the tournament is FINAL.

3.6 Players should be registered as per board order upon submission. Changes in board order, change of names etc. after the **Closing date registration of teams** shall be subject to surcharge @ RM 50 per change.

3.7 Only 4 players shall play in each round with accordance to the Board Order verified by respective Team Manager during Players / Team Manager Meeting

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- 3.8 Closing date for registration of teams by state association is on  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

### **4. Schedule**

- 4.1 6 rounds of play for the tournament.
- 4.2 4 days of tournament from 28<sup>th</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- 4.3 The Organiser shall publish the result of the previous round within ½ hour from the end of last game of the previous round.
- 4.4 The Organiser shall give at least ½ hour break between the publishing of previous round result and next round pairing to allow participants and state officials to perform result verification purpose
- 4.4.1 Any protest on the result must be done within this time frame.
- 4.5 The Organiser shall publish the result of the final round within ½ hour from the end of last game of the final round.
- 4.6 The Organiser shall give at least ½ hour break between the publishing of final round result and Final Ranking to allow participants and state officials to perform result verification purpose
- 4.6.1 Any protest on the result must be done within this time frame.

### **5. Pairing**

- 5.1 Swiss Manager shall be used as the pairing program.
- 5.2 The pairing for the tournament is based on Swiss system.
- 5.3 The first round pairing shall be done after the conclusion of Players / Team Manager Meeting
- 5.3.1 Players / Team Manager Meeting shall be conducted **on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023** at 10.00 am.
- 5.4 The pairing for new round shall be published at least 1 hour before the start of next round.
- 5.5 All pairings must be done using Swiss Manager. No other pairing software is allowed.

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- 5.6 In the last 2 rounds, where possible, teams from the same State (If applicable) and who have more than 50% score shall not be paired together.

### **6. Time Control**

#### 6.1 Standard Chess

- 6.1.1 The time control shall be 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment from move 1.

### **7. Medals**

#### 7.1 Team Medals [For Both Men and Women Category]

- 7.1.1 The Champion Team shall be presented with Challenge trophy.

- 7.1.2 Shall be awarded to the top 3 teams (Colour – Gold, Silver, Bronze) based on the Match Points score of the team. In case of any tie in Match Points score, the following tie-break shall be applied:-

7.1.2.1 Game points i.e. total number of game points scored by a team;

7.1.2.2 Direct Encounter (Berger table with a complete results must be attained for this tie-break to be valid);

7.1.2.3 Buchholz Cut 1;

7.1.2.4 Buchholz;

7.1.2.5 Sonneborn-Berger.

#### 7.2 Individual Medals [For Both Men and Women Category]

- 7.2.1 The best player with the highest percentage score from respective board i.e. (Board 1, Board 2, Board 3, Board 4 and Board 5) shall be awarded with the Best Board medal (G/S/B) subject to the condition that player 1 until 4 must play at least 4 games and player 5 & 6 must play at least 3 games before can be considered for the prizes.

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### 8. Cash Awards

#### 8.1 Open Team Category

8.1.1 Gold RM 3,000;

8.1.2 Silver RM 2,000;

8.1.3 Bronze RM 1,000.

#### 8.2 Women Team Category

8.2.1 Gold RM 3,000;

8.2.2 Silver RM 2,000;

8.2.3 Bronze RM 1,000.

#### 8.3 Junior Team Category

8.3.1 Gold RM 2,500;

8.3.2 Silver RM 1,500;

8.3.3 Bronze RM 900.

### 9. Tournament Registration Fee

9.1 The Playing Venue is **Dewan Jabatan Belia & Sukan, Kangar, Perlis**

9.2 The Tournament Registration Fee per team of 6 players as follows:–

9.2.1 Open category – RM600 per team

9.2.2 Women category – RM600 per team

9.2.3 Junior category – RM500 per team

### 10. Registration of Teams and Penalty of No Show

10.1 Registration of Teams can be done only via respective State Association the participants represent.

10.2 Payment for Tournament Registration must be made upon Registration.

10.3 Payment shall be made payable to **PERSATUAN CATUR NEGERI PERLIS (8602802187) CIMB.**

10.4 The deadline for registration and payment is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Late Registration shall not be entertained.

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10.5 Teams who pull-out / absent halfway from the tournament without valid reason shall be issued a show-cause letter by Malaysian Chess Federation Ethics Committee. A penalty of RM 200 shall be imposed by Malaysian Chess Federation to State Association on any team who pull-out / absent halfway from the tournament.

10.8 All penalty fees shall be billed by the Malaysian Chess Federation to State Associations.

### **11. Cancellation**

11.1 Organiser reserves the right to retain up to the whole sum of team registration fee depending on when the cancellation is made.

### **12. Arbiters and Roles**

12.1 MCF shall appoint an International Arbiter (IA) / FIDE Arbiter (FA) to become the Chief Arbiter of the tournament.

12.2 MCF shall appoint either FIDE Arbiter (FA) or National Arbiter (NA) as Deputy Chief Arbiter of the tournament.

12.3 Organiser is allowed to appoint any number of Assistant Arbiter to facilitate the running of the tournament.

12.3.1 Assistant Arbiter shall be entitled to one National Arbiter Norm, subject to the recommendation of Chief Arbiter and approval of Malaysian Chess Federation Technical Committee;

12.4 The Chief Arbiter of the tournament has to provide the tournament report form (TRF, IT3) and tournament report form file (Swiss Manager file) within 7 days after the end of the tournament to the MCF Rating Officer.

### **13. FIDE Rating Regulations**

13.1 Laws to be followed

13.1.1 Play must take place according to the **FIDE Laws of Chess**;

13.2 Supplementary Rules and Regulations by the Organiser.

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### 13.3 Official National Rating List

13.3.1 Organiser to use the most current FIDE rating list i.e. **November 2023 Release**

13.3.2 Organiser to use player's rating that is listed inside FIDE Rating Column.

### 13.4 Teams Seeding

13.4.1 The seeding of teams shall be calculated based on the average rating of the 4 players rating.

13.4.2 Players with FIDE Rating must have their rating fill-up in the Rat. FIDE column.

13.4.3 Players without a FIDE Rating must have the Rat. FIDE column leave blank.

### 13.5 Unplayed Games

13.5.1 Whether these occur because of forfeiture or any other reason, they are not counted. Any game where both players have made at least one move shall be rated.