



# NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

HOTEL TAIPING PERDANA, TAIPING, PERAK DARUL RIDZUAN

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



## PROSPECTUS

### ORGANIZER

The NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 is an event organized by the Persekutuan Catur Malaysia (MCF).

### INTRODUCTION

Persekutuan Catur Malaysia (MCF – Malaysian Chess Federation) hereby invites all chess players to participate in National Scholastic Chess Championship 2024 for players under the age of 7 year, 9 year, 11 year, 13 year, 15 year and 17 years old for Open and Girls events, to be held from the **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024**.

### GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

The National Juniors Chess Championship 2024 shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess, and the event only accepts entries from MALAYSIAN CITIZENS.

There are no limitations for the number of chess players fielded either by state or by open entries provided the player meets the age criteria.

### EVENT DATES

The event is scheduled from **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024**.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the event, the player must be a Malaysian Citizen in the following age groups:

Under 7: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	Under 9: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015
Under 11: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Under 13: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011
Under 15: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	Under 17: Born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007

### REGISTRATION

All registration must be made via the official forms at <https://forms.gle/bB4YzCVN5DL77iab6> Registration via other channels will not be accepted.

As this event is organized by the Malaysian Chess Federation, all players **MUST HAVE an MCF ID** prior to registering for the event. FIDE ID is not compulsory but good to have.

All players from other age groups are allowed to play in this event if they meet the age requirement. Girl players are allowed to play in the Open event but, for representation/eligibility purposes at international events, these players will only be eligible to be selected for the age group and gender that they have participated in.

### ENTRY FEES

The Entry Fee is RM60 per player and the Proof of Payment must be attached when completing the registration.

Players who do not have an MCF ID are required to register for MCF ID at RM20 via the following link at <https://rating.malaysiachess.my/register.aspx>. Please take note that approval for MCF ID may take between 5 and 7 days.

#### For more information, please contact:

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Asst. Secretary: Hamsarajan Lohanathan at +6018.245.1930 / [inquiries@malaysiachess.org](mailto:inquiries@malaysiachess.org)

## PAYMENT

All payments are to be made to the following MCF Accounts.

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Account Number	8000649725

## CLOSING DATE

**The closing date to register is Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.**

The organizer reserves the right to accept entries after this date by imposing a late fee of RM50 and/or pending space/seat availability.

## REFUND POLICY

No refund shall be entertained once the closing date has lapsed. For players who decided to withdraw before the closing date will only receive a 50% refund provided documentations are provided to justify the request to withdraw.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Standard
Number of Rounds	Between 6 and 8 Rounds
Pairing System	Swiss Pairing
Time Control	30 minutes + 30 second increment <i>*Keeping score/notation is compulsory</i>
Waiting Time	15 minutes
Tie Break	1. Personal Encounter                      2. Buchholz Cut 1 3. Buchholz                                      4. Sonneborn Berger 5. Cumulative
Condition	MCF reserves the right to change the system used, reduce the rounds, or merge two or more categories into a single category.

## SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
1st Mar	Fri	All Morning	Arrival / Confirmation
		2:00pm	Confirmation
		2:15pm	Player's Briefing
		2:30pm	Round 1
		4:45pm	Round 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 24	Sat	9:00am	Round 3
		11:15am	Round 4
		2:30pm	Round 5
		4:45pm	Round 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 24	Sun	9:00am	Round 7
		11:15am	Round 8
		2:30pm	Closing and Prize Giving
		3:30pm	Departure

## PRIZES and AWARDS

Each playing section and category for both the Open and Girls event will earn the following:

Champion	Gold Medal + e-Certificate of Excellence
Runner Up	Silver Medal + e-Certificate of Excellence
Third	Bronze Medal + e-Certificate of Excellence
4th – 10th	e-Certificate of Achievement

All certificates including participation will only be produced after the tournament has completed and will be distributed via link/email which can be downloaded.

There is no cash prize for this event.

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## **TRAVELING, ACCOMMODATION & MEALS**

All players participating in the National Scholastic Chess Championship 2024 including parents, coaches, and other accompanying members of the participants, shall be responsible for their own travelling cost, accommodation and meals including their own safety and well-being before, during, after and throughout the duration of the event.

The Malaysian Chess Federation will not be responsible for any expenses, financial losses and/or injury of any kind, terminal or fatal, experienced, or sustained by the player and/or their parents, coaches, or other accompanying members before, during, after and throughout the duration of the event.

## **INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES and REGULATIONS**

At any time during the National Scholastics Chess Championships 2024, any issues or grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event that are not specified in this Rules and Regulations, shall be referred to the Organizing Committee, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter for interpretation and final decision.

## **SAFETY PRACTICES**

In the interest of Public Safety, Health and everyone's General Well Being, players and members of his/her family, group, etc. that are not well, or showing symptoms of being ill, will be requested to leave the tournament hall and seek medical treatment – at their own expenses, prior to being allowed to continue or return to the playing hall.

While wearing a face mask is optional, the organizer may ask a player to wear one, or have it removed (for security purposes) when entering the playing hall. Players or spectators not adhering to this regulation will be removed from the tournament hall and/or expelled from the tournament.

The Organizer will continue to practice online announcements policies with pairings to be posted on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com). No physical notices will be posted in the playing area unless necessary.

## **SELECTION FOR ASIAN and ASEAN LEVEL EVENTS**

The Champion of each Open and Girls categories shall be given the first option to participate in similar age group events at the ASIAN and ASEAN level for the current year in 2024 as the official Malaysian representative. Terms of participation from the organizer may differ and will be at the organizer's discretion. Player's selection to represent Malaysia is also subjected to the changes and policy enforced by the Selection Committee.

## **OFFICIALS and ORGANIZING TEAM**

Tournament Director  
Chief Arbiter

Iwan Schani Ibnu  
IA Jonathan Chua

## **INQUIRIES**

For any inquiries, additional information, or clarification, please contact:

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