



MALAYSIAN NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Organized by

PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA

THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)

AND THE

PERSATUAN CATUR DAERAH PONTIAN

Dewan Jubilee Intan Sultan Ibrahim, Pontian, Johor, Malaysia

21st April (Sunday) to 25th April 2024 (Thursday)

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. Players must have a minimum FIDE Standard Rating of 1800 (for Open) and a minimum FIDE Standard Rating of 1600 (for Women)

1.2.1.2. Women players with a FIDE Standard Rating between 1600 and 1800 are allowed to choose their playing category - either Women or Challenger.

1.2.1.3. Players with FIDE Standard Rating below the minimum required, are only accepted if they are representing the state as per 1.3.2.1

1.2.1.4. Players without FIDE Standard Rating/Unrated are not allowed to participate in the Open/Women Category

1.2.2. **CHALLENGER Category**

1.2.2.1. Players must not exceed FIDE Rating of 1800 (April 2024 Release)

1.2.2.2. Players do not have any OTB FIDE Title

1.2.2.3. Players are Unrated/Without FIDE Standard FIDE Rating



- 1.3. Entry Requirements
- 1.3.1. IM/WIM/NM/WNM are invited to participate at no charge.
Please write to mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org to confirm interest and register.
- 1.3.2. Players who are rated 2200 and above, are invited to participate at no charge
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- 1.3.3. State Entries
- 1.3.3.1. Each State can nominate two (2) players for the Open category and two (2) players for the Women category.
- 1.3.3.2. Each State can nominate players who has a Standard Rating of below 1800 (for Men) and 1600 (for Women) if it is within their allocation mentioned in 1.3.3.1
- 1.3.3.3. No nomination is required for the Challenger Category
- 1.3.4. Open Entries
- 1.3.4.1. All Open entries are accepted at the discretion of the Organizer as long as each player meets the minimum criteria/Standard Rating
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.4.1. 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: <https://forms.gle/nny7e2XMmwV7znzZ8>

Submission for all state entries must be done and submitted by their respective state chess associations.

- 2.2. Entry Fees

2.2.1. OPEN/WOMEN CATEGORY

IM/WIM/NM/WNM

All players with a STD FIDE Rating of 2200 and above

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

OPEN

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE (FOR OPEN / WOMEN CATEGORY)

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FIDE RATING 2000 and ABOVE

RM 80

F.O.C

BETWEEN 1800 and 2000

RM 120

RM 80

BETWEEN 1600 and 1800

RM 200

RM 120

BELOW 1600

RM 300

RM 200

NOTE: As per 6.1.b, only 2 Open/Men Players and 2 Women Players per State

OPEN ENTRY

Players with FIDE Rating 2000

RM 120

RM 80

FIDE Rating between 1800 & 2000

RM 160

RM 120

FIDE Rating between 1600 & 1800

N / A

RM 160

Players with a Standard FIDE Rating Below 1800 (for Men) and below 1600 (for Women) are not allowed to play in the Open/Women events.

NO UNRATED PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE OPEN/WOMEN EVENTS

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2.2.2. CHALLENGER CATEGORY

With FIDE Rating	RM 120
Without FIDE Rating / Unrated	RM 160
OKU	RM 60
Pontian Residents	RM 100

2.3. Closing Date

All registration complete with fee must be submitted no later than the 7th of April 2024. 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. REFUND POLICY

3.1. Before the Closing Date

Refund requested before the closing date shall only be 50% from the entry fee amount.

3.2. After the Closing Date

No Refund shall be entertained nor accepted.

4. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

4.1. Laws Of Chess

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

4.2. Championship Format

Event Discipline	: Standard
Time control	: 90 minutes + 30 second increment
Number of Rounds	: 9 Rounds Swiss
Waiting Time	: 30 minutes
Pairing System	: Swiss Manager
Status	: FIDE Rated

4.3. Tie Break

1. Direct Encounter (to determine the Champion)
2. Buchholz Cut 1
3. Buchholz
4. Sonneborn Berger
5. Progressive Score

4.4. Additional Championship Rules and Regulations

- 4.4.1. 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.
- 4.4.2. 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.
- 4.4.3. 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.

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4.5. 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

5. CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

5.1. Tournament Schedule

The championship schedule is as follows:

DAY	DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	21 Apr, 24	Sun	Pagi	Arrival
			2:00pm	Player's Briefing
			2:30pm	Opening Ceremony
			3:00pm	Round 1
Day 2	22 Apr, 24	Mon	8:30am	Round 2
			2:30pm	Round 3
Day 3	23 Apr, 24	Tue	8:30am	Round 4
			2:30pm	Round 5
Day 4	24 Apr, 24	Wed	8:30am	Round 6
			2:30pm	Round 7
Day 5	25 Apr, 24	Thu	8:30am	Round 8
			2:30pm	Round 9
			6:30pm	Closing and Prize Giving
			7:00pm	Photo Session
			7:30pm	Departure

5.2. 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).

6. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 6.1. An appeal committee consisting of five (5) members plus two (2) reserves shall be appointed during the player's meeting.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. If the appeal is upheld, the fee shall be returned or otherwise forfeited.
- 6.4. Decisions arising from the appeal is deemed as final.

7. ANTI CHEATING and FAIR PLAY

- 7.1. FIDE Anti Cheating Regulations will be in full force and effect throughout the course of the championship.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. 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.

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8. AWARDS & PRIZES

8.1. Awards

The winner of the Open and Women category shall be awarded the title of “National Masters” and “National Women Masters” respectively.

8.2. Total Cash Prize Fund

The total cash prize fund allocation for this championship is RM 10,000

Open Category	RM 4,100
Women Category	RM 2,700
Challenger Category	RM 3,200

8.3. Cash Prize Fund Breakdown

For OPEN Category

Champion	RM 2,000 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 1,000 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 500 + Bronze Medal
Best Veteran 50+	RM 300 + Medal
Best Junior - U18	RM 300 + Medal

For WOMEN Category

Champion	RM 1,200 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 700 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 400 + Bronze Medal
Best Junior - U18	RM 200 + Medal
Best Junior - U12	RM 200 + Medal

For CHALLENGER Category

Champion	RM 800 + Gold Medal
Runner Up	RM 500 + Silver Medal
3 rd	RM 300 + Bronze Medal

Best Women	RM 200 + Gold Medal
2 nd Best Women	RM 150 + Silver Medal
3 rd Best Women	RM 100 + Bronze Medal
Best Vet (50+)	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best Women Vet (40+)	RM 150 + Gold Medal

Best U18	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best U12	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best U1600	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best Unrated	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best OKU	RM 150 + Gold Medal
Best Pontian	RM 100 + Gold Medal

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

8.4. 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 2024

Should the Champion decline to accept the offer, the right will then go to the Runner Up and if rejected, the offer will be given to the 3rd player. If rejected, only then the offer will be open to the public and/or as per decision made by the Selection Committee as to the replacement process that will take place.

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- 8.5. Malaysia's Representative to the World Chess Olympiad
The top 3 players in both the Open and Women events will automatically qualify to represent Malaysia at the upcoming World Chess Olympiad to be held in Budapest, Hungary.

9. 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. The list of hotels/homestays provided by the organizer is for references and conveniences only and does not reflect recommendations or preferences by the organizer in any way.

Defending Champions, including players that are invited by the Malaysian Chess Federation to participate in the event, shall be provided with free accommodation on a twin sharing basis on a first come first serve basis due to limited number of rooms. Please take note that players will still be responsible for all other cost such as meals, transportation, and other daily expenses.

There are also other hotels located in nearby townships within a 15-minute and an hour drive from Pontian such as Benut, Kukup, Kangkar Pulai, Gelang Patah, Skudai and Johor Bahru.

10. 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:

10.1. 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.

10.2. 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.

10.3. 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.

10.4. 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.

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 Persatuan Catur Daerah Pontian, 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.

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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.

12. INQUIRIES

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

Joint Organizer	Persekutuan Catur Malaysia (MCF) Persatuan Catur Daerah Pontian (PCDP)
Pontian Representative	Zaharul Azam Zainal Abidin Deputy President, Persatuan Catur Daerah Pontian (PCDP)
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