



UTP – MCF
NATIONAL YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
FOR U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, and U8 AGE GROUPS
(Open and Girls)
Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Seri Iskandar, Perak
7th and 8th February 2026

ORGANIZER

THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 is organized by the Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS with support from the Persatuan Catur Perak,

EVENT DATES

From Saturday, 7th February 2026 to Sunday, 8th February 2026

VENUE

The event will be held at the Chancellor Hall, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Seri Iskandar, Perak

GENERAL RULE AND REGULATIONS

THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 is an individual event opened to all Boys and Girls that meets the respective age criteria.

Under 8 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2018
Under 10 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2016
Under 12 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2014
Under 14 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2012
Under 16 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2010
Under 18 (Open and Girls)	: Born on or after 1 st January 2008

The number of players for each age group/gender shall be limited to 128 players only. Additionally, the organizer reserves the right to accept entries based on space and seats availability as allowed by the capacity of the playing hall and based on safety requirements.

PLAYER GROUPING

Where the number of players in any of the playing groups is less than 10 players, the Organizer reserves the right to reduce the rounds to no less than 6 rounds or change the playing system to a Round Robin/double Round Robin format. Alternatively, the Organizing Committee in Consultation with the Chief Arbiter may decide to merge the playing group with the opposite gender event of the same age bracket, or with the higher or lower age group bracket of the same gender.

In such situation, the distribution of the prizes awarded will remain as is but the lower age group player will not be able to win the higher age group prizes.

CONDITION OF ENTRY

The event is open only to Malaysian Citizens with a valid MCF ID.

While the event will allow for a Girl player to compete in the Open event – subject to approval by the Arbiter and Tournament Director, a player WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to compete in the higher age bracket as it may create issues should the player is keen to represent Malaysia in international events of the same nature.

FIDE ID is not required for players to participate in this event

REGISTRATION LINK

The link to register for the event is: <https://forms.gle/XP4NwXhNJK8twjdh8>

Registration via email, Whatsapp, verbal or other channels **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee is RM65 per player and the Proof of Payment must be attached when completing the registration. Entry Fee for an OKU player shall be RM45 per player.

Players who do not have an MCF ID are required to register for an MCF ID at <https://rating.malaysiachess.my/register.aspx>. The fee to apply for an MCF ID is RM20 and once approved, the ID will be valid for two(2) years. Please take note that approval for MCF ID shall take between 3-5 days.

Players are advised to make separate payments for each entry fee and MCF ID to avoid submitting duplicated entries. In such situations, the organizer reserves the right to refuse entry and/or reject the MCF ID application.

PAYMENT DETAILS

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

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Account Number	8000649725

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Status	MCF Rated
Discipline	Standard
Event Type	Individual
Category	By Age Groups
Number of Rounds	Between 6 and 8 Rounds
	<i>NOTE: The number of rounds will be determined during the player's briefing based on the number of players playing. Where the number of players is lower, MCF reserves the right to merge the group with a higher or lower age group category, or change the event format to Round Robin</i>
Playing System	Swiss
Time Control	30 minutes + 30 second increment
	<i>Note: Players must keep score until the end of the game</i>
Waiting Time	15 minutes
Tie Break	1. Personal Encounter
	2. Number of Wins
	3. Buchholz Cut 1
	4. Sonneborn Berger
	5. Cumulative/Progressive

CLOSING DATE TO REGISTER

Closing date to register shall be the 1st of February 2026

Entries received beyond this date will only be accepted at MCF's discretion depending on space availability and will incur an additional fee of RM100 as penalty.

REFUND

MCF will only provide a 50% refund for players who request to withdraw from the tournament before the closing date.

No refund shall be provided once the Closing Date has lapsed.

SCHEDULE

The event schedule shall be as follows:

DAY	DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	7-Feb-26	Sat	8:00am	Registration
			8:45am	Player's Briefing
			9:00am	Round 1
			11:30am	Round 2
			2:15pm	Opening Ceremony
			2:30pm	Round 3
			5:00pm	Round 4
Day 2	8-Feb-26	Sun	8:00am	Round 5
			10:30am	Round 6
			1:30pm	Round 7
			4:00pm	Round 8 (If Necessary)
			6:30pm	Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving
			7:00pm	Departure

For any changes in the schedule, the Chief Arbiter/Tournament Director shall make the announcement during the briefing session and/or throughout the course of the championship.

PRIZES and AWARDS

The prizes and awards for each of the playing categories shall be as follows:

Champion	Trophy + Gold Medal + eCert
Runner Up	Silver Medal + eCert
Third	Bronze Medal + eCert
4 th to 10 th	Medal + eCert

All certificates are available for download after the tournament has completed via an internet link that will be shared in the official Whatsapp Group event.

There is no cash prize for this event.

TRAVELING, ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

All players participating in the National Youth Chess Championship 2026 including parents, coaches, and other accompanying members, 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 shall 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 MCF National Youth Chess Championships 2026, any issues or grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event that is not specified in the Rules and Regulations shall be referred to the Organizing Committee, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter for interpretation and final decision.

SELECTION FOR ASIAN/ASEAN EVENTS

The champions of each of the Age Category shall be given the first option to participate at the ASIAN and ASEAN Youth and Cadets Chess Championships for the current year as the official Malaysian representative.

Should the Champion refuse the offer to represent the country, the Runner Up shall be offered the opportunity and similarly, if the Runner Up decided to forego the offer, the Third placed player shall be offered the opportunity.

In situations where all three winners rejected the offer, MCF reserves the right to select and/or offer to other players to represent the country.

Players who decided to play in a higher age group or Girls who decided to play in the Open/Boys category, and who has won and has been selected to represent the country, shall abide by the rules of the host country with regards to their acceptance to the tournament. In such cases or situation, the player will need to comply with the organizers Terms and Conditions which may incur additional payment or restrictions.

OFFICIALS and ORGANIZING TEAM

The Officials for the tournament are as follows:

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