



Commonwealth Chess Championship 2026

**The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka on behalf of FIDE and
The Commonwealth Chess Association**

Cordially invite your Federation to participate in the Commonwealth
Championship 2026 to be held from 16th to 26th May 2026 at
Kaluthara, Sri Lanka

organized by
Chess Federation of Sri Lanka

Tournament Schedule

Arrival : 16th May 2026 at 14.00 hrs

Departure : 26th May 2026 at 12.00 hrs

Open Championships

17.05.2026	Inaugural Function	09.00 hrs
17.05.2026	Technical Meeting	09.30 hrs
17.05.2026	Round 1	16.00 hrs
18.05.2026	Round 2	16.00 hrs
19.05.2026	Round 3	16.00 hrs
20.05.2026	Round 4	16.00 hrs
21.05.2026	Round 5	16.00 hrs
22.05.2026	Round 6	16.00 hrs
23.05.2026	Round 7	16.00 hrs
24.05.2026	Round 8	16.00 hrs
25.05.2026	Round 9	13.00 hrs
25.05.2026	Prize Distribution Function	20.30 hrs

Commonwealth Youth Chess Championships

17.05.2026	Round 1	09.30 hrs
18.05.2026	Round 2	09.30 hrs
19.05.2026	Round 3	09.30 hrs
20.05.2026	Round 4	09.30 hrs
21.05.2026	Round 5	09.30 hrs
22.05.2026	Round 6	09.30 hrs
23.05.2026	Round 7	09.30 hrs
24.05.2026	Round 8	09.30 hrs
25.05.2026	Round 9	08.30 hrs
25.05.2026	Prize Distribution Function	20.0 hrs

Commonwealth Chess Championships- Rapid and Blitz events will be held on 1st three days, in the morning for Open players and in the evening for Youth players.

Prizes: Total Cash Prizes: USD 18,000

1st - 2000 USD 2nd 1,500 USD 3rd -1000 USD, 4th - Rs.600 USD 5th - 400 USD
6th - 10th - 250 USD/- 11th - 15th Rs. 150/- USD each 16th - 20th - 100 USD each

Best Women 1st - 500 USD 2nd - 300 USD 3rd Rs. 200 USD

Best Under-20 1st - 400 USD 2nd - 250 USD 3rd - 150 USD

Best U-20 (Girls) 1st - 300 USD 2nd - 200 USD 3rd - 100 USD

Best Senior (+ 50) 1st - 300 USD 2nd - 200 USD 3rd - 100 USD

Youth Championships

Under-18 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

U-18 (Girls) 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

Under-16 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

U-16(Girls) 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

Under-14 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

U -14 (Girls) 1st - 250 USD 2nd - 150 USD 3rd - 100 USD

Under-12	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD
U-12 (Girls)	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD
Under-10	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD
U-10(Girls)	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD
Under-08	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD
U -08 (Girls)	1 st - 250 USD	2 nd - 150 USD	3 rd - 100 USD

Note: One player is given only one cash prize in Open event, and players have the right of selection of the awards after final standings.

Rapid Chess Championship

1st Prize - Rs. 100,000/=
 2nd Prize - Rs. 60,000/=
 3rd Prize - Rs. 40,000/=

Blitz Chess Championship

1st Prize - Rs. 75,000/=
 2nd Prize - Rs. 50,000/=
 3rd Prize - Rs. 25,000/=

Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in Open, Women, Senior (Above 60 years), Under-20 (Open and Girls), Under-18 (Open and Girls), Under-16 (Open and Girls), Under-14 (Open and Girls), Under-12 (Open and Girls), Under-10 (Open and Girls), Under-8 (Open and Girls) categories. The medal winners will be referred to as Commonwealth Medalists. The gold medal winners will receive a Trophy also.

In Rapid and Blitz also Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in Open, Women, Senior (Above 60 years), Under-20 (Open and Girls), Under-18 (Open and Girls), Under-16 (Open and Girls), Under-14 (Open and Girls), Under-12 (Open and Girls), Under-10 (Open and Girls), Under-8 (Open and Girls) categories. The medal winners will be referred to as Commonwealth Medalists. The gold medal winners will receive a Trophy also.

Entry Fee:

Official entries 75 USD or equivalent in LKR
 All Additional players 150USD or equivalent in LKR
 For GMs and IMs having a rating above 2400 - Free
 WGMs and WIMs having a rating above 2250 - Free

No request for a waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

The Preliminary date of entry (Quantity enough): 20th March, 2026

Final deadline for Entries with names: 16th April 2026

Entries with late fee of 50 USD : 5th May 2026

Entries may be sent by Bank Transfer to the below account and Emailed to commonwealthcc2026@gmail.com

Players from All Foreign Chess Federations (other than Sri Lanka) can transfer the amount to the following Bank account and all bank commissions must be paid by sender and use the same mail for entries.

Account NAME : Chess Federation of Sri Lanka

Address : 42/4, 13th Lane, Uyana, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. 10400

Bank Account No : 718386

Bank : Bank of Ceylon

Bank Address : Bambalapitiya Branch, Unity Plaza Building, Colombo 04. Sri Lanka.

SWIFT CODE : BCEYLKLX

Entries: Each Commonwealth country is eligible to field one man, one woman, One Senior (Above-50), one Junior Girl (Under-20), one Junior Open (Under-20) player and one Open and girl each in under-8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 as official entrants. Their boarding and lodging will be provided free in Official hotel.

Other entrants will have to pay for the boarding and lodging at \$150 (Single), \$ 100 (Double sharing) & \$ 90 (Triple Sharing) per day. The 3rd bed in most rooms are the attached to wall in a corner.

Please note that the entry fee should be paid by everyone unless qualifying for a free entry under the 'Entry fee' section. Any player may play in both open and category events by paying the relevant additional entry fee.

Entry of Sri Lankan players: Only registered players of the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka are eligible to participate (Entries will be subject to confirmation of Chess Federation of Sri Lanka).

Registration: All Foreign Participants and accompanying persons will have to pay registration fee of 110 USD per head. This will include their transportation from airport and back and other organizational costs.

Time Control: 90 Minutes + 30 sec per move from move number 1.

Rapid – 15 minutes + 10 Seconds

Blit – 3 Minutes + 2 seconds

Accommodation: All foreign participants / accompanying persons are required to stay in official accommodation which has Star class Facility with three meals. Sri Lankan Players can arrange their own accommodation. All Grandmasters (With rating of 2400/ WGM 2250) will be provided free accommodation at official hotel in double rooms.

Tournament Rules:

System of Play:

The tournament will be conducted as per FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Swiss System with 9 rounds.

The Women's, Senior and Junior (Under 20 Open & Girls) are merged with the Open event.

Tie Break:

In the case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come into effect. The Cash prizes however will not be shared.

The Contact Details:

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REGISTRATION FORM – Local Players

Name	:	
Fathers' Name	:	
Address	:	
DOB // Category	:	
FIDE ID	:	
FIDE Rating	:	
Telephone no	:	
Mobile no	:	
Email id	:	
CFSL Registration Status	:	
Age Category opted	:	
Accommodation Requirement	:	
Payment Details	:	

I hereby agree to follow the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth Championship 2026. The details provided above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature)

In the case of Age Group entrants: I hereby declare that the details provided above with respect to my son/daughter/student is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature with complete address)



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REGISTRATION FORM (For Foreign Players only)

(Submit separate entry forms for each player)

Federation :				
Name of Player :				Category
Title	FIDE Rating	ID Number	Passport No.	Validity
Nationality		Place & Date of Birth	Rooming: Single Twin Triple	
Name of Accompanying person (1)		Male	Passport No.	Validity
Female				
Nationality		Place & Date of Birth	Rooming: Single Twin Triple	
Name of Authorized person of NCF			Signature	Official Seal
Flight Details				
Arrival Date :			Arrival Time :	



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REGISTRATION FORM BY FEDERATION

Federation :	
Address :	
Telephone :	Fax :
E-mail :	

CATEGORY	INVITED	EXTRAS	TOTAL
Open			
Women			
Senior			
Junior Boy			
Junior Girl			
Under-18 Boy			
Under-18 Girl			
Under-16 Boy			
Under-16 Girl			
Under-14 Boy			
Under-14 Girl			
Under-12 Boy			
Under-12 Girl			
Under-10 Boy			
Under-10 Girl			
Under-08 Boy			
Under-08 Girl			
Accompanying Person			

Name of Responding Official:

Please return this entry form by 20th March 2026 to the following Email address

Email: cflschessevents@gmail.com