



IYC - MCF
3rd NATIONAL INTERSCHOOL TEAM
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
16th to 17th May 2026

ORGANIZED BY
THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)

SUPPORTED BY
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE KUALA LUMPUR
JALAN YAACOB LATIF, BANDAR TUN RAZAK, CHERAS, KUALA LUMPUR

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. School Eligibility
 - 1.1.1. The tournament is only opened to primary and secondary schools that are registered in Malaysia.
- 1.2. Player Eligibility
 - 1.2.1. Each player playing in the tournament must have a valid MCF ID
 - 1.2.2. FIDE ID is not a requirement.

2. DEFINITION OF SCHOOL

- 2.1. Primary School is where all the players are below the age of 12: Born on or after 1st January 2014
- 2.2. Secondary School is where all the players are below the age of 18: Born on or after 1st January 2008

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 3.1. Each team must register a minimum of four (4) main players as the main line up, with an additional two (2) players as reserves (optional)
- 3.2. Where the school is a coed school, the team must have at least one (1) player of the opposite gender playing in the team line up at every round.
- 3.3. The team line-up is not allowed to be changed once the tournament has started.
- 3.4. A player must be registered as an active student in the school. Students waiting for exam results (SPM/IGCSE/A Levels) , on long absence/leave/suspension, on medical leave, or in transition (to another school) are not allowed to represent the school.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. Team participation in this event is limited to 40 teams for Primary School and 40 teams for Secondary School
- 4.2. The definition of teams allowed to participate in this event is as follows:
 - 4.2.1. Defending Champions from 2025
The defending Champions for the Primary and Secondary Schools from the previous edition (2025) are invited to play for FREE.
 - 4.2.2. Prize Winners from 2025
All the prize winners, i.e. Runner Up, Third Place, Best All Girls and Best Coed School Teams from previous edition (2025) are invited to play at a rate of RM150 per team.
 - 4.2.3. Teams Selected by the State Chess Association
Each State Chess Association is allowed to nominate one (1) school team for each Primary and Secondary school event with an entry fee of RM250 per team.
 - 4.2.4. Open Entries
Every registered school in Malaysia are invited to participate in the tournament at a fee of RM400 per team
 - 4.2.5. Second Team
A school can send a second team by paying an entry fee of RM600 per team

5. HOW TO APPLY

- 5.1. Interested Schools are requested to download the Registration Form from MCF website and return the completed form to mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org together with a proof of payment for RM400
- 5.2. Each school must list out each player with their respective FIDE Rating and/or MCF Rating published for May 2026.
- 5.3. The team ranking will be based on the team's average MCF rating of its players. MCF will use a player's FIDE rating if he/she does not have an MCF Rating. Unrated players will be considered to have a rating of 1400.

6. MCF RIGHTS TO REFUSE ENTRY

- 6.1. MCF reserves the right to reject any application by any school without providing any reasons whatsoever. If a school is not allowed to field a team, MCF will refund the school application fee in its entirety.
- 6.2. If only one player (or more) is not allowed to play in the tournament, the school has the right to replace the player with another player from the same school.
- 6.3. MCF will only accept entries that are received using the official registration form. Registration via any other mode shall not be accepted nor entertained.

7. ENTRY FEE

- 7.1. Entry Fee shall be as follows:

7.1.1. Defending Champions	FREE ENTRY
7.1.2. Prize Winners (from Previous Edition)	RM 150 per school team
7.1.3. School nominated by State Association	RM 250 per school team.
7.1.4. Open entry	RM 400 per school team
7.1.5. Second School team (Subject to Approval)	RM 600 per school team
- 7.2. All payments are to be credited to MCF Bank Account as follows:

Account Name	Persekutuan Catur Malaysia
Bank / Account No.	CIMB / 8000649725
- 7.3. The list of all schools selected to participate in the event shall be published in MCF website on or before 12th May 2026

8. CLOSING DATE

- 8.1. The closing date for the registration is 10th May 2026 (Sunday)
- 8.2. Entries received after this date will only be accepted based on the organizer's discretion depending on space and equipment availability.
- 8.3. No entries will be accepted after 14th May 2026

9. EVENT FORMAT

- 9.1. The current FIDE Laws of Chess will be enforced throughout the competition.
- 9.2. This is an MCF Rated event and results for this competition shall be calculated for MCF Rating purposes,
- 9.3. Overview of Event Format

Eligibility	Invitational and Open
Type	Team Event
Team Composition	Four (4) Main Players / Two (2) Reserves - if any
Additional	Coed Schools must field a mixed team.
	NOTE: A player of opposite gender must play at each round
Discipline	Standard Event
Category	Primary School - Under 12 years old
	Secondary School - Under 18 years old

System of Play Swiss System
 Number of Rounds 6 Rounds
 Pairing Software Swiss Manager
 Note: Pairing is based on Match Point
 Time Control 30 minutes + 30 second increment
 Note: Recording the moves are compulsory

9.4. Tie Break

1. Match Point (3, 1, 0)
2. Game/Players Point (1, ½, 0)
3. Direct Encounter

Note: Additional Tie Breaks will be announced by the Chief Arbiter during player's briefing

9.5. As this is a team event played using the team format, each player board order must be maintained throughout the competition. A player(s) who are seated in the wrong order, and any board order impacted by the error, will automatically lose point.

9.6. The decision made by the Chief Arbiter is considered as FINAL.

10. SCHEDULE

10.1. Event schedule is as follows:

Date	Day	Time	Agenda
16-May-26	Sat	9:00am	Confirmation of Entries
		9:30am	Players' Briefing
		9:45am	Opening Address
		10:00am	Round 1
		1:30pm	Round 2
		4:00pm	Round 3
17-May-26	Sun	9:00am	Round 4
		11:30am	Round 5
		2:30pm	Round 6
		5:00pm	Closing
		5:30pm	Departure

10.2. The organizer reserves the right to amend or change the playing schedule as and when necessary

11. PRIZES

11.1. Cash prizes offered for each Primary and Secondary events are as follows:

Champion	RM 1,000 + Trophy + Gold Medal + Certificate.
Runner Up	RM 700 + Silver Medal + Certificate
Third	RM 400 + Bronze Medal + Certificate

11.2. Additional prizes are offered to the following team composition for each the Primary and Secondary events are as follows:

Best Coed Team	RM 500 + Gold Medal + Certificate
Best Girls Team	RM 500 + Gold Medal + Certificate

11.3. Best Board prizes Offered are as follows:

Board 1 to Board 6	Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
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11.4. Cash prizes are awarded to the School Management

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12. SELECTION AS NATIONAL SCHOOL TEAM

- 12.1. Schools emerging as Champions for each the Primary and Secondary event will earn the first option to represent Malaysia as its official school team to the World School Team Chess Championship 2026, or any other offer that it may receive from FIDE, Asian Chess Federation, ASEAN Chess Confederation, or any other registered International Chess entities or National Federations.
- 12.2. Should the champion decide to decline the offer, the 2nd team will be offered followed by the 3rd team based on the event final standing. In the event that all winners rejected the offer, MCF reserves the right to appoint or select other schools to represent the country.
- 12.3. Teams are responsible for preparing and covering all the costs involved in participating in the World School Team Chess Championship, including the cost of accompanying person(s), and any other admin fees imposed by MCF.
- 12.4. MCF may provide a Head of Delegation to accompany the team to the World School Team Chess Championship.

13. FINANCIAL AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

All players including teachers, parents, accompanying officials, friends and supporters shall be responsible for their own cost and safety before, during, after and throughout the duration of the event.

The Malaysian Chess Federation, the Management of 3 Damansara Mall, event officials, and any other persons involved or acting on behalf of the organizer, shall not be held responsible for any issues, or dissatisfaction, including financial loss or injuries or fatalities, that may happen to any player or person before, during, after and throughout the duration of the event.

14. HEALTH MATTERS

- 14.1. Players / Accompanying Persons / Supporters / Visitors showing signs of being ill or unwell, will be requested to leave the tournament hall immediately to seek medical attention. In circumstances where the player will need to forfeit the game, the Arbiter will have the right to award the win to the player's opponent.
- 14.2. All costs involving the player's medical checkup and assessment, including the need for medication and/or follow-up, shall be borne personally by each of the person(s) involved.
- 14.3. While the use of face mask will not be enforced, players are allowed to wear a face mask during play. However, the Arbiter/Organizer has the right to request for the face mask to be removed for identification and/or security purposes. Failure to comply may result in the player being forfeited or expelled from the tournament.
- 14.4. To minimize uncontrolled gathering of crowds - and where possible, all notice including team pairings for all rounds, shall be made available online. Important notices shall be announced by the Arbiter/Organizer between rounds.

15. OTHERS

15.1. Attire

Players are required to dress presentably – smart casual, with proper shoes. Wearing attire that reflects school colors and/or school names are highly recommended. Slippers, skimpy and revealing clothing, offensive wording on t-shirts, shorts and miniskirts are not allowed to be worn. The Arbiter/Organizer has the right to request a player to remove/change their attire prior to entering the playing hall.

15.2. Withdraw from Tournament

Schools/Players wanting to withdraw from the tournament are required to officially write to the Chief Arbiter/Organizer and state the reason for the withdrawal. Schools with less than four (4) players – due the withdrawal of a player(s), are allowed to continue in the tournament, but are not allowed to replace the vacant spot with a new player. If a school can only play with two players or less, the school is considered to have withdrawn from the tournament.

15.3. The Arbiter/Organizer/MCF has the right to cancel, forfeit, remove and expel any players or schools found to be in breach of any rules and regulations set by the organizer. This includes creating disturbances, displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, or if they are found guilty of cheating or attempting to cheat, or fixing games during the championship that can bring the tournament, IYC, MCF and the sports of chess into disrepute.

15.4. For situations or incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations mentioned in this document, it will be referred to the Tournament Director, Organizer, Arbiter and Sponsors for a decision to be made. All decisions and interpretations are deemed as final.

16. INQUIRIES

Please forward all inquiries to
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