



Commonwealth Schools Chess Championship 2026

**The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and
The Kuala Lumpur Chess Association (KLCA)
on behalf of
The Commonwealth Chess Association and FIDE**
cordially invite Chess Federations from the Commonwealth Countries
to participate in the Championship to be held
from the 4th to the 12th of October 2026
at
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



1. INTRODUCTION

Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and the Kuala Lumpur Chess Association (KLCA) under the auspices of the Commonwealth Chess Association and FIDE, invites National Chess Federations from all the Commonwealth Countries around the World to participate in the Commonwealth Schools Chess Championship 2026 scheduled from the 4th of October (Arrival) to the 12th of October 2026 (Departure) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the event is as follows:

- a. The Championship is open to all chess players from all the Commonwealth Countries from around the World as per the following age groups:
 - i. Under 07: Born on or after 1st January 2019
 - ii. Under 09: Born on or after 1st January 2017
 - iii. Under 11: Born on or after 1st January 2015
 - iv. Under 13: Born on or after 1st January 2013
 - v. Under 15: Born on or after 1st January 2011
 - vi. Under 17: Born on or after 1st January 2009
 - vii. Under 19: Born on or after 1st January 2007
- b. Each country is eligible to field one boy and one girl each in the Under-07, Under-09, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15, Under-17 and Under-19 events – and acknowledged as the “Official Players”.
- c. Additionally, each country may register any number of players – hereby categorized as “Additional Players” to participate in the event.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Classical tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Standard Event
Category	Age Groups (U07/U09/U11/U13/U15/U17/U19)
Number of Rounds	9 Rounds
	Note: Where there are fewer than 5 federations or 10 players in a category, the organizer reserves the right to merge the players into a single category
Time Control	90 minutes + 30 second increment
Pairing System	Swiss Manager

The Tie Break for all the events mentioned above are as follows:

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| Tiebreak | a. Direct Encounter |
| | b. Greater Number of Wins, forfeits counted.
(Note: A pairing bye is not a forfeit) |
| | c. Buchholz Cut 1, |
| | d. Buchholz Cut 2, |
| | e. Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces |

4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	4 Oct, 26	Sun	All Day	Arrival
Day 2	5 Oct, 26	Mon	9:00am	Player's Meeting
			2:30pm	Opening Ceremony
			3:00pm	Round 1
Day 3	6 Oct, 26	Tue	9:00am	Round 2
			3:00pm	Round 3
Day 4	7 Oct, 26	Wed	9:00am	Round 4
Day 5	8 Oct, 26	Thu	9:00am	Round 5
			3:00pm	Round 6
Day 6	9 Oct, 26	Fri	FREE DAY	
Day 7	10 Oct, 26	Sat	9:00am	Round 7
			3:00pm	Round 8
Day 8	11 Oct, 26	Sun	9:00am	Round 9
			7:30pm	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving
Day 9	12 Oct, 26	Mon	All Day	Departure

5. PRIZES OFFERED

STANDARD EVENTS (All Age Groups)

Individual Category:

- Champion: Gold Medal + Trophy + e-Certificate
- Runner Up: Silver Medal + e-Certificate
- Third: Bronze Medal + e-Certificate

Team Category (Best Country)

- Champion: Gold Medals + Trophy + e-Certificates
- Runner Up: Silver Medals + e-Certificates
- Third: Bronze Medals + e-Certificates

To be eligible for the Team Prizes, each country must have at least three (3) players playing in the category. The scores from the country's best three (3) players will be added together and the team with the most point earned shall be declared the winner.

6. ENTRY FEES

The Entry Fee for all Official Players including Malaysians shall be USD75. The Entry Fee for all Additional Players (except Malaysian) is USD150.

For Malaysians, the Entry Fee for all Additional Players (Malaysian) is USD120 for those staying at the official hotel, and USD200 for those staying on their own.

Free Entry for GMs and IMs with a FIDE Rating of 2400 and above, and for WGMs and WIMs with a FIDE Rating of 2250 and above

All OFFICIAL ENTRIES must be submitted via their respective Federations using the Official Registration Form

7. REGISTRATION FEE

All foreign participants and their respective accompanying persons – will have to pay a registration fee of USD110 per person. This will include pick up services from the airport to the hotel and back, and other organizational costs.

All Malaysian players must have both FIDE and MCF ID to participate in the event.

8. CLOSING DATE

The Official Closing date to register shall be on or before the **4th of September 2026**. Entries received after the Official Closing date shall incur additional penalty fee of USD 50 per player, and subject to Organizers discretion/space limitations.

No entries will be entertained after the **18th of September 2026**

9. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer will provide free accommodation to All Official Representatives – as mentioned in Item 6, in a double or triple sharing room.

All GM with a FIDE rating of 2400 and all WGM with a FIDE rating of 2250 and above, will be provided free accommodation at the official hotel in double sharing rooms. All GM with a FIDE rating of 2600 and above will be provided free accommodation at the official hotel in single rooms.

The rate offered for all players for accommodation and full boarding at the official hotel for eight (8) days shall be as follows:

Single	USD100 per night per person (Total USD 800)
Double Sharing	USD 85 per night per person (Total USD 680)
Upgrade (Single)	USD 60 per night per person (Total USD 480)

Note: Upgrade (Single) is meant for Official Players who prefer to stay in a single room

Note: All rooms are subject to availability.

The organizer reserves the right to rearrange the rooming arrangements based on rooms availability as it deems appropriate. Rooming arrangements may also require players to be housed at hotels due room limitations and/or availability. In such a case, the organizer will arrange for transportation to ferry players to the playing hall at scheduled intervals within the day.

All Officials and Non-Official players and their respective accompanying persons, including Head of Delegations, country representatives and event officials, are required to stay at the Official Hotel.

Local Malaysians can arrange their own accommodation but are encouraged to take up accommodation at the official hotel. For Malaysians, please take note of the different Entry Fee rates for those staying at the official hotel, and those staying on their own.

Malaysians who opted not to stay at the Official Hotel are advised to make their own travel and meals arrangement throughout the duration of the event. This includes additional charges if players or parents/accompanying persons are interested to attend the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony on the last day of the event.

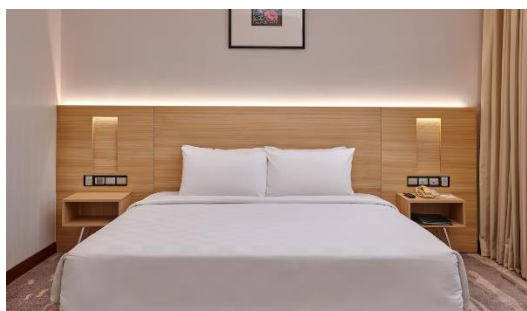
10.CLOSING DINNER AND PRIZE GIVING

All Official Players and Additional Players including their accompanying persons that are staying at the Official Hotel, are invited to attend the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving on the final day of the event.

Additional tickets to attend the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving ceremony can be purchased from the event secretariat at RM150 per person from the event secretariat.

11.OFFICIAL PLAYING VENUE

The official hotel for the event shall be at the CitiTel Hotel, MidValley City, Kuala Lumpur.





The official hotel for the event is located approximately 100km from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport – between 1 and 1½ hour bus ride from KLIA to event venue. Registration fees will also cover for transfer fees from KLIA to Hotel/Venue and return.

The official hotel should also house the playing venue otherwise, if the official hotel is full, the organizer – on a best effort basis, will identify a nearby hotel to accommodate players throughout the duration of the event. Where necessary, the organizer will prepare transportation to ferry players at a regularly scheduled interval.

12. PAYMENT – ORGANIZER BANKING DETAILS

All payments must be made to the Malaysian Chess Federation official bank accounts as per the following details. All bank commissions and/or charges must be managed and paid by the sender/player themselves.

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Bank Account	8000649725
Bank Address	CIMB Bank Berhad (Jalan TAR Branch) Ground Floor, Bangunan Commerce Life, No 338, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, 50100 Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
SWIFT CODE	CIBBMYKL

13. EVENT OFFICIALS

The appointment of the Chief Arbiter, Technical Delegate and Chairman of Appeals Committee shall be decided by the President of the Commonwealth Chess Association in consultation with the Malaysian Chess Federation.

14. CONTACT DETAILS

For further information or clarification with regards to the Championship, please contact the following:

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