



NATIONAL OPEN TEAM RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

**ORGANIZED BY
THE MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF)**

12th September 2026 (Saturday)

at

Banquet Hall, Level 2, Casa 4, Kompleks Majlis Sukan Negara, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur



The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) hereby invites all chess players and teams to participate at the 2nd edition of the National Open Team Rapid Chess Championship 2026 to be held on Saturday, the 12th of September 2026 at the Banquet Hall, Level 2, Casa 4, Kompleks Majlis Sukan Negara, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur.

With a total prize fund of RM17,000, the championship will be played over 7 rounds Swiss using the Rapid Time Control of 15 minutes plus 10 second increment.

Each participating team must comprise of four (4) players with no reserves. There is no limit to the number of foreign players fielded in a team - titled or otherwise, as there is no rating limit set for each team in the tournament. However, to qualify for a prize, the competing team must not have any foreign players in its lineup.



1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Team Eligibility
 - 1.1.1. The tournament is opened to all players and teams in Malaysia.
 - 1.1.2. A team can field any number of foreign players, but each foreign player will have a different entry fee
- 1.2. Player Eligibility
 - 1.2.1. All players are required to have a valid FIDE ID as this is a FIDE Rated event.
 - 1.2.2. All Malaysian players must have a valid MCF ID

2. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 2.1. Each team must register a minimum of four (4) main players as the main line up. No reserves are allowed.
- 2.2. **There is no maximum average rating for a team imposed in this tournament.**

3. TEAM DEFINITIONS

- 3.1. Open Team
 - 3.1.1. A team must enlist four(4) players to participate in the championship
 - 3.1.2. A team can have any number of foreign Nationals but the entry fee for teams with a foreign national.
- 3.2. State Team
 - 3.2.1. MCF will only recognize state teams submitted and endorsed by the respective State Affiliate
 - 3.2.2. A State Affiliate is allowed to send as many teams as possible, however only two (2) state teams are allowed the State Entry fee. The other teams - while they can still vie for the Best State Prize, will need to pay the normal Open Team entry fee.
 - 3.2.3. All players representing a state team must be Malaysian citizens.
- 3.3. Schools
 - 3.3.1. Primary School Team is where all the players are currently enrolled in the same school and are below the age of 12: Born on or after 1st January 2014
 - 3.3.2. Secondary School Team is where all the players are currently enrolled in the same school and are below the age of 18: Born on or after 1st January 2008
 - 3.3.3. A letter of confirmation from the school is mandatory. The names of all the players must be reflected in the letter.
- 3.4. Junior Teams
 - 3.4.1. U12 Junior Team is where all the players in the team are below the age of 12: Born on or after 1st January 2014
 - 3.4.2. U18 Junior Team is where all the players in the team are below the age of 18: Born on or after 1st January 2008
- 3.5. IPTA/IPTS/Colleges/Higher Learning Institutions
 - 3.5.1. All players must be active/enroll students at the leaning institution.
 - 3.5.2. A letter of confirmation from the Office of Students Affair/Registrar is mandatory. The names of all the players must be reflected in the letter.



- 3.6. Corporate/Government/Organization
 - 3.6.1. All players must be active/current employees of the organization.
 - 3.6.2. A letter of confirmation from the company's HR and/or Manager is mandatory. The names of all the players must be reflected in the letter.
- 3.7. All Girls/Veterans/OKU Teams/OKU Mixed Team
 - 3.7.1. All players must meet the said criteria to be eligible to earn prizes for their respective categories.
 - 3.7.2. All players must be Malaysians.
 - 3.7.3. For the Veteran's Team, all players must have reached or will reach the age of 50 or older in 2026.
 - 3.7.4. For OKU Mixed Team, the team must have at least one (1) OKU player listed
 - 3.7.5. For the OKU Team, all team members must provide OKU Card
- 3.8. For school teams, corporate, government, organizations, IPTA/S, Colleges and Higher Learning Institutes, exceptions are given to the team to field as many foreign players **provided that the foreign player is employed by or enrolled at the organization, and the player is based/residing in Malaysia.**
- 3.9. If there are an odd number of teams taking part, MCF reserves the right to field a scratch team to even up the field. The team shall be allowed to win prizes and shall be treated as an Open Team entry.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1. To register, please go to <https://forms.gle/Gku1ex7LJHS3kuVj7>



- 4.2. Team participation for this event is limited to 100 Teams. Registration of teams beyond this number shall be subjected to space availability and logistics.
- 4.3. The list of teams participating in the event shall be published on MCF website before 6th September 2026

5. MCF RIGHTS TO REFUSE ENTRY

- 5.1. MCF reserves the right to reject any application by any player and/or team without providing any reasons whatsoever.
- 5.2. If a team's registration is rejected, MCF will refund the application fee in its entirety.
- 5.3. If only one player (or more) has been rejected by MCF, the team is allowed to replace the player provided it does not breach item 2 and item 3 in this regulation.
- 5.4. MCF will only accept entries that are received and recorded using the Official Registration portal complete with the necessary Proof of Payment and Letter of Confirmation (where applicable). Registration via any other channels shall not be accepted nor entertained.

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6. ENTRY FEE

6.1. Entry Fee shall be as follows:

6.1.1. Open Team	RM 500
<i>*NOTE: Foreign players will incur an additional fee of RM100 per player</i>	
6.1.2. State Team	RM 400 - Three (3) team maximum
6.1.3. Veteran/Women/IPTA/IPTS	RM 450
6.1.4. Government/Corporate	RM 450
6.1.5. Junior/School Teams	RM 350
6.1.6. All OKU Team	RM 300

6.2. All payments are to be credited to MCF Bank Account at **PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA - CIMB (8000649725)**

7. REFUND POLICY

7.1. Only 50% of the entry fee shall be refunded if a team decides to withdraw before the closing date.

7.2. No refund entertained once the closing date has lapsed.

8. CLOSING DATE

8.1. Closing date to register is 8th September 2026 (Monday)

8.2. Entries received after this date will only be accepted based on organizer's discretion depending on space and equipment availability. An additional payment of RM200 per team will be imposed as penalties for late registration.

8.3. No entries will be accepted after 10th September 2026

9. EVENT FORMAT

9.1. The current FIDE Laws of Chess will be enforced throughout the competition.

9.2. This is a FIDE and MCF Rated event and results for this competition shall be calculated for FIDE Rating and MCF Rating purposes.

9.3. Overview of Event Format

Eligibility	Open
Type	Team Event
Team Composition	Four (4) Main Players with No Reserve
Discipline	Rapid Event
Time Control	15 minutes + 10 seconds
Category	A single open event with various categories
System of Play	Swiss System
Number of Rounds	7 Rounds
Pairing Software	Swiss Manager

Note: Pairing is based on Match Point

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

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

10. BOARD ORDER

- 10.1. The board order used for Registration shall be considered as the official board order submitted by teams for the tournament.
- 10.2. Any changes made after the 8th of September 2026 – either change in board order, or a change(s) of the team members/players, will incur a fee of RM50 per change.
- 10.3. No changes entertained once Round 1 started on 12th September 2026

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 11.1. An Appeals Committee – made up of 2 members and 2 reserves, shall be appointed before the start of the tournament during the team captain's briefing.
- 11.2. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Organizing Committee and announced during the Player's briefing.
- 11.3. Any protests made against the decision of the Chief Arbiter, or his assistants must be submitted in writing (and signed by the player filing the appeal) and handed over personally to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the disputed game. The appeal must include an appeal fee of RM500 as deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit shall be forfeited to MCF.
- 11.4. Decisions made by the Appeals Committee is considered as final. No other appeals can be made once the decision has been made.

12. SCHEDULE

- 12.1. Event schedule is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME	AGENDA
Saturday	12th Sep 2026	8:00am	Confirmation of Registration
		8:30am	Player's Briefing
		8:45am	Opening Speech
		9:00am	Round 1
		10:10am	Round 2
		11:20am	Round 3
		12:30pm	Round 4
		2:30pm	Round 5
		3:40pm	Round 6
		4:50pm	Round 7
		6:30pm	Closing and Prize Giving
		7:00pm	Departure

- 12.2. The organizer reserves the right to amend or change the playing schedule.



13. PRIZES

13.1. Total prize fund offered to all winners is RM 20,000

13.2. The breakdown of the prize fund offered to the winners is as follows:

OPEN CATEGORY/ALL

Champion	RM 3,000 + Trophy + Gold Medal + Certificate.
Runner Up	RM 2,000 + Silver Medal + Certificate
Third	RM 1,100 + Bronze Medal + Certificate
Fourth to Eighth	RM 600 + Certificate (each)

STATE TEAMS *

Best State Team	RM 1,300 + Gold Medal + Certificate
Runner Up State Team	RM 1,000 + Silver Medal + Certificate
Third State Team	RM 700 + Bronze Medal + Certificate

CATEGORY PRIZES **

Best Teams: RM 500 + Gold Medals + Certificates (each)
 Girls Team, Veterans Team (50+), Junior (U18), Junior (U12), Secondary School (U18), Primary School (U12), IPTA/IPTS, Company/Government, Best OKU Team, Best Mixed OKU Team

NOTES:

State Teams All prizes will be offered if there are more than 6 State Teams taking part. Only two prizes will be offered if there are 6 or less State Teams taking part, and only the top prizes will be offered if there is only 3 State Team taking part. No prizes if there is only a single team taking part.

Category Prizes No prizes will be given for a category if there are less than three (3) teams taking part

13.3. Board Prizes

Best Board 1 to Board 4	Gold Medal
2 nd Best Board 1 to Board 4	Silver Medal
3 rd Best Board 1 to Board 4	Bronze Medal

Note: There are no cash prizes offered for Board winners.

13.4. All prize funds will be transferred online within one (1) week after the completion of the tournament to the Team Captain's or Team Manager's Accounts. No cash transaction will be entertained nor distributed. All prize funds will be

14. FINANCIAL AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

All players including all managers, coaches, administrators, 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 Organizing Team, the Management Team, and the venue Operator – Jabatan Wilayah Persekutuan, 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.

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15. HEALTH MATTERS

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. 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.

16. OTHERS

- 16.1. Attire
Players must dress presentably – smart casual, with proper shoes. Wearing attire that reflects corporate colors, uniforms, formal attire, school attire, etc. are highly recommended. Slippers, skimpy/ revealing clothing, offensive wordings on t-shirts, shorts, miniskirts including hats and hoodies, are not allowed to be worn. The Arbiter/Organizer has the right to instruct players to remove/change their attire prior to entering the playing hall.
- 16.2. The Arbiter/Organizer/MCF has the right to cancel, forfeit, remove and expel any player or team found to be in breach of any rules and regulations set. 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, MCF and the sports of chess into disrepute.
- 16.3. Withdrawing from Tournament
Teams/Players wanting to withdraw from the tournament are required to officially write to the Chief Arbiter/Organizer and state the reason for the withdrawal. Teams with less than four (4) players due to 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. The team is allowed to complete the tournament but will forfeit one(1) point for the vacant board at each of the remaining rounds. If a team has only two players or less remaining players in the tournament, the team shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the tournament. No refund will be entertained.
- 16.4. For situations/incidences not covered by the Rules and Regulations mentioned, 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.

**17. EVENT OFFICIALS**

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