



8th EASTERN ASIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Pulau Pinang, Malaysia, 12 – 21 July 2024

INVITATION

The Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF), under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and International Chess Federation (FIDE), is inviting all National Chess Federations in Eastern Asia to participate in the 8th Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship. The championship will take place from 12th to 21st July 2024, at CitiTel Hotel, located on the island of Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the event is as follows:

- 1.1. The Championship is open to chess players from the Eastern Asia Federations in FIDE Zone 3.3 and Zone 3.5. The participant must not have reached the respective ages before 1st January 2024.
- 1.2. There will be 12 categories, in case there are fewer than five (5) federations or ten (10) players in an age group, that group shall be merged with another age group.
 - i. Under 08 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2016
 - ii. Under 10 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2014
 - iii. Under 12 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2012
 - iv. Under 14 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2010
 - v. Under 16 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2008
 - vi. Under 18 Open / Girls: Born on or after 1st January 2006
- 1.3. Every Asian National Chess Federation can register only one Official Player in each category (maximum of 12 official players). No replacement from other categories can be made if there were no Official Player in one category. Playing in a higher age category for an official place shall be treated as an additional player.
- 1.4. All official players – with a maximum of 12 official players per Federation, will be provided free board and lodging either on a double or a triple room basis. As and when necessary, a quad or a dormitory lodging may be arranged for the players, including arrangements at different hotels nearby.
- 1.5. Each federation may register any number of additional players. Additional players are subjected to payment of the entry fee, registration fee and fees for full board/lodging to the Organizing Committee.

1.6. All participants must have a FIDE ID. For Malaysians, additional MCF ID will be required.

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament format shall be as follows:

2.1. Pairing System & Number of Rounds

The tournament will be conducted using Swiss System of 9 rounds, Swiss Manager Program for pairing and shall be in accordance with the Playing Rules of FIDE.

Note: Where there are fewer than five (5) federations or ten (10) players in a category, the organizer reserves the right to merge the group with another age group category according to FIDE Regulations for title purposes

2.2. Time Control

Standard event – 90 minutes with increment of 30 seconds from move 1
Rapid event – 15 minutes with increment of 5 seconds from move 1
Blitz event – 3 minutes with increment of 2 seconds from move 1

2.3. Final Ranking & Tiebreak Systems

In the end of the tournament, the final ranking of the players will be determined according to the number of points obtained. If two or more players finish with equal points the final ranking shall be according to the tie-break results in the following order:

2.3.1. Direct Encounter

2.3.2. Greater number of wins (*forfeit and byes counted*)

2.3.3. Buchholz Cut 1

2.3.4. Buchholz Cut 2

2.3.5. Sonneborn Berger

2.4. Players from the same federation may play each other in the last round.

3. SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is set as follows:

DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
12-Jul-24	Friday	Check-in after 14:00	Arrival
		20:00	Technical Meeting
13-Jul-24	Saturday	09:00	Rapid R1 – R7
14-Jul-24	Sunday	14:00	Opening Ceremony
		15:00	Round 1
15-Jul-24	Monday	09:00	Round 2
		15:00	Round 3
16-Jul-24	Tuesday	15:00	Round 4
17-Jul-24	Wednesday	09:00	Round 5
		15:00	Round 6
18-Jul-24	Thursday	All Day	Free Day
19-Jul-24	Friday	09:00	Round 7
		15:00	Round 8
20-Jul-24	Saturday	09:00	Round 9
		14:30	Blitz R1 – R9
		20:00	Closing Ceremony
21-Jul-24	Sunday	Check-out before 12:00	Departure

4. AWARD OF DIRECT TITLES

Eligibility for the Award of Direct Titles to event winners are as follows:

- 4.1. Direct titles may be awarded in accordance with FIDE Title Regulations (B01) effective from 1st January 2024
(Kindly refer to <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>)
- 4.2. **U18 Open/Girl categories –**
 - 4.2.1. The Gold medalist shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM) / Woman International Master (WIM).
 - 4.2.2. 1st equal players (best 3 players after tiebreak) shall earn an IM/WIM norm.
 - 4.2.3. The Silver & Bronze medalists shall be awarded the FIDE Master (FM) / Women FIDE Master (WFM).
- 4.3. **U16 Open/Girl categories –**
 - 4.3.1. The Gold medalist shall be awarded the title of FM/WFM and an IM/WIM norm.
 - 4.3.2. 1st equal players (best 3 players after tiebreak) shall be awarded the title of FM/WFM.
 - 4.3.3. The Silver & Bronze medalists shall be awarded the title of Candidate Master (CM) / Women Candidate Master (WCM).
- 4.4. **U14 & U12 Open/Girl categories –**
 - 4.4.1. The Gold Medalist shall be awarded the title of FM/WFM.
 - 4.4.2. The Silver & Bronze medalists shall be awarded the title of CM/WCM.
- 4.5. **U10 & U08 Open/Girl categories –**
 - 4.5.1. The Gold, Silver & Bronze medalists shall be awarded the title of CM/WCM
- 4.6. For direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to achieve at some time a minimum rating published or interim as follows (see 0.6.2):
IM 2200 / WIM 2000, FM 2100 / WFM 1900, CM 2000 / WCM 1800
- 4.7. **Summary of Direct Titles Awards**

CATEGORY	GM/WGM	IM/WIM	FM/WFM	CM/WCM
U18	-	Gold – title 1 st equal - norm	Silver & Bronze - title	-
U16	-	Gold - norm	1 st equal - title	-
U14 & U12	-	-	Gold - title	Silver & Bronze - title
U10 & U08	-	-	-	Gold, Silver & Bronze - title
Min Rating	-	2200/2000	2100/1900	2000/1800

5. TROPHIES, MEDALS & CERTIFICATES

Trophies, medals, certificates, and cash prizes offered to the winners and participants of the event are as follows:

5.1. Individual Prizes

Trophies, medals, and e-certificates will be awarded to the top three (3) in each category of Standard event, Rapid event & Blitz event. The fourth to tenth places will only be awarded medals and e-certificates in the Standard events.

5.2. Team Prizes

Trophies will be presented to the top three (3) federations in each category of Standard event, Rapid event & Blitz event. The final ranking of the teams will be determined according to the number of points obtained by the top three players of each federation. Federations with less than 3 players (2 or 1 player/s) will not be eligible for a team prize. In case of tie, the tie-break results of each top three (3) players of the federation shall apply.

5.3. Best Federation

Three best Federations, by ranking of medal collected in all categories in Standard event, will be awarded a trophy. The final ranking of the federations will be determined according to the number of gold medals. If there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, and if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally, this is still tied, then the number of medals in Standard, Rapid & Blitz shall apply.

5.4. Certificates of Participation

E-certificates of participation will be presented to all players after the event has concluded.

6. TECHNICAL DELEGATE, CHIEF ARBITER AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The appointment of Officials for the event:

6.1. The Asian Chess Federation President, after consultation with the Malaysian Chess Federation (The Organizing Federation) shall appoint the Technical Delegate and the Chief Arbiter and the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

6.2. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by the Asian Chess Federation President in consultation with the Malaysian Chess Federation. The Committee shall be composed of one chairman and two members and two reserves, all from different federations, chosen from among the representatives of national federations present.

7. APPEALS

Appeal process against the decision of Chief Arbiter or any of his assistant is as follows:

7.1. Any appeals of protest, including appeals against the decision of the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within fifteen (15) minutes after completion of the disputed game, accompanied by protest fee of 100 USD or RM470 in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the Organizing Federation.

7.2. No protests or appeal will be entertained in the Rapid and Blitz events where the decision of the Chief Arbiter will be final.

8. REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration Process, Fees, and Procedures.

8.1. **All OFFICIAL ENTRIES** must be completed using the Official Registration Form and submitted by the respective federations via email to MCF official email at mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org with copy to syawal.chessworks@gmail.com before **12 June 2024**.

8.2. Please send **copy of passports** (in JPG file format with each file named as "Passport - Name Of Holder") and **ID Photos** (in JPG file format with each file named as "ID - Name of Holder") before the **17th of June 2024** to MCF official email at mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org with copy to syawal.chessworks@gmail.com

8.3. Registration Fee

All participants and all accompanying persons will have to pay a registration fee of USD110 per person. This Registration fee includes transportation from/to Penang International Airport, Accreditation Cards, Admittance to the event venue and banquet of Closing Ceremony.

8.4. Entry Fee

The Entry Fee for all Official Players shall be USD75 and USD150 for all Official players and Additional Players respectively. The Entry Fee includes for Standard, Rapid & Blitz events.

8.5. Closing Date

The Official Closing date to register shall be on or before the **12th of June 2024**. Submission of entries after the Official Closing date shall incur additional penalty fee of 50 USD per person, and subject to Organizers' discretion/space limitations. No entries will be entertained after the **26th of June 2024**.

8.6. Flight Information

All flight information shall be sent to MCF official email at mcfsecretariat@malaysiachess.org with copy to syawal.chessworks@gmail.com before the **17th of June 2024**.

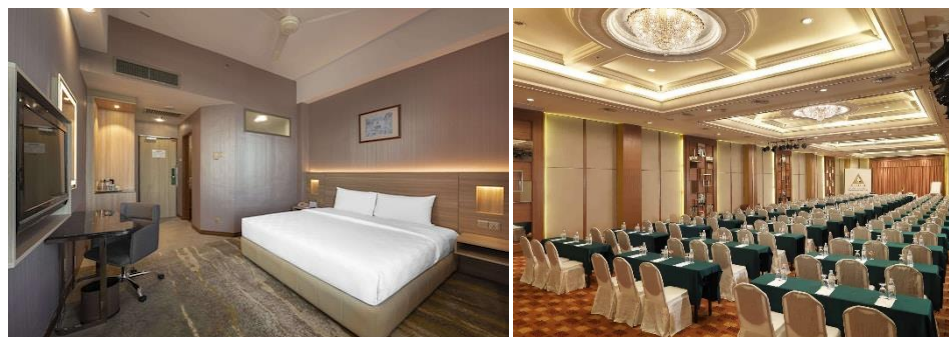
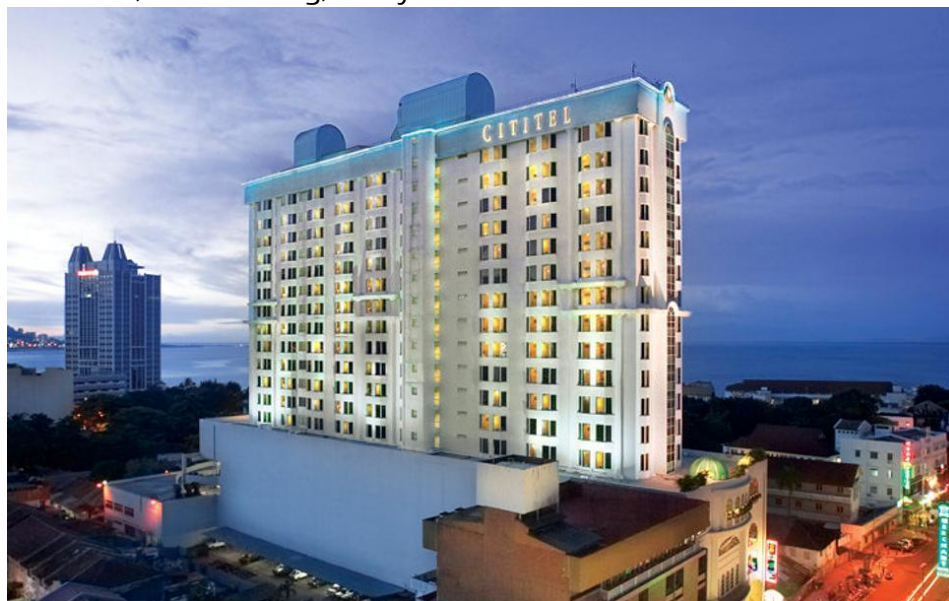
9. BOARD & LODGING

Official Venue: CitiTel Hotel Pulau Pinang

9.1. The Official Hotel and Venue for the tournament shall be the CitiTel Hotel Pulau Pinang located at No 66, Jalan Penang, George Town, 10000 George Town, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia

9.2. For safety and logistic reasons, all players and accompanying persons, coaches, and captains are obligated to stay at the Official Hotel with reservations made and secured via the Malaysian Chess Federation.

9.3. CitiTel Hotel, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia



- 9.4. The Organizing Committee will provide free board and lodging at the Official Hotel to all Official players and one (1) Head of Delegate per federation on double or triple room sharing basis from 12 July (with dinner to be provided) to 21 July (with breakfast only) 2024.
- 9.5. The rate offered for all additional players and accompanying persons for accommodation and full boarding at the official hotel shall be as follows:
Single : 110 USD per night per person (990 USD for 10 days & 9 nights)
Double: 90 USD per night per person (810 USD for 10 days & 9 nights)
Triple : 80 USD per night per person (720 USD for 10 days & 9 nights)
Note: price includes: 9 nights of accommodation (12-20 July), 9 breakfasts (13-21 July), 8 lunches (13-20 July) and 8 dinners (12-19 July, 20 July Dinner will be provided during the closing ceremony)
- 9.6. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to rearrange the rooming arrangements according to the room availability as it deems appropriate. This includes arranging additional rooms at nearby hotels (within a 15-minute drive) as and when necessary and/or required.

10. PAYMENT

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

After the closing date of 12th June 2024, no request for refund shall be entertained.

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Bank Account	8000649725
Swift Code	CIBBMYKL
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

11. CONTACT DETAILS

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