



# Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited

## 中國香港國際象棋總會有限公司

### 69th Festival of Sport - Golden Bauhinia Chess Open

Organized by

Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited

Date:	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026
Time:	9:30am-8:30pm (Sat), 9:45am-6:30pm (Sun)
Location:	Hong Kong Taoist Association Wun Tsuen School 2 On Yan Street, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/zRWsucy5Dp7pARox8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/zRWsucy5Dp7pARox8</a>
Groups:	Open Section (FIDE Rating : 1800 – 1999) Challengers Section (FIDE Rating : 1650 – 1799) Amateurs Section (FIDE Rating : 1500 – 1649) Novices Section (FIDE Rating 1400 – 1499 / Unrated - A maximum of 20% of registered players)  <i>* Players will be placed in sections according to their current FIDE Standard Rating as published on the official rating list at the time of registration or a specified cut-off date.</i>
Requirement:	Players whose FIDE Rapid Rating or FIDE Blitz Rating meets the rating requirement of a higher section may request to play in that higher section.
Format:	<b>5 or 7 Rounds Swiss (FIDE-Rated)</b> <i>(Sections with 8 or less players will be Round Robin or merged with another group at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter).</i>
Time Controls:	Open – 90 minutes without increment Novices / Amateurs / Challengers – 60 minutes without increment
Tie-Breaks:	1) Direct Encounter 2) Buchholz Cut 1 3) Greater Number of Wins 4) FIDE Tiebreak progressive score 5) Manual input
Awards:	\$2,500 for Gold, \$1,500 for Silver and \$1,000 for Bronze players in each Section. Medals for the Gold, Silver & Bronze players and Top Girl in each Section.
Certificate:	<b>Certificate of Participation</b> will be available as a pdf file, please state if you want one when you register for this tournament. Pickup \$120 by post \$150 <b>Certificate of Achievement</b> - pickup \$150 by post \$180
Regulations:	FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. A copy of the new regulations for Laws of Chess is available as a download from FIDE website <a href="https://www.fide.com/">https://www.fide.com/</a>
FIDE ID regulations	For players without FIDE ID, they have to be Hong Kong permanent residents and the federation will issue a FIDE ID for them at the standard fee (please see website <a href="https://hkcfcl.com/application-for-fide-id/">https://hkcfcl.com/application-for-fide-id/</a> ).
Chairman of Appeals:	IA KK Chan
Chief Arbiter:	TBA
Deputy Arbiters:	FA Sandra Cheung, and others to be announced

Schedule for 7 rounds:		Schedule for 5 rounds:	
18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	Saturday
9:45 am	Players seated	9:45 am	Players seated
10:00 am	Round 1	10:00 am	Round 1
Lunch	1:00 to 2:00 pm	Lunch	1:00 to 2:00 pm
2:00 pm	Round 2	2:00 pm	Round 2
4:15 pm	Round 3	5:15 pm	Round 3
6:30 pm	Round 4		
19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	Sunday
10:00 am	Round 5	10:00 am	Round 4
Lunch	12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch	1:00 to 2:00 pm
1:00 pm	Round 6	2:00 pm	Round 5
3:15 pm	Round 7		
5:30 pm	Closing Ceremony	5:30 pm	Closing Ceremony

Deadline: \*\*\* Applications will be closed on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 12 noon

Registration: <http://goldenbauhinia.hkchessevent.com>

Entry fees: HKD 500

Scoresheet: **All games must be recorded on the Electronic Tablet provided, failure to do so may be penalized.**

