

18th ASEAN Age Group Open Chess Championships 2017

REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility and Participation

- 1.1 There will be categories in the Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 and Under 20, with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 1.2 Players must not have reached the relevant age before 1st January 2017.
- 1.3 In addition, there shall be 2 categories for Senior >50 and Senior >65. These senior players must reach the age required during the year 2017.
- 1.4 Players from all over the world are welcome to participate in these Championships.
- 1.5 Unless permitted by their respective national chess federations, players may register directly with the Main Organizer (ASEAN Chess Academy). The Main Organizer has the right to decide if some players may have to register through their respective national chess federations. The Main Organizer reserves the right to accept or reject any registration without assigning any reason.

2. Schedule

25 November 2017	0600 - 1930 hours 2000 hours	Arrival Technical Meeting
26 November 2017	1000 - 1100 hours 1300 - 1800 hours	Opening Ceremony Standard Chess Round 1
27 November 2017	0900 - 1400 hours 1530 - 2030 hours	Standard Chess Round 2 Standard Chess Round 3
28 November 2017	0900 - 1400 hours 1530 - 2030 hours	Standard Chess Round 4 Standard Chess Round 5
29 November 2017	0900 - 1400 hours 1530 - 2030 hours	Standard Chess Round 6 Standard Chess Round 7
30 November 2017	0900 - 1400 hours After 1400 hours	Standard Chess Round 8 Free Day
1 December 2017	Up till 1530 hours 1600 - 2200 hours	Free Day Medal Awards for Standard Chess and Social Night Party
2 December 2017	0900 - 1430 hours 1530 - 1930 hours	Rapid Chess Rounds 1 - 4 Rapid Chess Rounds 5 - 7
3 December 2017	0900 - 1400 hours 1600 - 1900 hours	Blitz Chess Rounds 1 - 9 Closing Ceremony
4 December 2017	0600 - 2000 hours	Departure

3. System and Pairing

- 3.1 Each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System using the Swiss Manager Program.
- 3.2 In the last 2 rounds, where possible, players from the same federation and who have more than 50% score shall not be paired to play each other.
- 3.3 Standard Chess: Each player is accorded 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment (starting from move 1).
- 3.4 Rapid Chess: Each player is accorded 25 minutes to complete the game.
- 3.5 Blitz Chess: Each player is accorded 5 minutes to complete the game.
- 3.6 Law of Chess and Zero Tolerance shall apply.

4. Tie Breaks

The final ranking order of the players shall be determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken according to the following tie breaks in this order: Direct Encounter; Buchholz Cut 1, Cut 2 etc; Sonneborn-Berger.

5. Medals

- 5.1 Medals shall be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category.
- 5.2 Team Medals shall be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a country. Any country with less than 3 players shall not be eligible for a team award. In the case of tie, the tie-break scores of each player shall be determined. (See 4.)
- 5.3 For Individual Medals, where there is a tie, not more than 3 players shall receive the same colour medal. For each category, not more than 5 medals shall be awarded. Examples: If 2 players tied for first and 2 players tied for third, then, 2 Gold Medals shall be awarded, and there shall be no Silver, but 2 Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If 3 players tied for first, then, no Silver and Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If more than 3 players tied for first, then, the 3 highest players based on the tie-break shall receive the Gold Medals and the Silver and the Bronze Medals shall not be awarded.
- 5.4
 - a) The title of ASEAN Grandmaster will be awarded to the top 3 positions for Standard Chess (regardless of ASEAN or Non-ASEAN players) for Senior >50, Senior >65 and Under 20 categories.
 - b) The title of ASEAN Master will be awarded to the top 3 positions for Standard Chess (regardless of ASEAN or Non-ASEAN players) for all categories from U18 and below.
 - c) In the event of a tie, after the tie-break, only the top three finishers shall be awarded.
 - d) Such title holders shall have a 50% discount on entry fees for all ACC events for LIFE.

6. Certificates

- 6.1 Certificates shall be awarded to the players who have finished in the top three positions.
- 6.2 Certificates of Participation shall be given to players and appointed Technical Officials.

7. Appeals Committee

- 7.1 The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons who will be appointed at the Technical Meeting.
- 7.2 A protest a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a fee of USD 100.00 (One Hundred US Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous.
- 7.3 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately.

8. Medical and Insurance

From the duration of arrival and until departure, the Organizers shall insure the participants against accidents and the need for medical services, including cost of medicines, in the case of acute illnesses, surgical operations, etc. The Organizers shall not be responsible for medical services needed for treatment of chronic or other illnesses which already existed before the arrival at the Tournament.

9. Entry Visas

It is the responsibility of any participant to check with your Foreign Ministry if you need a visa to enter Malaysia. When registration, please attach a photocopy of the Passports on the page bearing the photos and personal data before 25th October 2017. Only after receiving the registration and hotel fees will the Organizers issue a letter of confirmation to participate in the Championships to the players/accompanying persons accordingly via email. Please note that some countries may require more than two weeks for visa application at the Malaysian High Commission Embassies in their countries.

10. Official Hotel and Venue of Play

- 10.1 The Official Hotel is the 4-star Grand Darulmakmur Hotel (formerly known as M.S. Garden Hotel).

10.2 All players and accompanying persons MUST be registered through the Main Organizer and are obliged to stay in the Official Hotel. They will be accredited, allowed to enter the playing hall at the designated duration and participate in the Opening & Closing Ceremonies and the Social Night Party.

10.3 Registration Fees are as follows:

Registration Date	Players from ASEAN 10	Players not from ASEAN	All Accompanying Persons/Officials
Before and on 25 th August 2017	USD 200	USD 200	USD 80
Before and on 25 th September 2017	USD 240	USD 260	USD 100
Before and on 25 th October 2017	USD 280	USD 320	USD 120

The registration fee include the costs of airport transfers from Kuantan Airport to the Official Hotel and from the Official Hotel to Kuantan Airport, as well as Accreditation Cards, Certificates, Insurance.

All players and accompanying persons/coaches are required to send their Passport photo size in jpeg file to the Main Organizer for preparation of Name Plates and Accreditation Cards via email. If no such photos are received, the Technical Organizer will charge a fee at USD 2.00 each for photo service at the venue for making the Accreditation Cards. Players and accompanying persons/coaches/officials who have no Accreditation Cards shall not be allowed to enter the playing area, including the Opening/Closing Ceremony, Social Night Party.

Final Deadline for registration is 25th October 2017 after which the Technical Organiser reserves the right to accept or reject any registration.

10.4 Room Rates (per person) are as follows:

EXECUTIVE SUITE			DELUXE ROOMS		
Single	Twin/Double	Triple	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
USD 180	USD 120	USD 105	USD 120	USD 80	USD 80

The room rates include hotel accommodation at the Official Hotel and 3 meals, starting with lunch on 25th November 2017 until the breakfast on 4th December 2017.

11. Payment

All payments must be made to the following Account in full by 25th October 2017 as per the following details:

Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
 Bank Address: 12 Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018982
 Beneficiary Name: ASEAN CHESS ACADEMY PTE LTD
 Account No.: 070-900185-8
 SWIFT Code: DBSSSGSG

12. Airport Transfers

The Organizers shall provide all participants with airport transfers from the Airport to the Official Hotel, and from the Official Hotel to the airport. The Organizers shall advise on flights arriving at Kuala Lumpur airports.

All participants are required to send their flight details of arrivals and departures to the Technical Organiser at least 10 days before the arrival date (15th November 2017). The Organizers shall not be responsible for airport transfers for those who do not send their flight details by the said date.