



17th Asian Continental Chess Championships
(Open and Women's Championships)
9-19 December 2018, Philippines

To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federations in Asia
Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7

The National Chess Federation of the Philippines, on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the Asian Continental Chess Championships (Open and Women's) from December 2018 in Philippines.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Championship will be played in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 Each Federation from FIDE Zones 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 can enter one official player in the Open and one official player in the Women's Division.
- 1.2 In addition, each Federation may send extra players rated 2250 and above for the Open, and 1950 and above for Women based on the December 2018 FIDE Rating List. Extra players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging through the Organizing Committee. Exceptions for the rating floor may be made by the Continental President on request of national federations.

2. PLAYING CONDITIONS

The tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss System competition of 9 rounds and will be played according to FIDE regulations.

The time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The games shall be played with electronic clocks. Pairings will be made by Swiss Manager Program. Players from the same federation with more than 50% score shall not be paired together in the last round.

The drawing of colors for round 1 shall be carried out during the players' meeting.

3. SCHEDULE

Sunday	December 9	Arrival	
Monday	December 10	Players' Meeting	11:00
		Opening Ceremony	14:45
		Rd. 1	15:00-21:00
Tuesday	December 11	Rd. 2	15:00-21:00
Wednesday	December 12	Rd. 3	15:00-21:00
Thursday	December 13	Rd. 4	15:00-21:00
Friday	December 14	Rd. 5	15:00-21:00
Saturday	December 15	Rd. 6	15:00-21:00
Sunday	December 16	Rd. 7	15:00-21:00
Monday	December 17	Rd. 8	15:00-21:00
Tuesday	December 18	Rd. 9	10:00-14:00
		Blitz Championship	
		Closing Ceremony	
Wednesday	December 19	Departure	

Attendance is required at the opening and closing ceremonies. Default time shall be 30 minutes after scheduled round starting time.

4. REGISTRATION

Entry shall be submitted by the national federation in the attached registration form on or before December 1, 2018 together with payment of the entry fees. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player or accompanying person should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee.

5. REGISTRATION FEE

Each player or accompanying person must pay US\$100 to the organizers for accreditation, internal transportation and other local organizational expenses.

6. ENTRY FEE

Upon registration, each official player shall pay the entry fee of \$125. Extra players pay double, \$250 entry fee. The Organizing Committee shall pay half of the entry fees to Asian Chess Federation. Entries are not confirmed unless Registration and Entry fees are received before the deadline. Please send payments to:

Beneficiary Name: National Chess Federation of the Philippines
US Dollar Acct Nbr: **0 2 4 8 2 7 1 0 0 0 4 8 2**
Bank Name: Philippine Bank of Communications
Address: 6795 PBCom Tower cor. V.A. Rufino, Ayala Ave
Makati City, Philippines
SWIFT CODE: CPHIPHMM

Players who do not fulfill payments till the Technical Meeting will be removed from Pairing.

7. TRAVELLING EXPENSES

In accordance with FIDE Regulations, air travel expenses shall be borne by the participating Federations.

8. ACCOMMODATION

Playing venue is at the function room of the Tiara Oriental Hotel. All participants are required to stay at the official hotel.

The official players from each National Federation will be provided with lodging from afternoon of December 9 till noon of December 19. Participants will be accommodated in double (or triple) shared bedrooms.

Each extra player/accompanying person should pay for their accommodation through the Organizing Committee in advance.

Single Room \$150 / Double Room \$85 / Triple Room \$75 / Quadruple Room \$65 per person per day

- Rates are with full board (3 meals a day).

- Transport to and from Manila International Airport will be provided by the organizers.

Note: Payment for Registration Fee, Entry Fee and Hotel Accommodation should be done through the organizers (NCFP) otherwise registration will not be accepted and player will not be paired.

9. PRIZES

Prize fund is \$35,000 for the Open and \$18,000 for the Women's as follows:

OPEN			
1 st Place	\$10,000	9 th Place	\$700
2 nd Place	7,000	10 th Place	600
3 rd Place	5,000	11 th Place	500
4 th Place	3,000	12 th Place	450
5 th Place	2,000	13 th Place	400
6 th Place	1,000	14 th Place	350
7 th Place	900	15 th Place	300
8 th Place	800	16-25 th Place	200

WOMEN			
1 st Place	\$6,000	9 th Place	\$400
2 nd Place	4,000	10 th Place	300
3 rd Place	2,000	11 th Place	300
4 th Place	1,000	12 th Place	300
5 th Place	800	13 th Place	300
6 th Place	700	14 th Place	300
7 th Place	600	15 th Place	300
8 th Place	500	16 th Place	200

Cash prizes shall be shared among tied players.

The top five (5) from the 2018 Asian (Open) Championship shall qualify for the 2019 World Cup. The 2018 Asian Women's champion shall qualify for the Women's World Championship.

If previous qualifiers are among the winners, the next in line in the Continental shall take the Continental qualification place to the World Cup / Women's Championship.

10. TECHNICAL DELEGATE, CHIEF ARBITER AND ASSISTANTS

The Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter, his Deputies and Assistants will be appointed by the Asian Chess Federation President, Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan. Any matter not mentioned in these regulations shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation.

The Technical Delegate shall be responsible to ensure that the Organizing Committee adhere strictly to both the general conditions and the regulations of the Asian Continental Championship.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament as stipulated in the regulations.

There shall be a Chairman, two other members, and two reserves all from different Federations, appointed by the ACF President in consultation with the Organizing Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than 30 minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behavior,
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 200 (two hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

12. TIE BREAK

In the Asian Individual Chess Championships, tie-breaks are organized only in the following cases:

- to establish the Champion;
- to establish qualifiers for the World Cup / Women's World Championship.

Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) Greater number of victories (forfeits counted);
- c) The average rating of opponents except 1 highest and 1 lowest Opponent;
- d) The Buchholz System Cut 1 (less 1 lowest);
- e) The Buchholz System
- f) Sonnenborn Berger System

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND TELEVISION

Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue. Flash may be used only during the first ten minutes.

An official photographer, designated by the Organizers with the approval of the Chief Arbiter shall be allowed to take photos at any time during the round without flash.

14. VISAS

Players who need visas may request invitation letter for application at their respective consulates. For registration, please send ID photos and clear scanned copies of passports valid for at least six months (valid till July 2019). Deadline for registration for visa assistance is November 26, 2018.

15. DRESS CODE

All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their national federation and/or the national flag. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should follow the dress code at the closing ceremony.

14. CONTACTS

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