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National Chess Federations
FIDE Zone 3.3

Invitation to Zone 3.3 Championships 2017 (Open and Women)

The City of Tagaytay on behalf of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, Asian Chess Federation and FIDE, has the honor to invite all Chess Federations in Zone 3.3 affiliated to FIDE to participate in the Zone 3.3 Zonal Championships 2017 for Open and Women from 24 February to 6 March 2017 in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

Time Control:

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 the DGT clocks.

Pairings:

The Swiss Manager program shall be used for the Championships. In the last round, players from the same federation who have more than 50% shall not be paired together if alternate pairings are available.

Qualification for the World Championships:

The top two in the Open Zonal shall qualify for the World Cup 2017 and the winner of the Women's Zonal shall qualify for the Women's World Championship.

Appeals Committee:

An Appeals Committee comprising 3 members and 2 reserves shall be elected from among the federations represented. Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within an hour after the round with a refundable deposit of USD100.

Tie Break:

In case of a tie for the qualifying place(s) for the World Cup or Women's World Championship, the following methods shall be used in the following order:

Where there is a tie between 2 players: the players shall draw lots for colors for the playoff match of 2 games. Each player shall be given 15 minutes with 10 seconds increment added after each move. If this results in a tie again, the players shall toss for colors for one Sudden death game. The player to win shall be the qualifier.

If there are more than two players tied for two qualifying places, the highest by tie break qualifies and the next two shall have a playoff match as described above. If there are more than two players tied for one

qualifying place, the top two by tie break shall have a playoff match as described above to select the qualifier.

Ties shall be broken by the following tie break order:

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) Assuming at least 8 rated opponents, by average rating of 8 strongest rated opponents. If still tied, 7 strongest opponents, etc.
- c) Buchholz then Median System.

Prizes:

A total of US\$5,000 in cash prizes shall be given as follows: Open \$3,200 and Women \$1,800

Open: 1st - US\$1,500; 2nd – US\$1,000, 3rd – US\$500, 4th – US\$200

Women: 1st: US\$800, 2nd – US\$500, 3rd – US\$300, 4th – US\$200

Prizes shall be shared equally among tied players.

Schedule:

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| Friday 24 Feb | after 12:00 noon | Arrival |
| Saturday 25 Feb | 11:00 | Technical Meeting |
| | 14:00 | Round 1 |
| Sunday 26 Feb | 14:00 | Round 2 |
| Monday 27 Feb | 14:00 | Round 3 |
| Tuesday 28 Feb | 14:00 | Round 4 |
| Wednesday 1 Mar | 14:00 | Round 5 |
| Thursday 2 March | 14:00 | Round 6 |
| Friday 3 March | 14:00 | Round 7 |
| Saturday 4 March | 14:00 | Round 8 |
| Sunday 5 March | 14:00 | Round 9 |
| | 20:00 | Closing Ceremony |
| Monday 6 March | before 12:00 noon | Departure |

Entry Fee:

In accordance with regulations, an Asian Chess Federation entry fee of US\$75 for the first official player per federation and US\$150 for extra players shall be paid by their National Federation to the Organizing Committee. All payments should be made before the Technical Meeting. Unpaid players will not be paired.

The registration fee to the Organizing Committee is US\$100 for each participant and each accompanying person including accreditation and transportation from the airport to the hotel and return.

The organizer shall provide free full board and lodging during the tournament for GMs > 2550 and WGMs > 2350 on the February 2017 FIDE Rating List. One male and one female of CACDEC countries Laos, Cambodia and East Timor will also be given free hospitality. Other players from the national federations can participate in this tournament upon payment for their board and lodging. All participants must stay in the official hotel. The cost is \$60 per person per day in double rooms and \$50 per person per day in triple rooms including three meals at the Character Resort Hotel

Deadline:

Entry forms must be filled from the National Federations and returned to the organizer not later than 24 January 2017. This date is the registration deadline. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

Travel:

Players and accompanying persons shall be met at the Manila International Airport Manila by the Organizing Committee and taken to Tagaytay City.

Venue:

Tagaytay City Hall Complex

Visas:

Participants who need visas shall apply for visas at the Philippine Embassy in your respective countries. Minors should send passport copy.

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We look forward to welcoming you to Tagaytay City.



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