







14th Asian Schools Chess Championships 2018 Open & Girls under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 Kaluthara, Sri Lanka - 7th to 15th July 2018 Organized by – Sri Lanka Chess

INVITATION

The Chess Federation of Sri Lanka under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and the World Chess Federation (FIDE), has the honour of inviting all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 14th Asian Schools Chess Championships 2018 to be organized in Kaluthara, Sri Lanka from 7th July (arrival) to 15th July (departure) 2018.

1. General Rules & Regulations

The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and these Rules.

2. Participation

- 2.1. There shall be 6 categories; namely Under-07, Under-09 Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 2.2. Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 before 1 January 2018:

Under-07: Born on or after 1 January 2011 Under-09: Born on or after 1 January 2009 Under-11: Born on or after 1 January 2007 Under-13: Born on or after 1 January 2005 Under-15: Born on or after 1 January 2003

Under-17: Born on or after 1 January 2001

2.3. Every Asian National Chess Federation can register one official player in each category (open/girls) totaling a maximum of 12 players. No substitution from other categories can be made in case there is no official player in any category.

2.4. Asian National Chess Federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish but they are responsible for all their own expenses.

3. Financial Regulations

- 3.1. Entry Fee: The Entry Fee is 75 USD for official players and 150USD for additional players. After the deadline of 23rd May 2018, the surcharge for late entries of USD 50 shall be applicable.
- 3.2. Registration Fee: All players and accompanying persons must pay a registration fee of 125 USD to the organizer. The registration fee includes the costs for airport transfers, Accreditation Cards, Certificates, etc.
- 3.3. The travelling costs of all participants must be paid by themselves or by their National Chess Federations.
- 3.4. The deadline of registration is 9th June 2016

4. Playing Venue & Official Hotels

- 4.1. The Playing Venue & Official Hotels are selected from Kaluthara, Sri Lanka.
- 4.2. Accommodation and full board will be provided by the organizers.
- 4.3. All Official players, one (1) player per country in each category and one (1) Head of Delegation per country are entitled to free Board and lodging for 8 nights starting from 9th July to 18th July 2016 at the Official Hotel in triple-room basis. Upgrades should need to pay the balance. Arrangement of rooms are on first register first serve basis.
- 4.4 All additional players and all other accompanying persons should pay the cost for board and lodging (with breakfast, lunch & dinner) per person per day as given below. If the specified room type is not available when organizer received the payments, organizer has the right to modify the room type according to the availability.

4.5 Hotel fees are as below:	Single room	Double room	Triple room
(per person/per night) Hotel			
3/5-Star Hotel	160 USD	80 USD	75USD

4.6. All participants and all accompany persons are obliged to lodge at the official Hotels. Bookings of official Hotel for the event should be done through the organizers only.

5. Format of Play

- 5.1. Time control: Each player shall have 90 minutes for the game with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- 5.2. Where possible, each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.
- 5.3. Default time for arriving to the chessboard is 15 minutes.

6. Schedule

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7^{th} July 2018 - Arrival 8^{th} July 2018 - Asian Schools Rapid Chess Championship 2018 Rd. 1-7 9^{th} July 2018 - 9.30 a.m. - Opening Ceremony 9^{th} July 2018 - 10. 30 1^{st} Round/ 4.00 p.m. - 2^{nd} Round
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10^{\text{th}} July 2018-09.30 a.m. 3^{\text{rd}} Round/ 4.00 p.m. -4^{\text{th}} Round
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11th July 2018 - 09.30 a.m. 5th Round

 12^{th} July 2018 - 09.30 a.m. 6^{th} Round/ 4.00~p.m. -7^{th} Round

13th July 2018 - 09.30 a.m. 8th Round

14th July 2018 - 09.30 a.m. 9th Round

14th July 2018 - 4.00 p.m. -Asian Schools Blitz Chess Championship 2018 Rd. 1-7

14th July 2018 - 8.30 p.m. – Prize Distribution Function

15th July 2018 - Departure

7. Tie-break System

- 7.1. The final ranking order of the players is 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 as in accordance to the following:
- 7.2. Direct Encounter
- 7.3. The greater number of wins
- 7.4. The greater number of games with black (un played games shall be counted as played with white)
- 7.5. Buchholz cut 1
- 7.6. Buchholz
- 7.7. Sonneborn-Berger

8. Prizes

- 8.1. Trophies, Medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players in each category.
- 8.2. Certificates of Participation shall be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, managers, and the appointed Technical Officials.
- 8.3. For Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, finishing first (after tie-break) shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal (after tie-break) winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.
- 8.4. For Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.
- 8.5. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: FM 2100, WFM 1900, CM 2000, WCM 1800
- 8.6. In case there are fewer than eight players and five federations in an age group, that group shall be merged with another group.
- 8.7. Team medals are given considering the total of 1st 3 players of the country. Even there are 2 players they are eligible if they scores needed points than a 3 player total. Single player is not considered as a team.

9. Appeals Committee

9.1. The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons one of whom may be the ACF Technical Delegate. In the event that the Appeals Committee is appointed by the Technical Meeting, there should be an

additional 2 reserve members and in this case, no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation.

- 9.2. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within a half an hour after the end of the respective Game.
- 9.3. A protest fee of USD 200 shall be paid to the Organizer which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous.
- 9.4. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

10. Visa

10.1. All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Sri Lankashould get the prior visa from the respective Sri Lankan Mission abroad. Online visa is also possible through the following website. www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/visainfo

11. Travel Information

11.1. Colombo BIA International Airport is well connected from most of the leading airports in Asia.

12. Leisure

Sri Lanka is one of the best tourist destinations in Asia. You may plan the event with a holiday.

12. Contact Details

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13. Bank Details

Name of account- Chess Federation of Sri Lanka

Address – 151/12, SiridhammaMawatha, Colombo 10.

A/C Number – 718386

Name of the bank – Bank of Ceylon

Branch – Bambalapitiya

Bank address – Unity Plaza Building, Bambalapitiya, Colombo 04, Sri Lanka.

Swift Code – BCEYLKLX

We hope all of you will readily send a great team to feel the Sri Lankan Hospitality! See you in Sri Lanka.

Luxman Wijesuriya

Chairman – Organizing Committee

FIDE Delegate – Sri Lanka