



**9th Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2018
2-12 November 2018, Tagaytay City, Philippines**

The City of Tagaytay under the auspices of the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, Asian Chess Federation and FIDE have the honor to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over-50 and over-65 years old and for Women over-50, from 2 to 12 November 2018 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center (TICC) in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

1. Participation

The Asian Seniors Championship is open to senior players registered by their national federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.7. Players should reach their 50th or 65th birthday in 2018. Participants must have been born in or before 1968 for seniors over 50 and for women over 50, and born in or before 1953 for seniors over 65.

2. Schedule

The Championship will be held from 2-12 November 2018 as follows:

Friday	2 November	PM	Arrival
Saturday	3 November	09:00	Technical Meeting
		10:00	Rapid Chess Championship
Sunday	4 November	10:00	Round 1
		16:00	Round 2
Monday	5 November	15:00	Round 3
Tuesday	6 November	15:00	Round 4
Wednesday	7 November	15:00	Round 5
Thursday	8 November	15:00	Round 6
Friday	9 November	15:00	Round 7
Saturday	10 November	15:00	Round 8
Sunday	11 November	10:00	Round 9
		16:00	Blitz Championship
		19:00	Closing Ceremony
Monday	12 November	AM	Departure

3. Tournament System and Rate of Play

The tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply.

Time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time.

Time control for Rapid chess is 15 minutes each plus 10 seconds increment per move.

Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes each plus 2 seconds increment per move.

4. Tie-Break System

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) and to (e).

a- Direct Encounter

b- Buccholz

c- Buccholz Cut 1,

d- Buccholz Cut 2

e- Sonnenborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one sudden death blitz game between the top two shall decide.

5. Registrations

The entries must be submitted by the respective National Chess Federation on the attached registration form to tagaytaychessclub@gmail.com and casto.abundo@gmail.com to be received not later than 2 October 2018 together with one ID photo and scanned copy of the passport.

6. Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and Appeals Committee

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and Chairman of Appeals. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different federations.

7. Appeals

A protest against 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 protest fee of USD 200.00 (Two 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. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately.

No Appeals are possible in Rapid and Blitz. The Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

8. Registration

National Federations should inform the organizers by 2 September 2018 how many players they intend to register. This is for the organizers to book the hotel.

Deadline for registration is 2 October 2018. The registration/entry fee for the Asian Senior Chess Championship is \$125 for all participants which should be paid upon registration. After 2nd October 2018, a late registration fee of \$50 shall be charged.

Players whose payment has not been received shall not be paired.

9. Accommodation

Players may choose to stay in the official accommodation at the Character Resort in the same complex as the TICC venue. Booking should be made through the Organizing Committee. Character Resort rates are Double room: \$120 for two persons per day with full board, \$150 for triple room per day with full board.

Those who stay in other hotels will be responsible for their own local transport. Buffet lunch and dinner at the TICC are available at \$10 per buffet for those who book meals upon registration.

10. Prizes

Top three winners of each category (Standard, Rapid, Blitz) will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Certificate.

A total of \$3,000 in cash prizes in this Asian Chess Federation event shall be awarded as follows:

Over 50

First	US\$500
Second	US\$400
Third	US\$300
Fourth	US\$200
Fifth	US\$150
Sixth	US\$150

Over 65

First	US\$350
Second	US\$200
Third	US\$150
Fourth	US\$100
Fifth	US\$100

Best Women

Over 50	US\$300
Over 65	US\$100

All players having the same number of points will share their money prizes equally, in local currency.

11. Direct Titles

Gold medalists (first after tiebreak) in Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm. 1st equal (first three after tie break) will receive the IM title. Silver and bronze medalists shall receive IM norms and FM titles.

For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900.

12. Payments

Payments should be made upon registration. Foreign players should settle the full payment (Fees + Hotel) to the organizer. Please send payment to:

Account Name: Tagaytay Chess Club, Inc.
Account Number: 152-19-000038-2
Bank Name: Asia United Bank
Bank Address: Tagaytay City, Philippines
SWIFT: AUBKPHMM

13. Visa

Those who need visas should apply at the Philippine consulate nearest them. Invitation letters will be issued by the NCFP upon payment of entry fee before the deadline.

14. Airport Transfers

The organizer shall provide participants with airport transfers from Manila International Airport to the Official Hotel and back.

All participants are required to send by 26th October 2018 their flight details of arrivals and departures to the organizer at least one week before the arrival date. The organizer shall not be responsible for airport transfers for those who do not send their flight details on time.

15. Other Matters

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above shall be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation President.

16. Contact Information

For more information, please contact:

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