



Tagaytay City, 1 February 2011

The President / Secretary  
National Chess Federations of FIDE Zone 3.3

### **Zone 3.3 Championships 2011 (Open and Women's)**

The National Chess Federation of the Philippines has the honor to invite all Chess Federations in Zone 3.3 affiliated to FIDE to participate in the Zone 3.3 Zonal Championships 2011 for Open and Women from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

#### **Format / 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 Championship. In the last two rounds, players from the same federation who have more than 50% shall not be paired together if possible.

Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30<sup>th</sup> move.

#### **Qualification for the World Championship**

The top two in the Open Zonal shall qualify for the World Cup 2011 and the winner of the Women's Zonal shall qualify for the Women's World Cup.

#### **Appeals Committee:**

An Appeals Committee comprising 5 members and 2 reserves shall be elected from among the federations represented. Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within half an hour after the round with a refundable deposit of \$100.

**Tie Break:**

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

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) Average rating of the 8 strongest opponents, provided at least 8 opponents are rated. If still tied, 7 strongest opponents, etc.
- c) Bucholz then Median System.

**Prizes**

Prizes shall be announced.

**Schedule:**

23 <sup>rd</sup> May	after 1200 noon	Arrival
24 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00	Technical Meeting
	15:00	Opening Ceremony
	1600-2100	Round 1
25 <sup>th</sup> May	1000-1500	Round 2
	1700-2200	Round 3
26 <sup>th</sup> May	1700-2200	Round 4
27 <sup>th</sup> May	1000-1500	Round 5
	1700-2200	Round 6
28 <sup>th</sup> May	1600-2100	Round 7
29 <sup>th</sup> May	1600-2100	Round 8
30 <sup>th</sup> May	1000-1500	Round 9
	1800	Closing Ceremony
31 <sup>st</sup> May	before 1200 noon	Departure

**Entry Fee:**

The registration fee is \$150 per player and \$100 for each accompanying person.

The organizer shall provide free full board and lodging during the tournament for GMs > 2500 and WGMs > 2350 on the May 2011 FIDE Rating List. One male and one female of CACDEC countries Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia will also be given free hospitality. Other players from the national federations can participate in this tournament upon payment of their board and lodging. All participants must stay in the Official Hotel(s). The cost is US\$75 for single room and US\$50 for twin room including three meals.

**Deadline:**

Entry forms must be filled from the National Federations and returned to the organizer not later than 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011. This date is the registration deadline. Late registration shall bear a \$50 fine.

**Travel:**

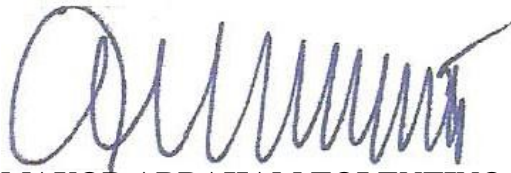
Players and accompanying persons shall be met at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila by the Organizing Committee and taken to Tagaytay City, a little over an hour's drive.

**Visas:**

Participants who need visas shall apply for visas at the Philippine Embassy in your respective countries. For any problems, please contact

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We look forward to welcoming you to Tagaytay City.



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