



Dusit Thani
PATTAYA



INVITATION

The ASEAN Chess Academy, the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Thailand Chess Association have the honour of inviting all federations and eligible players for the World Schools Individual Chess Championships 2015 to be organised in Pattaya, Thailand from 6th May (arrival) to 15th May (departure) 2015.

General Regulations & Rules

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

Participation

2. 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.
3. Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the age of 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 **before** 1 January 2015:-
Under-07: Born on or after 1 January 2008;
Under-09: Born on or after 1 January 2006;
Under-11: Born on or after 1 January 2004;
Under-13: Born on or after 1 January 2002;
Under-15: Born on or after 1 January 2000;
Under-17: Born on or after 1 January 1998.
4. The following have a personal right and are entitled to participate provided they fulfil the condition of Rule 3 above:-
 - 4.1 The Champions of the World Schools Championships 2014
 - 4.2 The Continental Schools Champions 2014.

5. FIDE member federations & FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies shall have the right to send as many players as they wish.

System & Schedule

6. Time control: Each player shall have 90 minutes for 40 moves and 30 minutes for the rest of the game with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.
7. Where possible, each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.
8. Schedule:

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| 6 May 2015 | After 1200 hour | Arrivals |
| 7 May 2015 | 0900 hour | Technical Meeting |
| | 1430 hour | Opening Ceremony |
| | 1530 hour | Round 1 |
| 8 May 2015 | 0900 hour | Round 2 |
| | 1530 hour | Round 3 |
| 9 May 2015 | 1530 hour | Round 4 |
| 10 May 2015 | 0900 hour | Round 5 |
| | 1530 hour | Round 6 |
| | 2030 to 2330 hour | Social Nite |
| 11 May 2015 | 1530 hour | Blitz Championships |
| 12 May 2015 | 1530 hour | Round 7 |
| 13 May 2015 | 1530 hour | Round 8 |
| 14 May 2015 | 0900 hour | Round 9 |
| | 1530 to 1930 hour | Awards Ceremony |
| 15 May 2015 | Before 1200 hour | Departures |

Designation of the Winners

9. 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:-
 - 9.1 Direct Encounter
 - 9.2 Buchholz Cut 1
 - 9.3 Buchholz
 - 9.4 Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces
 - 9.5 Greater Number of Wins

Prizes

10. Before the beginning of the first round, a list of the prizes to be awarded to at least the 10 highest placed participants, including special prizes shall be published together with the rules for their award. The Organizer shall also award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each event.

11. For Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.
12. For Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

Certificates

13. Certificates shall be awarded to players who finish in the top 3 positions.
14. Certificates of Participation shall be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, managers, and the FIDE appointed Technical Officials.

Appeals

15. The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons one of whom may be the FIDE 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.
16. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within two hours after the end of the playing session.
17. A protest fee of 200 Euro shall be payable to FIDE which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.
18. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

Medical

19. From the duration of arrival and until departure, the Organizer shall insure the participants against accidents and the need for medical services including cost of medicines in case of acute illnesses, surgical operations, etc. The Organizer shall not be responsible for medical services needed for treatment of chronic or other illnesses which already existed before the arrival at the Competition.

Visa

20. All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Thailand must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before the deadline of **7 March 2015** after which the Organizer shall not be responsible.

Playing Venue & Official Hotel

21. The Playing Venue & Official Hotel shall be the DUSIT THANI PATTAYA, a beach resort in Pattaya town which is about 45 minutes' drive from the international airport.
22. All players and accompanying persons must be accredited and stay at the Official Hotel.

23. The rates are USD 87 per person per day inclusive of 3 meals; whether twin or triple sharing. For single room, the rate is USD 155.
24. The Organizer shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rule 4 above as well as for one accompanying person per federation (with minimum participation of 6 players) and provided he holds a valid licence as FIDE trainer.

Financial Regulations

25. In accordance to the FIDE Financial Regulations, the Entry Fee for players is €40. This shall be paid directly to FIDE.

Name of Account: Federation Internationale Des Echecs
Name of Bank: UBS Bank
Account Number: 243 – 342087.63Y
IBAN: CH54 0024 3243 3420 8763 Y
Bank Address: Case Postale, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland

26. All players and accompanying persons must pay a Registration Fee of USD 125 to the Organizer. The Registration Fee is to include the costs for airport transfers, Accreditation Cards, Certificates, etc.
27. The travelling costs of all participants must be paid by themselves or by their national federations.

Registration of Participation (as per General Regulations for FIDE Competitions)

28. At least 3 months (**Before 7 February 2015**) before the beginning of the Competition, a federation shall register its intention to participate with the Organizer. This is a Preliminary Registration and should indicate the number of players and other participants.
29. At least 2 months (**Before 7 March 2015**) before the beginning of the Competition, the participating federation shall submit its Final Registration of participants. The birthdate of each player must be given and must correspond with the birthdate given in his passport or other travel document. All travel documents must also be submitted if visas are required. The Organizer shall not be responsible for late submission and application for visas.
30. **Prepayment of at least 50% must be paid before the deadline of 7th March 2015. The rest of the payments shall be made before the start of the First Round.**
31. Entry Fees for late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged as follow:
 - 31.1 Late registration after the deadline (**7 March 2015**):
two times of stipulated entry fee
 - 31.2 Withdrawal after submission of registration:
two times of stipulated entry fee and one night's hotel expenses

- 31.3 No show after registration:
two times of stipulated entry fee and two nights' hotel expenses
- 31.4 If a player/team registers late and withdraws or does not appear:
the federation will be charged the higher penalty.
- 31.5 The Organizer must send to FIDE the list of participants one week (**14 March 2015**) after the registration deadline.

Registration and Payment

32. Organizer: Asean Chess Academy
Contact Person: Mr Ignatius Leong
email: fideleong@gmail.com
Tel: (65) 96337946
33. All Bank Transfers are to be made to:-
- Name of Account: ASEAN CHESS ACADEMY PTE LTD
Name of Bank: DBS Bank
Address of Bank: 6 Shenton Way, Singapore
SWIFT Code: DBSSSGSG
Account Number: 070 – 900185 – 8

Social Nite

34. Each Federation may register only one performance before 1600 hour on 8 May 2015.
Any number of players may participate in the performance.
35. Prizes shall be awarded for the best performances. The number of prizes shall depend on the number of performances; minimum best 3; maximum up to 25% of the number of performances.
35. A panel of judges shall determine the results.

Seminars

36. Arbiters and Trainers Seminars will be held from 11 to 14 May 2015.
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