



16th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

INVITATION

The Singapore Chess Federation, under the auspices of the ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC) and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), have the honour of inviting all Asian national chess federations to participate in the **16th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015** to be organised in Singapore from 8th June (arrival) to 17th June (departure) 2015.

General Regulations & Rules

1. The Championships shall be governed by these Rules.

Participation

- 2.1 There shall be 14 categories; namely Under-08, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 2.2 Entitled to participate are players who shall not have reached the respective age **before** 1 January 2015.
3. There shall be 2 categories for Senior>50 and Senior>65. Such players must reach the required age during the year 2015.
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.

System & Pairing

5. Where possible, each category shall be conducted in the Swiss System of 9 rounds.
6. In the last 2 rounds, where possible, players from the same Federation and who have scored more than 50% shall not be paired to play each other.

Time Control

- 7.1 Standard Chess: Each player has 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment.
7.2 Rapid Chess: Each player has 25 minutes to complete the game.
7.3 Blitz Chess: Each player has 5 minutes to complete the game.

8. Schedule:

8 June 2015	2030 hour	Technical Meeting
9 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 1
	1530-2030 hr	Round 2
10 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 3
11 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 4
	1530-2030 hr	Round 5
12 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 6
13 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 7
	1530-2030 hr	Round 8
14 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Round 9
	1500-1900 hr	Social Evening and Medal Awards for Standard Chess
15 June 2015	0900-1430 hr	Rapid Chess Rounds 1 to 4
	1530-1930 hr	Rapid Chess Rounds 5 to 7
16 June 2015	0900-1400 hr	Blitz Chess
	1500-1900 hr	Closing Ceremony
17 June 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

Medals

- 10.1 Medals: Shall be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category. (See 10.3)
- 10.2 Team Medals: Shall be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a Federation. Federations with less than 3 players shall not be eligible for a team award. In the case of a tie, the tie-break scores of each player shall be determined. (See 9.1)
- 10.3 Individual Medals: Where there is a tie, not more than 3 players shall receive the same colour medal. For each category, not more than 5 medals shall be awarded. Examples: If 2 players tied for first and 2 players tied for third, then, 2 Gold Medals shall be awarded, and there shall be no Silver, but 2 Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If 3 players tied for first, then, no Silver and Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If more than 3 players tied for first, then, the 3 highest players based on the tie-break shall receive the Gold Medals and the Silver and the Bronze Medals shall not be awarded.

- 10.4. In the determination of FIDE Direct Title Awards applicable to Standard Chess only, the tiebreak shall be used in case of more than one Gold, or more than one Silver or more than one Bronze were awarded. FM/WFM titles are awarded to the winners (regardless of ASEAN or Non-ASEAN players) of the youth categories. In the case of a tie, after the tie-break, only the top three finishers shall be awarded. CM/WCM titles are awarded, after the tie-break, to Silver and Bronze Medal winners, and not more than one title shall be awarded for each (2nd/3rd) position. IM/WIM titles are awarded for the ASEAN U-20 category.

Certificates

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

Appeals

13. The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons appointed during the Technical Meeting.
14. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session.
15. A protest fee of USD 100 shall be payable to the Organizer 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.
16. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

Medical

17. 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

18. All players and accompanying persons who require a visa to enter Singapore must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before the deadline of **15 April 2015** after which the Organizer shall not be responsible.

Playing Venue & Official Hotel

19. The Playing Venue & Official Hotel shall be the NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY which is about 45 minutes' drive from the international airport.
20. All players and accompanying persons must be accredited and stay at the Official Venue. Please bring your own bath towel.
21. The rate for twin sharing room is USD 75 per person per day inclusive of 3 meals. For single room, the rate is USD 90.
22. The Organizer shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share room) for one official per federation. (Two officials in the case of ASEAN federations with more than 20 players).

Financial Regulations

23. The Entry Fee for players is USD 250. If registration and payment are submitted before the deadline of 15 April 2015, there will be a 20% discount (USD 200).
24. All officials 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. If registration and payment are submitted before 15 April 2015, there will be a discount of 40% (USD 75).

Registration of Participation

25. **Before 15 March 2015**, 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.
26. **Before 15 April 2015**, 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.
27. All players are also required to send their passport photo size in jpeg file to the Organizer for preparation of name plates. All accompanying persons must have identification tags (with photo) for admittance into the Opening Ceremony, Social Night and Closing Ceremony.

Registration and Payment

28. Organizer: Singapore Chess Federation
Contact Person: IA/IO Ignatius LEONG
email: fideleong@gmail.com
Tel: (65) 96337946
29. All Bank Transfers are to be made to:-

Name of Account: SINGAPORE CHESS FEDERATION
Name of Bank: DBS Bank
Address of Bank: 6 Shenton Way, Singapore
SWIFT Code: DBSSSGSG
Account Number: 001 – 043184 - 6

Social Night

30. It is a custom of the ASEAN Age-Group that each Federation from ASEAN shall send some players participating in these Championships to perform a show of their choice. Please bring your own musical instruments and/or CD/DVD for use in the show. Prizes will be awarded.

Seminars

31. Arbiters and Trainers Seminars will be held from 2 to 6 June 2015.

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32. These Championships are also held in Singapore from 30 May to 8 June 2015.