



ASIAN AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

**6th – 13th September 2015,
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**

1. Invitation

The Brunei Chess Federation (BCF) on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) invites chess players from all Asian countries which are members of FIDE to participate in the Asian Amateur Chess Championship which will be held from the 6th to 13th September 2015, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

2. Organising committee

The organising committee for this tournament is the Brunei Chess Federation in collaboration with the Asian Chess Federation and the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sports of Brunei Darussalam.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the Orchid Garden Hotel, Jalan Berakas, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

4. Registration Fees

4.1) The registration fees for the ASIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 is USD50 for participation fees.

4.2) The deadline for registration is **1st August 2015**. However, organizers reserve the right to accept or refuse registrations.

4.3) After the deadline of 1st August 2015, the fees for late entries shall be USD75.

5. Registration

5.1) The Asian Amateur Championship 2015 is open to all Asian amateur players and **should not have a FIDE Rating above 2100 at the start of the tournament;**

5.2) Players should not have a FIDE title above FIDE Master (i.e. WIM, WGM, IM and GM);

5.3) Players can **REGISTER** into the tournament by contacting the following individuals:

- ASEAN Focal Person, Kamarunsalehin Kamis via email: sal_maru@hotmail.com
- INTERNATIONAL Focal Person, GM Vakhidov Tahir via email: vakhidovt@yahoo.com

5.4) All participants must complete their entry fee payments before the start of the players meeting.

5.5) All participants must have a FIDE ID to participate in this tournament.

5.6) The organizer reserves the right to accept or refuse registrations for any reasons deemed acceptable to ensure a harmonious tournament.

6. Currency Exchange

The local currency is Brunei Ringgit (BND). Approximate rate for USD1 is BND1.345 (May 2015).

7. Flight and Travel conditions

7.1) Flight expenses will be borne by respective players.

7.2) Travel between the Brunei International Airport to the hotel during arrival, and vice versa during departure, will be provided by the organisers.

8. Visa Arrangements

Players needing visa must contact the organising committee before **1st August 2015** and apply on time.

Contact person:

Kamarunsalehin Kamis

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9. Accommodation

9.1) The Brunei Chess Federation would like to offer free accommodation for two (2) players each country in shared double rooms with full lodgings in the main hotel, Orchid Garden Hotel.

9.2) For additional players and accompanying persons, special rates between the Brunei Chess Federation and the main hotel have been organized. Interested players can contact the organizers to acquire further details. Below are examples of nearby accommodations:

- Orchid Garden Hotel ***** (Venue): <http://www.orchidgardenbrunei.com/booking.html>
- Times Hotel: <http://www.timeshotelbrunei.com/contact.html>

10. Tournament Format

10.1) The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply

10.2) The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System of 9 rounds.

10.3) Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the whole game + 30 seconds increment for every move played starting from the first move.

10.4) No draw offers are allowed before the 30th move.

10.5) For the best Asian women and unrated, there shall be a playoff among the top four. The 1st plays against 4th and 2nd vs. 3rd two Rapid chess games, then two winners face each other playing two Rapid chess games. In case of tie, one blitz game shall be played. In case of tie, players shall draw for color in sudden death game.

The top 4 players in the Women and Unrated section shall play in a Championship style knockout system to determine their position. In the event that a player is entitled for both, the gender shall take priority over the rating.

a. Players Draw:

Table 1: 1st Player against 4th Player

Table 2: 2nd Player against 3rd Player

Winner Table 1 to play with Winner Table 2 to determine the Champion/Runner Up Loser Table 1 to play with Loser Table 2 to determine 3rd/4th placing

b. Playing Format:

i. Each pair shall be required to play two rapid games each with a time control of 15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.

ii. Players will draw for colors before the start of the first game and will alternate color for their second game.

iii. In the event of a tied score (i.e. 1-1), one sudden death playoff shall be played. The player winning the draw shall choose the colors to play – White shall have 6 minutes whilst Black only 5 minutes on the clock.

iv. Once the game passed the 60th move, each player shall receive 3 seconds increment per move from the 61st move onwards.

v. For the sudden death game, White must win whereas Black needs only a draw to be declared the winner

vi. All games shall be played concurrently

c. Additional Rules

i. For the playoff games, players do not need to record their moves as the Arbiter shall do it for them

ii. Player having the move can stop his clock to check on the score sheet ONLY if he/she is claiming for a draw i.e. 3 fold repetitions or 50 moves rule, by writing down the move that he/she intends to play to produce the draw

iii. If the claim is correct, the game shall be declared as a draw. For an incorrect claim, 3 minutes shall be added to the opponent's time.

iv. 3 incorrect claims shall result in a loss of the game for the claimant

v. Other details pertaining to the added Rules and Regulations for the playoff shall be made known by the Chief Arbiter to the players before the game starts.

11. Tournament hall code

11.1) All Players are obliged to wear uniforms that represent their National Federation and/or the National Flag. Shorts, Slippers, Sun glasses, Sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed

11.2) All players and audience in the tournament hall must adhere to the rules put forward by the Arbiters. Otherwise, they may be asked to leave the tournament hall.

11.3) No electronic communication devices are allowed in the tournament hall.

12. Playing Schedule:

Date (September 2015)	Day	Time	Programme
6 th	Sunday	All Day	Arrival
		19.00	Player's meeting
7 th	Monday	09.00 – 09.30	Opening Ceremony
		09.30 – 13.30	Round 1
		15.30 – 19.30	Round 2
8 th	Tuesday	09.00 – 13.00	Round 3
		15.00 – 19.00	Round 4
9 th	Wednesday	09.00 – 13.00	Round 5
		15.00 – 19.00	Round 6
10 th	Thursday	15.00 – 19.00	Round 7
11 th	Friday	15.00 – 19.00	Round 8
12 th	Saturday	09.00 – 13.00	Round 9 (Final round)
		14.00 – 17.00	Asian Women and Unrated Playoff
		14.30 – 18.00	Asian Amateur Blitz Championship 2015
		19.30	Closing Ceremony
13 th	Sunday	All Day	Departure

12.1) **ZERO TOLERANCE** rules shall apply, players not seated in their respective seats will result in an automatic loss for that game.

12.2) There will be a 10 minute break during prayer times.

13. Prizes

All players having the same number of points will share their money prizes equally. Tie-break system will be used for the ranking and trophies/medal distribution.

13.1)

OPEN CATEGORY	
Rankings	Prizes (USD)
1 st	850
2 nd	750
3 rd	650
4 th	550
5 th	450
6 th	400
7 th	350
8 th	300
9 th	250
10 th	200
11 th	150
12 th	100
TOTAL	5000

SPECIAL PRIZES		
Category	Rankings	Prizes (USD)
WOMEN	1 st	100
	2 nd	80
	3 rd	50
	4 th	40
UNRATED	1 st	100
	2 nd	80
	3 rd	50
	4 th	40
JUNIORS U16	1 st	100
	2 nd	80
	3 rd	50
VETERANS A50	1 st	100
	2 nd	80
	3 rd	50
TOTAL		1000

GRAND TOTAL: USD 6000

14. Tie break system

14.1) Winners are determined by number points scored. In case of a tie, the following tie breaks will apply:

- a) Direct encounter
- b) Buchholz
- c) The number of wins.

14.2) Prize winners shall NOT be eligible for multiple prizes, with the exception of the playoffs in Women and Unrated Section.

15. Contact of the Organizing Committee

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