



## **INVITATION**

The Singapore Chess Federation, under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) and the World Chess Federation (FIDE), have the honour of inviting all Asian national chess federations to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Schools Chess Championships 2015 to be organised in Singapore from 30<sup>th</sup> May (arrival) to 8<sup>th</sup> June (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. Every Asian national chess federation can register one official player in each category (open/girls) totalling a maximum of 12 players. No substitution from other categories can be made in case there is no official player in any category.
5. 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 & 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:

30 May 2015	After 1200 hour	Arrivals
31 May 2015	0800 hour	Technical Meeting
	1330 hour	Opening Ceremony
	1400 hour	Round 1
1 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 2
	1530 hour	Round 3
2 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 4
3 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 5
	1530 hour	Round 6
4 June 2015	0900 hour	Blitz Championships
5 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 7
6 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 8
7 June 2015	0900 hour	Round 9
	1530 to 1930 hour	Awards Ceremony
8 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

### 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 (after tiebreak) shall be awarded the FM/WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) 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 (after tiebreak) 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 appointed Technical Officials.

## **Appeals**

15. The Appeals Committee shall comprise 3 persons one of whom may be the ACF 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 USD 250 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.
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 Singapore must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information) to the Organizer before the deadline of **31 March 2015** after which the Organizer shall not be responsible.

## **Playing Venue & Official Hotel**

21. The Playing Venue & Official Hotel shall be the NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY which is about 45 minutes' drive from the international airport.
22. All players and accompanying persons must be accredited and stay at the Official Venue. Please bring your own bath towel.
23. 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.
24. The Organizer shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms) for players mentioned in Rule 4 above.

## Financial Regulations

25. The Entry Fee for official players is USD 75. The Entry Fee for additional players is USD 150. After the deadline of 31 March 2015, the surcharge for late entries shall USD 125 be applicable.
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 1 March 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 31 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 31 March 2015. The rest of the payments shall be made before the start of the First Round.**

## Registration and Payment

31. Organizer: Singapore Chess Federation  
Contact Person: IA/IO Thomas HOE  
email: [asianschools@singaporechess.org.sg](mailto:asianschools@singaporechess.org.sg)  
Tel: (65) 97700539
32. 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: DBSSGSG  
Account Number: 001 – 043184 - 6

## Seminars

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