

“The Ravana Challenge”

International Chess Tournament

September 12th – September 20th 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka



1. Invitation

The Blue & Gold Chess Club in collaboration with the Excalibur Consultants has the honor of inviting all Chess players to participate in the inaugural “The Ravana Challenge International Chess Tournament” under the auspices of the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka, from September 12th (arrival) to September 20th, 2009 (departure) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Tournament will be held in a 5 star hotel in Colombo.

Blue and Gold guarantees that you will participate in one of the most professional competitions in the history of chess.

Blue and Gold aims for record participation in these events. We hope to attract more than 250 rated players including a minimum 40 Grand Masters from various parts of the world. We are ready to accommodate over 500 participants.

2. Prizes

Trophies, medals and certificates will be awarded to the top performers. A total of USD 15,000 in cash prizes shall be awarded as follows:

Overall

Champion	- Trophy, Gold Medal & USD 3000/=
1st Runner up	- Silver Medal & USD. 2000/=
2nd Runner up	- Bronze Medal & USD. 1500/=
4 th Place	- USD 1000
5 th Place	- USD 800
6 th Place	- USD 600
7 th Place	- USD 400
8 th Place	- USD 300
9 th - 14 th Places	- USD 200 each
15 th – 20 th Places	- USD 100 each

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Best Player - Rating category 2251 to 2399 (minimum 5 points)

Champion - Gold Medal & USD. 300/=
1st Runner up - Silver Medal & USD. 200/=
2nd Runner up - Bronze Medal & USD.200/=

Best Player - Rating category 2100 to 2250 (Minimum 5 points)

Champion - Gold Medal & USD. 300/=
1st Runner up - Silver Medal & USD. 200/=
2nd Runner up - Bronze Medal & USD.200/=
4th Place - USD 100
5th place - USD 100

Best Player - Rating category 1900 to 2099 (Minimum 5 points)

Champion - Gold Medal & USD. 200/=
1st Runner up - Silver Medal & USD. 100/=
2nd Runner up - Bronze Medal & USD.100/=
4th & 5th Places - USD 100 each

Below player – Rating category 1900 (Minimum 5 points)

Champion - Gold Medal & USD. 100/=
1st Runner up - Silver Medal & USD. 50/=
2nd Runner up - Bronze Medal & USD. 50/=
4th & 5th Places - USD 50 each

Best Women (Minimum 5 points)

Champion - Gold Medal & USD. 400/=
1st Runner up - Silver Medal & USD. 300/=
2nd Runner up - Bronze Medal & USD.200/=
4th Place - USD 100
5th – 6th Places - USD 50 each

1 USD = Rs 114

All amounts are will be paid in Sri Lanka Rupees. Please note that a Tax@10% (as per Sri Lankan income tax regulations) will be deducted from the prize money.

Ties shall be broken and cash prizes shall **NOT** be shared among the winners.

3. Registration

The deadline for registration is **July 30, 2009**. After this a late registration charge will be added. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. (**Details are given under the heading ‘Entry fees’**)

The registration form must include the FIDE ID, surname, first name, international rating and FIDE title and the passport details of every player and every accompanying person. An identity photo (2x3 cm) must also be sent for each player and accompanying person by 30th July 2009. The photo can also be taken on arrival at the Hotel at the cost of US\$1.00.

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All players must pay their entry fee and accommodation with registration.

Players will not be paired until all payments have been fulfilled.
SLCF registration fee for 2009 is compulsory for all Sri Lankan participants.

4. Format

The tournament will be played using the Swiss system with 10 rounds. The national rankings will not be taken into account for pairings. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 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. Official tie-break rules of FIDE will be accepted.

The cash prizes however will **NOT** be shared.

5. Playing Schedule

Arrival 12th September 2009 at 1200 hrs.

Inauguration 12th September 2009 at 1800 hrs.

Rounds

Day 1	13.09.2009	10.00 hrs.	Round 1
	13.09.2009	16.30 hrs.	Round 2
Day 2	14.09.2009	15.00 hrs.	Round 3
Day 3	15.09.2009	15.00 hrs.	Round 4
Day 4	16.09.2009	9.30 hrs.	Round 5
	16.09.2009	16.30 hrs.	Round 6
Day 5	17.09.2009	15.00 hrs.	Round 7
Day 6	18.09.2009	9.30 hrs.	Round 8
	18.09.2009	16.30 hrs.	Round 9
Day 7	19.09.2009	9.30 hrs.	Round 10
19.09.2009	16.00 hrs	Prize Distribution Ceremony	
20 th September	12.00 hrs	Departure	

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6. Entry Fees

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and players with ratings above 2500 will not be charged entry fees.

Rated 2400-2499	USD 50	Rated 2300-2399	USD 70
Rated 2200-2299	USD 100	Rated 2000-2199	USD 130
Rated 1800-1999	USD 160	Rated 1400-1799 Rs.	USD 220

Entry fee for SL Players

Rated above	2000	Rs 15,000
Rated between	1800-1999	Rs 20,000
Rated below	1800	Rs 25,000

Unrated players will not be allowed to take part

No request towards waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

FIDE Rating List July 2009 will be considered for all purposes related to the tournament.

The last date of entry: 30th of July, 2009

Entries with late fee of USD 50 1st to 20th of August 2009

Entries with late fee of USD 100 21st of August- 10th of September

Registration- Mail the entry form to the contact address. Registration will be on first come first serve basis

7. Accommodation:

All players will be provided accommodation in a 5 star hotel in Colombo. All foreign players shall stay in the official hotel. Local players shall find their own accommodation.

Grandmasters

The personally invited Grandmasters with an Elo rating of above 2500 (1/7/2009) will be provided free food and accommodation in double rooms in a 5 star hotel and will have to share the room with another Grandmaster. All other Grandmasters will be provided free accommodation in triple rooms in a 5 star hotel.

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The rates of the hotel will be as follows.

Tournament is for 8 nights

	Full board per day	Total Cost	Half board per day	Total cost
Single	\$ 61 per person	\$488	\$52 per person	\$ 416
Double	\$ 84 = \$ 42 per person per day	\$ 336 per person	\$66 = \$ 33 per person	\$ 264 per person
Triple	\$ 117 = \$ 39 per person per day	\$ 312 per person	\$ 90= \$ 30 per person	\$ 240 per person

The Blue and Gold Chess Club will arrange entry visa and hotel booking for the participants;

Accommodation will be from September 12th (including dinner) to September 20th (including breakfast).

Early bird discount

If a player pays on or before 30th July he will get a discount of 5%.

	Total Cost	Discount 5%	Total cost	Discount 5%
Single	\$488	\$ 464 per person	\$ 416	395 per person
Double	\$ 336 per person	\$ 319 Per person	\$ 264 per person	250 per person
Triple	\$ 312 per person	\$ 296 per person	\$ 240 per person	228 person

The accommodation charges must be paid in advance. Rooms will be booked on the principle of FCFS (First Come First Served) basis.

8. Weather:

The Weather in Colombo during September is expected to be cold. The minimum / maximum temperature will be around 25/30 Degree Celsius.

9. Venue

Venue of the tournament will be a 5 star hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka (1 hour drive from the Airport)

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotels will be allowed only to accredited people by the organisation.

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10. Payment procedure

Players should make the payment in advance

Payment procedure, bank details will be notified later

All bank commissions should be paid by sender.

As soon as the payment transfer is confirmed, the organising committee will send to the respective player/accompanying person the confirmation of the hotel reservations. Also all confirmed registrations will be declared on the official web site, where players may check their participants' situation on a daily basis.

Players will not be paired until all the payments are made to the organisers.

11. Appeals Committee

The Appeals committee will consist of 5 members and will be declared on the first day of the tournament.

12. Information about Visas

The Federations or players who need assistance with their visas are asked to contact the organizing committee **before July 30th, 2009.**

The organiser will supply official letters of invitation only after all the payments are made (registration and accommodation fees for every member of the delegation).

Check Emigration and immigration Sri Lanka <http://www.immigration.gov.lk/>

13. Tournament Committee:

Tournament committee has the discretion to accept or reject any entry. Decisions of the committee shall be final and binding in all respect.

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14. Contacts of the Organizing Committee

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REGISTRATION FORM

Inaugural Ravana International CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

September 12, 2009 to September 20, 2009

Country:

City:.....

Address:..... **P. O. Box:**.....

Tel:..... **Fax:**.....

Surname	
First Name	
Passport No.	
Date & Place of issue	
Date of expiry	
Nationality	
FIDE rating/ title	
FIDE ID Number	

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FIDE Rating	
Entry Fee	
Accommodation Fee	
Total Amount paid	

Please send entry forms with passport copy attached and we will not accept any REGISTRATION FORM without a copy of valid passport.

Attached: the details of payment as in No 6 and 7

Flight details:

Arrival	Date		Time		Flight no	
Departure	Date		Time		Flight no	

HOTEL RESERVATION:

Please specify the plan

	<i>Full board</i>	<i>Half board</i>
<i>Single</i>		
<i>Double</i>		
<i>Triple</i>		

I will abide by the rules and regulations of the event. All the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

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For Organisers

Received date of the entry form