

# **MCF - UPSI MALAYSIAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2018**

## **Prospectus and Regulations**

### **1. Invitation**

- 1.1. The Malaysian Chess Federation, Perak International Chess Association and Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris Tanjong Malim will be organizing the Malaysian Chess Championship from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.
- 1.2. The Organizing Committee is honoured to invite all the States and players to participate in the Tournament.
- 1.3. The competition will be held at the Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris Tanjong Malim, Perak.

### **2. Playing venue**

Panggung Percubaan,  
Kampus Sultan Idris Shah,  
Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris,  
35900 Tanjong Malim Perak.

### **3. Participation**

- 3.1. The competition is open to Malaysians only.
- 3.2. The minimum FIDE rating requirement shall be of Elo 1600 before the start of the competition.
- 3.3. Notwithstanding the requirement of 3.2, any of the following players shall eligible to play in the competition:
  - 3.3.1. National Master (previous editions National Champions)
  - 3.3.2. The 2018 SUKIPT Champion
  - 3.3.3. The 2018 National Junior Under-20 Champion
  - 3.3.4. The 2017 MSSM Individual Under-18 Champion
- 3.4. State entries
  - 3.4.1. Each state may send 2 players who fulfil the minimum rating as Official State Players.
  - 3.4.2. Each State may send more players who fulfil the minimum rating as Extra State Participants.

- 3.4.3. Each State may send a maximum of 4 players who do not fulfil the minimum rating as Wild Cards. These players shall be treated as Extra State Participants.
  - 3.4.4. The States may send players who fulfil the requirement of 3.3 as any type of entries.
  - 3.5. State's IPTA entries
    - 3.5.1. Each State may send a maximum of 1 player who fulfils the minimum rating requirement as Official State Player in addition to the 3.4.1
    - 3.5.2. Each State may send more players who fulfil the minimum rating as Extra State Participants.
    - 3.5.3. Each State may send a maximum of 1 player who does not fulfil the minimum rating as Wild Cards. This player shall be treated as Extra State Participants.
    - 3.5.4. The players shall be representing the state where he is currently studying.
  - 3.6. State's disabled players (OKU)
    - 3.6.1. See 3.5.1
    - 3.6.2. See 3.5.2
    - 3.6.3. See 3.5.3
    - 3.6.4. Notwithstanding the requirement of 3.4.1, any of the following players shall eligible to play in the competition as any type of entries:
      - 3.6.4.1. The 2017 or 2018 Individual (OKU) National Champion
      - 3.6.4.2. The 2017 ASEAN Para Games Individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medallists
    - 3.6.5. The disabled players shall provide his own assistant who shall carry out the duties which are required in the Laws of Chess.
  - 3.7. Direct entries or individual players who fulfil the minimum rating requirement or 3.3 shall be accepted to play in the competition (see also 3.6.5).
4. Technical Regulations
    - 4.1. FIDE Laws of Chess shall be applied throughout the competition.
    - 4.2. The competition shall be a 9-round Swiss FIDE format.
    - 4.3. Each player shall have 90 minutes plus 30 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1.
    - 4.4. The default time is 60 minutes after the start of the game. A player who forfeits the game shall be excluded from the remaining rounds unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.
  5. Tie-break
    - 5.1. The tie-break (medals) of the competition are as follows
      - 5.1.1. Direct encounter

- 5.1.2. The greater number of wins
  - 5.1.3. Buchholz Cut 1
  - 5.1.4. Buchholz
  - 5.1.5. Play-off (if needed)
- 5.2. Play-off shall be conducted according to the FIDE Competition Rules Annex 3: Tie-Break Regulations 12.1.1. The application by Chief Arbiter is final.
6. The Champion of Malaysian Chess Championship 2018 shall be awarded the title of National Master (NM) for life.
7. The Olympiad Qualifiers from this competition
  - 7.1. Champion of the 2018 Malaysian Chess Championship shall automatically qualify himself into the Malaysian Team for representing the Federation at the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Chess Olympiad 2018 in Batumi, Georgia.
  - 7.2. The second and the third place shall also qualify themselves as the candidates in the Team. The remaining spots shall remain as the President's choice.
8. Prizes
  - 8.1. Cash prizes
    - 8.1.1. Winners shall receive the following cash prizes

The Champion	RM 1,000
The 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up	RM 600
The 2 <sup>nd</sup> runner-up	RM 400
    - 8.1.2. Where there is a tie in any position before the tie-break, the prize money shall be divided equally among the tied players.
  - 8.2. Trophies and medals

The Champion	Challenge Trophy and a Medal of Gold colour
The 1 <sup>st</sup> runner-up	A Medal of Silver colour
The third to the tenth	A Medal of Bronze colour
Best IPTA	A Medal of Gold colour
Best OKU	A Medal of Gold colour
  - 8.3. Team Medals
    - 8.3.1. The top 3 teams shall receive Gold, Silver and Bronze colour medals respectively.
    - 8.3.2. This award shall be based on the total score of the top four participants of a State.
    - 8.3.3. The States with less than 4 players shall not eligible for the team award.
    - 8.3.4. Tie-break for the team medals base on the top 4 players are as follows:

- 8.3.4.1. The accumulated standing number of each player final ranking number.
- 8.3.4.2. The accumulated number of wins tie-break scores of each player.
- 8.3.4.3. The accumulated Buchholz Cut 1 tie-break scores of each player.
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## 9. Tournament Schedule

Arrivals / check-in	28 <sup>th</sup> June – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Players' Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> June – 8:00 p.m.
Round 1	29 <sup>th</sup> June – 8:30 a.m.
Officiating / Round 2	29 <sup>th</sup> June – 3:00 p.m.
Round 3	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 8:30 a.m.
Round 4	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 4:00 p.m.
Round 5	1 <sup>st</sup> July – 8:30 a.m.
Round 6	1 <sup>st</sup> July – 3:00 p.m.
Round 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 8:30 a.m.
Round 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 3:00 p.m.
Round 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> July – 8:30 a.m.
Closing	3 <sup>rd</sup> July – 4:00 p.m.
Departures / check-out	4 <sup>th</sup> July – Before 12:00 p.m.

## 10. Players' Meeting

- 10.1. Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting as scheduled. The draw for colours and pairings will be made in the first Players' Meeting.
- 10.2. Only players who attend this meeting shall be included in the pairings unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.
- 10.3. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

## 11. Accommodation and travel

- 11.1. All players shall responsible for their accommodation and travel expenses.
- 11.2. The Organizers offer budget accommodation to all players and state's team during the competition; 'as is' basis with the following rates

Single bed, room sharing	RM 40/day
	FOC for IM
Room with 2 beds, sharing apartment	RM 80/day
Apartment with 6 beds	RM 200/day
- 11.3. Rates are subject to 10% charge for the administration fee.
- 11.4. All rooms are without air-condition.
- 11.5. Players and state's team are allowed to make their own arrangement for staying outside the venue.

## 12. Registration

- 12.1. All states and direct entries shall use only the official entry form provided by the Organizers.
- 12.2. All players must register, complete with the fee not later than 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- 12.3. A penalty of RM 100 shall be charged to the player who registers after the dateline and may be accepted only at the sole discretion of the Organizers.

12.4. The registration form shall be sent by email to

Email : selection@malaysiachess.com  
Subject : Registration MCC 2018

12.5. The following registration fee shall be paid to the Organizers

IM	FOC
Official state's entries	RM 50
Extra state's entries	RM 100
Wild Card state's entries	RM 150
Direct entries	RM 200

12.6. All fee shall be paid to the following account

Bank CIMB  
Account Persekutuan Catur Malaysia  
Number 8000 64 9725

- 12.7. The Organizers shall not return the fee to any players who cancelled the registration after the application has been accepted.
- 12.8. The Organizers reserve the right to accept or reject any applications without notice.

## 13. Tournament Conditions

- 13.1. The players are not permitted to speak to their opponents during the games. Appropriate sporting behaviour is expected from all participants and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.
- 13.2. During the playing session, a player may leave the playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he is accompanied by one of the arbiters or assistants. During the Players' Meeting, the Chief Arbiter will specify which exact areas of the venue are considered as 'playing area'.
- 13.3. Players are required to wear formal suits or state's jersey. The Organizers may provide a dress code for the event and players and officials shall comply with the dress code.
- 13.4. Shall a player withdraw without any justifiable reason, he will forfeit his right to the prize for the competition as well as incur further sanctions by MCF and the Organizers.

- 13.5. A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, not more than 15 minutes after the game. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.
- 13.6. Apart from the players and principals, no other person shall be allowed in the actual playing area during the games, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- 13.7. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue any electronic or technical or other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess.
- 13.8. During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with the assistants.
- 13.9. The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Organizers, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

#### 14. Appeals Committee

- 14.1. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his own State.
- 14.2. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than 15 minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.
- 14.3. The Committee may decide on the following matters:
  - 14.3.1. An appeal against a decision by an arbiter.
  - 14.3.2. A protest against a player's behaviour.
  - 14.3.3. A complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations.
  - 14.3.4. A request for the interpretation of specific regulations.
  - 14.3.5. A protest or complaint against any participant.
  - 14.3.6. Other matters which the Committee considers important.
- 14.4. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of RM 500. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then, in this case, the Organizers reserves the right to withhold the deposit fee.
- 14.5. The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

#### 15. Penalties

- 15.1. Should a player be in repeated breach of any of these regulations, the Organizers reserve the right to expel the player from the competition. In this case, the expelled player shall not have any right to any prizes, irrespective of his standing at the time of expulsion.

- 15.2. Should a player withdraw from the tournament without proper justification to the Organizers, the player may be excluded from the next Malaysian Chess Championship.
16. At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the President of MCF for a final decision.