



# Regulations for the National Scholastic Championship 2016 (FIDE rated)

## Frequency

The National Scholastic Championships shall be organized annually under the aegis of Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF). All rights for the organization of the National Scholastic Championships belong to MCF.

## Categories

Open U09, U11, U13, U15, U17 (+best girls)

## Format

The events will be Swiss pairings tournaments and will be held over two days. The Rapidplay will be nine (9) rounds, with a single game for each round.

## Participation

1. All Malaysian (only) players below the respective age-group before January the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 are eligible to participate in the National Scholastic Championship 2016.
2. The players are eligible to play only in their own age-groups.
3. The Tournament will be part of Selection Policy for the Asian Schools or World Schools Championships.

## Registration

The registrations will be done electronically through the Organizer official online registration system.

## Time Control

Each player will have 25 minutes + 10 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1.

## Tournament Conditions

1. The players are not permitted to speak to their opponents during the games. Appropriate sporting behavior is expected from all participants and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.
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.

3. Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony according to schedule or at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organizer. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.
4. The draw for Colors and Pairings will be decided by the Chief Arbiter.
5. Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the matches. MCF may provide a dress code for the event and players and officials will comply with the dress code.
6. A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, immediately after the game. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The players shall shake hands (or shall greet each other in a normal social manner in accordance with the conventional rules of their society) before the start and after the end of each game. If a player fails to meet these requirements and after being asked to do so by the Chief Arbiter, then the player will lose the game immediately.
10. During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with the helper.
11. During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing area.
12. Tournaments will be played according to the rules of the inadequate supervision of the Rapid play Laws of Chess (FIDE Handbook, E.I.01B Appendices, art. 1 to 4).
13. The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Chairman of Appeals Committee, the players and after the approval of the MCF Technical Director or the President, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

## Tournament Schedule

Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December	
9:00 AM	Players' meeting	8:30 AM to 1:00 PM	Round 6 to 8
9:30 AM	Opening ceremony	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Round 9
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Round 1 to 2	4:30 PM	Prize giving and closing
2:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Round 3 to 5		

## **Financial Regulations and Prizes**

1. The entry fee of RM50.00 shall be paid to the Organizer. All players must register, with full payment received, by not later than 27<sup>th</sup> November, following which entry fee will be RM150.00 and may be accepted only, at the sole discretion of the Organizer. The Organizer reserves the right to close the registration anytime after it reaches the maximum number of players.

### **2. Main Prizes**

2.1. The Organizer shall award a gold color medal to each of the winners of the title National Scholastic Champion, silver color medals to the players who respectively took the second place, bronze color medal to the players who took the third to tenth place in the event.

2.2. The Organizer shall award money prizes for the Championships, net of any GST. A cash prize fund of RM7,000 will be awarded to the winners in all five Open categories. The final cash prizes distribution will be published after the registration close.

### **3. Best Girl award**

3.1. 10 best girl players of each category will be awarded with bronze color medals.

3.2. The players who already have received the Main Prize in Open category shall not entitle to any of the Best Girl award.

4. The tie break system is as follows:

- i. Direct Encounter (where applicable) for Champion only
- ii. Most Wins
- iii. Most Wins with Black
- iv. Buchholz Cut 1
- v. Buchholz
- vi. Sonneborn-Berger

5. The Chief Arbiter will decide the next tie-break if required.

## **Accommodation**

1. All players will be responsible for their travel expenses. A Player will also be responsible for his/her accommodation costs.

2. The Organizer shall recommends accommodation to the players and companions through the website.

## **Opening & Closing Ceremony**

1. A short Opening Ceremony shall take place and all participants are required to take part.

2. The Closing Ceremony shall take place according to schedule.

## **Appeals Committee**

1. The Appeals Committee will be named before the start of the event.

2. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee right after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.
3. The Committee may decide on the following matters within a reasonable time frame:
  - i. an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
  - ii. a protest against a player's behavior,
  - iii. a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
  - iv. a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
  - v. a protest or complaint against any participant, or
  - vi. all other matters which the Committee considers important.
4. If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than 15 minutes after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.
5. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of RM500. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then in this case, MCF reserves the right to forfeit the deposit fee.
6. The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

## **Penalties**

1. Should a player be in breach of conduct of any of these regulations, then the player may be subject to an automatic penalty, by MCF, which will be decided by the the Tournament Director or the MCF Technical Director for any instance of breach.
2. Should a player be in repeated breach of any of these regulations, MCF reserves the right to expel the player from the tournament. In this case, the expelled player will not have any right to any prize money, irrespective of his standing at the time of expulsion.
3. Should a player withdraw from the tournament without proper justification to the Organizer, the player will forfeit his right to the prize for the tournament and may be excluded from the next National Scholastic Championships.

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