



Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2023

14-22 October 2023

Tagaytay City, Philippines

1. Invitation

The City of Tagaytay under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and International Chess Federation and in cooperation with the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Olympic Committee, has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the 2023 Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over-50 and over-65 years old (and best women), from 14-22 October 2023 at the Knights Templar Hotel in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

2. Participation

The Asian Seniors Championship is open for all players over 50 and 65 years old by 31st December 2023, regardless of the rating and title, who have FIDE ID and are members of National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.8. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation.

If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in the over-65, then it shall be merged with the over-50.

3. Registrations

The entries must be submitted on the attached registration form, with ID photo and passport copy (color scan) to the official emails asianchessfederation@yahoo.com and mykelapitan0818@gmail.com. The last date for registration is 15 September 2023.

4. Fees

Entry fees: Each player must pay 60 USD as entry fees.

Registration fees: Each player must pay 100 USD as registration fees to the event for registration and accreditation. All fees and the hotel booking must be paid before start of tournament.

The last date for registration is 15 September 2023. After that date, a late registration fee of 50 USD will be charged. Players whose payment has not been received shall not be paired.

5. Accommodation

Per FIDE regulations, all players, except local players are obliged to be accommodated in the official hotel through the organizer.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer. Players who are not present at the technical meeting cannot be included in the drawing of lots and entry fees will be forfeited.

The official hotel and venue of the event is the Knights Templar Hotel, alternate hotel is the Grandmaster Hotel.

- 1- Double room \$75.00 (per person full board)
- 2- Single room \$130.00 (per person full board)

6. Tournament System and Rate of Play

The tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. Time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes each plus 2 seconds increment per move.

7. Tie-Break System

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) and to (e).

- a- Direct Encounter
- b- Buccholz
- c- Buccholz Cut 1
- d- Buccholz Cut 2
- e- Sonnenborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one Armageddon blitz game between the top two shall decide.

8. Tournament schedule

The Championship will be held from 14-22 October 2023 as follows:

| Day/Date | | Time | Event |
|-----------|------------|----------------|--|
| Saturday | 14 October | After 12:00 nn | Arrival |
| Sunday | 15 October | 09:00 10:00 | Technical Meeting Opening and Round 1 |
| Monday | 16 October | 10:00 16:00 | Round 2 Round 3 |
| Tuesday | 17 October | 10:00 | Round 4 |
| Wednesday | 18 October | 10:00 16:00 | Round 5 Round 6 |
| Thursday | 19 October | 10:00 | Round 7 |
| Friday | 20 October | 10:00 | Round 8 |
| Saturday | 21 October | 10:00 16:00 | Round 9 Blitz Championship Awards Ceremonies |
| Sunday | 22 October | Before 12:00nn | Departure |

9. Chief Arbiter and Technical Delegate

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters, Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different federations.

10. Appeals

A protest against a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a protest fee of USD 200.00 (Two Hundred US Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is

refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately. No Appeals are possible in Blitz where the Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

11. Prizes

Top three winners of each category (Standard, Rapid, Blitz) will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Certificate. A total of \$3,000 for standard chess in this Asian Chess Federation event shall be awarded as follows:

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| Over 50 | Over 65 |
| First US\$500 | First US\$350 |
| Second US\$400 | Second US\$200 |
| Third US\$300 | Third US\$150 |
| Fourth US\$200 | Fourth US\$100 |
| Fifth US\$150 | Fifth US\$100 |
| Sixth US\$150 | |
| Best woman \$300 | Best woman \$100 |

Money prizes are not shared. In case of merged groups, prizes apply for the specific age group.

12. Direct Titles

Gold medalist (first after tiebreak) in Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm. 1st equal (first three after tie break) will receive the IM title. Silver and bronze medalists shall receive IM norms and FM titles. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900.

13. Payments

All payments are to be done to the following Bank account and all bank commissions must be paid by sender.

Account name: Tagaytay Chess Club, Inc.
Account number: 152-19-0000382
Name of Bank: Asia United Bank
Address of Bank: Tagaytay City, Philippines
SWIFT: aubkphmm

All fees and the hotel booking must be paid on arrival to the organizer.

14. Visa

Those who need visas should apply at the Philippine consulate nearest them. Invitation letters will be issued upon filling the registration application before the deadline. To issue an invitation for visa to enter Philippines participants should send a clear passport copy and provide visa form to asianchessfederation@yahoo.com, casto.abundo@gmail.com and mykelapitan0818@gmail.com

15th September 2023 is the deadline when invitation for visa could be issued. After 15th September 2023 visa invitations are not issued.

15. Airport Transfers

The organizer will provide airport transfers for the participants from Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila to the Official Hotel and back. All participants are required to send by 1st October 2023 their flight details of arrivals and departures.

16. Other Matters

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above will be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation President.

17. Contact Information

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