



LAOS INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN 2024



3rd LAOS INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN 2024 – ASEAN CHESS SERIES

PLAYING VENUE: Vientiane Chess Centre, Vientiane, Laos, 1st – 7th September 2024

1. There are two separate Sections. The Masters Section for players rated 1900 & above and the Amateur Section for players rated below 2200. Players must have a FIDE ID.
2. FIDE Laws of Chess apply. Mobile phones/Electronic devices are forbidden in the playing hall. The penalty is immediate loss of the game.
3. Format & Time Control: 9-round Swiss with Time Control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move. Tie Breaks are in the order as follows: Direct Encounter, Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger.
4. Any player who is not present within an hour after the round is started shall lose by default. In the first round, the default is 15 minutes after which the players (whose opponents are absent) may be re-paired.

5. Schedule:

Day 1 – Sunday 1st September 1400: Technical Meeting – Players absent will not be paired 1530: Round 1
Day 2 – Monday 2nd September 0900: Round 2 1530: Round 3
Day 3 – Tuesday 3rd September 0900: Round 4 1400: Rapid Chess Tournament
Day 4 – Wednesday 4th September 0900: Round 5 1530: Round 6
Day 5 – Thursday 5th September 0900: Round 7 1530: Round 8
Day 6 – Friday 6th September 0900: Round 9 1530: Closing Ceremony
Day 7 – Saturday 7th September Before 1200: Departure

6. Registration Fee: in USD includes twin-share room 31/8 to 7/9, 3 meals, 2 way airport transfers.

RATING RANGE	MASTERS	AMATEUR
GM>2599	First 10 Free Entry & Single Room	No Entry
GM>2499	First 10 Free Entry & Twin-Share Room	No Entry
2400-2499	USD 400	No Entry
2300-2399	USD 440	No Entry
2200-2299	USD 480	No Entry
2100-2199	USD 520	USD 500
2000-2099	USD 560	USD 480
1900-1999	USD 600	USD 460
1800-1899	No Entry	USD 440
1700-1799	No Entry	USD 420
1600-1699	No Entry	USD 400
1500-1599	No Entry	USD 380
Below 1500	No Entry	USD 360

GMs accorded Free Entry and or Room shall pay a Deposit of US\$ 200 which will be refunded upon completion of all rounds.

Players aged 65 and above as on 1st January 2024 will get a discount of USD40.

Players who wish to upgrade to single room will have to pay extra US\$150.

7. **Prize Fund:** In case of a tie, cash prizes are shared.
Masters Section (based on 60 players) USD 15,500: - 1st to 5th: 3,600 – 2,000 – 1,300 – 1,100 – 1,000; 6th to 10th: 500 each; 11th to 15th: 200 each; 16th to 20th: 150 each; Ladies 1st to 5th: 850 – 500 – 400 – 300 – 200.
Amateur Section (120 players) USD 6,700: - 1st to 5th: 850 – 750 – 650 – 550 – 450; 6th to 10th: 200 each; 11th to 15th: 150 each; 16th to 20th: 100 each; Ladies 1st to 5th: 450 – 300 – 200 – 150 – 100.
8. **Official Venue & Accommodation:** Vientiane Chess Complex. Only the first 100 paid-up entries will be accommodated at the Vientiane Chess Complex. After which, the rest will be housed in Xangphet Guest House about 10 minutes' drive. These players will have to pay for the daily bus transfers. The Organiser will not be responsible for players who book their accommodation elsewhere.
9. **Registration, Payment & Closing Date:** Thursday, 1st August 2024 Laos Time 1900 hour
 - 9.1. Registration is to be done by email to fideleong@gmail.com or WhatsApp Tel: (65)96337946 with proof of payment. Provide details: FIDE ID, Flight Details etc.
 - 9.2. Payment: Account Name – Leong Chee Weng Ignatius; Address – 230 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 #04-1270, Singapore 560230; Bank Name & Account Number – will be provided upon registration. Bank Address – 12 Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018982; SWIFT Code – DBSSSGSG.
 - 9.3. The Players List will only be published after 21st August 2024.
 - 9.4. The surcharge of 25% will be levied for registration/payment made after Thursday 1st August 20, 2024.