



2026 CTCA INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN

Kaoshiung, Taiwan, 20th to 26th July 2026

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Invitation

Organizer : Chinese Taipei Chess Association (CTCA)

Implementer : Kaohsiung Chess Committee

Chinese Taipei Chess Association (CTCA) has the honor to welcome all chess players around the world to participate in the 2026 CTCA International Chess Open to be organized in Kaohsiung, Taiwan from 20th July (arrival) to 27th July (departure) 2026.

Registrations open on 10th February 2026.

Place: Howard Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung (No.311, Qi Xian 1st Rd, Xinxing Dist., Kaohsiung, Taiwan)

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. PARTICIPATION

1.1 There shall be 15 categories: Under 7, Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and Under 19 with separate events for Open and Girls, Open section with no age limit. See the table below :

Categories	Age Limited
Open	No Age Limit
Under 19 Open • Under 19 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2007
Under 17 Open • Under 17 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2009
Under 15 Open • Under 15 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2011
Under 13 Open • Under 13 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2013
Under 11 Open • Under 11 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2015
Under 9 Open • Under 9 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2017
Under 7 Open • Under 7 Girl	Born on or after 1 st Jan 2019

1.2 A valid FIDE ID is mandatory. Players without FIDE ID must contact their respective Federations to have FIDE ID issued before registration.

1.3 Players can register directly with the Organizing Committee.

1.4 Tournament entry is free for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, and players with FIDE Ratings above 2500.

2. SCHEDULE

Date	Timetable	Arrangement
20 th July 2026	11 : 00 – 19 : 30	Arrival/Player Registration
	20 : 00 – 21 : 30	Technical Meeting
21 st July 2026	08 : 30 – 09 : 30	Opening Ceremony
	09 : 30 – 13 : 30	Round 1
	15 : 00 – 19 : 00	Round 2
22 nd July 2026	09 : 00 – 13 : 00	Round 3
	15 : 00 – 19 : 00	Round 4
23 rd July 2026	09 : 00 – 13 : 00	Round 5
	14 : 30 – 20 : 00	Blitz 9 rounds
24 th July 2026	Free Day / Kaohsiung Day Tour	
25 th July 2026	09 : 00 – 13 : 00	Round 6
	15 : 00 – 19 : 00	Round 7
26 th July 2026	09 : 00 – 13 : 00	Round 8
	15 : 00 – 19 : 00	Round 9
	19 : 00 – 22 : 00	Closing Ceremony and dinner banquet
27 th July 2026	Departure	

3. PRIZES FOR STANDARD GAMES

3.1 Cash Prizes will be awarded

Category	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Open	NT\$50,000	NT\$30,000	NT\$15,000	NT\$7,500	NT\$4,500	NT\$3,000
Age Groups (Open and Girls)	NT\$15,000	NT\$ 9,000	NT\$ 6,000	Gift	Gift	Gift

3.2 In case of a tie after the tie-breaks, the amount(s) will be shared.

3.3 There shall be at least 10 players in each category. Insufficient players resulting in merged categories will have cash prizes reduced proportionately.

3.4 The top 3 players from each category/age group will receive a trophy and certificate, and each player ranked from the 4th to the 6th place will receive a medal and certificate.

3.5 All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

3.6 Cash prizes for non-citizens are subject to 20% local tax. For tax information, please refer to the Ministry of Finance's "Standards of Withholding Rates for Various Incomes" on the R.O.C's tax portal website.

4. SYSTEM OF PLAY

4.1 The tournament will be held in 9 rounds Swiss system in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess.

4.2 The organizers reserve the right to merge players across categories/age groups based on the number of registered players. Categories/age groups may be merged, but prizes awarded separately. Players can win one prize only based on the registered category/group.

4.3 The tournament will be FIDE-rated.

4.4 Swiss Manager program will be used for pairings.

5. TIME CONTROL

- 5.1 Standard: 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move.
- 5.2 The default time will be 15 minutes after each round is started.

6. TIE-BREAKS SYSTEM

- 6.1 The tie-breaks order will be:
 - 1) Direct encounter
 - 2) Median Buchholz
 - 3) Buchholz
 - 4) Greater Number of Wins

7. BLITZ

- 7.1 The Blitz tournament will be held 9 rounds Swiss System on 23rd July 2026, with time control of 3 minutes with an increment of 2 seconds per move.
- 7.2 All CTCA Standard Tournament players will be automatically included in the Blitz tournament list. If any player does not wish to play in the Blitz tournament, please notify the organizer before or by 12pm on 21st July 2026.
- 7.3 Blitz Tournament will be played in one group only and will have prizes awarded based on their registered category/age group.
- 7.4 Prizes for Blitz tournament will consist of medals, certificates, and gift prize for the top 6 players in Open Category. All other categories/age group, top 3 players will each receive a medal, certificate, and a gift. 4th to 6th ranked players will each receive a certificate and a gift.
- 7.5 Blitz Tournament will be FIDE rated.
- 7.6 Players with a valid FIDE ID who are not playing CTCA Open Standard Tournament can register for the Blitz tournament. The entry fee is NT\$1,000.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Appeals Committee will be appointed during the Technical Meeting. An appeal, accompanied by a deposit of USD 100.00 (One hundred US Dollars), must be written and submitted within 15 minutes of the completion of the relevant playing game. The deposit will be refunded if the appeal is successful.

9. CONDITIONS

- 9.1 Tournament entry is free for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and players with FIDE Ratings above 2500.
- 9.2 A limited number of free rooms will be available for GMs, IMs, WGMs and WIMs. These rooms are based on requirements and will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis to the titled players who can confirm their attendance.
- 9.3 Titled players may also discuss with the Organizer other potential conditions as required.
- 9.4 If you meet the requirements and would like to be considered for the free accommodation, please contact the organizer.
- 9.5 The organizers reserve the right to accept or reject any players registering and/or entering the tournament.
- 9.6 All players not receiving conditions are responsible for all their expenses, including entry fees and accommodations.

10. Additional Information

- 10.1 Mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed in the playing hall. Any violation shall result in loss of the game.
- 10.2 Photo taking is allowed within the first 10 minutes of each round, in designated areas for registered accompany only.
- 10.3 Any personal information collected will be used for the purpose of the tournament only.
- 10.4 The playing venue has a capacity for 200 players. If the number of registrations exceeds the upper limit capacity, the organizer will accommodate players in the order of FIDE rating and the time of registration. All other players will receive refunds accordingly.
- 10.5 FIDE ID name will be written on the certificates.
- 10.6 Participation in this tournament will be accepted as the player's consent to take photos, videos in this event for publishing and promotions. If you do not wish to have any photo/video taken please contact the organizer.

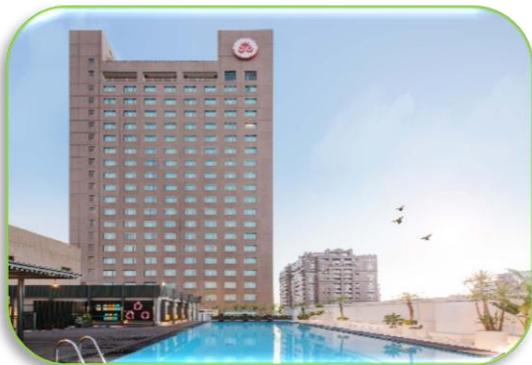
11. REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee to the Organizer is required for every participant (player and accompany person with exception of players receiving conditions). The registration fee includes official polo shirt, entrance to the venues, analysis rooms, opening ceremony, closing ceremony and dinner banquet. For foreign participants, registration fee is inclusive of transportation to and from the official hotel to Taiwan Kaohsiung International Airport.

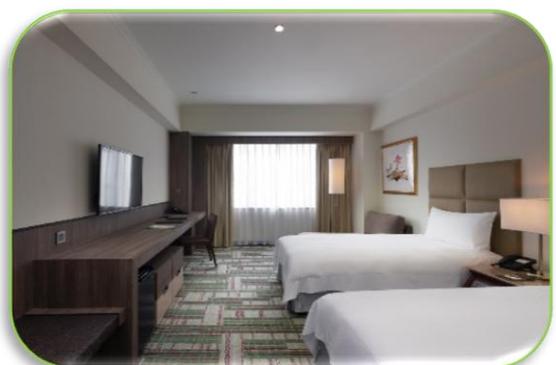
Registration Date	Players	Player with rating >1800	Accompanying Persons	GM/IM/WGM/WIM/ Player with rating >2500
Before and on 10 th June 2026	280 USD	180 USD	150 USD	FREE
From 11 th June 2026	320 USD	220 USD	180 USD	FREE

12. OFFICIAL HOTEL AND VENUE OF PLAY

Official Hotel: Howard Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung (five-star international hotel)



Hotel photo



Standard double room

12.1 All international players and accompanying persons shall have to be registered through the Organizer and to stay in the Official Hotel- Howard Plaza Hotel Kaohsiung

Room and Board Per Person	Single	Double	4 people
Before and on 10 th June 2026	760 USD	500 USD	450 USD
From 11 th June 2026	880 USD	570 USD	510 USD

The room rates are inclusive of:

- 1) 7 Nights' accommodation- 20th ~ 27th July
- 2) 7 Breakfasts- 21st ~ 27th July
- 3) 5 Buffet Lunch 21st ~ 23rd July and 25th ~ 26th July
- 4) free use of 10F gym/10F outdoor swimming pool.

12.2 The rates do not include dinner, nor lunch on the Free Day.

12.3 Extra buffet lunch tickets can be purchased for US\$21 per meal, please notify the Organizer at registration.

12.4 The Organizer cannot guarantee all types of the rooms to be available by request. Any changes or refunds will be given accordingly.

12.5 Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made on or before 10th June to Chinese Taipei Chess Association. Payments made after 11th June 2026 will incur additional charges.

13. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

13.1 All participants must pay registration fee (except players receiving conditions).

13.2 Please make all the payments to the Organizers' official account.

13.3 Please send the registration form and the type of the required room (please check the attachment). All players and accompanying persons are also required to send the passport and color passport photo in jpg file (please use your name as the file name) to the Organizer for preparation of name badges. All accompanying persons must have identification badges (with photo) for admittance into Opening Ceremony, playing venue, rest area, dinner banquet and closing Ceremony. All information should send through email to: ctcachessopen2026@gmail.com

13.4 Any withdrawal from the tournament before the 10th June 2026 will incur 20% of the fees charged and during 11th June to 10th July, will incur 50% of the fees charged. Any withdraw from the tournament after 10th July 2026 will be non-refundable (no reason accepted). The Organizer will complete the refund within one month after the end of the tournament.

13.5 Please indicate your dietary requirements (if any) and the clothing size in the registration form. Please refer to the following table for the size of the commemorative clothing. Units are cm. The size should be measured flat. The allowable error range of 2-2.5cm is normal.

Size	8	10	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Chest Width	37	40	43	46	50	53	56	60	64	72
Length	50	54	60	64	68	70	72	76	80	84
Shoulder Width	33	35	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	55
Sleeve Length	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	24	26	27

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

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15. PAYMENT

All payments in full amount, fee of bank charges, should be wired to the following account.

First Commercial Bank

Branch: Cheng Tung

Bank Swift Code (BIC): FCBKTWTPXXX

Account Holder: CHINESE TAIPEI CHESS ASSOCIATION

Account Number (IBAN): 144-10-059731

Bank Address: No.103, Sec.3, Nanking E. Rd., Taipei, Taiwan

16. ANY MATTER NOT MENTIONED IN THE REGULATIONS ABOVE SHALL BE DECIDED UPON BY THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

17. TRAVEL AND TOUR INFORMATION

17.1 All participants arriving by international flights should take plane to Kaohsiung International Airport Taiwan.

17.2 The host federation will arrange the transportation between airport and hotel for arrival and departure during the schedule dates. Please email us your flight details.

17.3 If you plan to extend your visit in lovely Taiwan- Formosa, you are welcome to contact us for suggestions and further information.

1)Taiwan Travel Net: <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>

2)Taiwan High Speed Rail: <https://en.thsrc.com.tw/>

3)Kaohsiung Tour: <https://khh.travel/en/>



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Registration Form (one form per person)

Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 7 open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 7 Girl	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 9 Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 9 Girl
	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 11 open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 11 Girl	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 13 Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 13 Girl
	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 Girl	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 17 Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 17 Girl
	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 19 open	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 19 Girl	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying person
Passport Name :			Passport No. :	
Date of Birth : Y _____ M _____ D _____			Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
FIDE ID	ID No.: _____	Rating: _____	Mobile phone	
Address				Email

FLIGHT INFORMATION						
Airport of Origin	ARRIVAL AT _____			DEPARTURE FROM _____		
	Date	Flight No.	ETA	Date	Flight No.	ETD

Fees	Item	Before and on 10 th June	From 11 th June	Subtotal
Registration Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> GM / WGM / IM / WIM	FREE	FREE	FREE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Player's rating >2500	FREE	FREE	FREE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Player	<input type="checkbox"/> US280	<input type="checkbox"/> US320	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Player's rating >1800	<input type="checkbox"/> US180	<input type="checkbox"/> US220	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying person	<input type="checkbox"/> US150	<input type="checkbox"/> US180	
Room and Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> US760	<input type="checkbox"/> US880	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Double	<input type="checkbox"/> US500	<input type="checkbox"/> US570	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 people room	<input type="checkbox"/> US450	<input type="checkbox"/> US510	
Tour	Kaohsiung Day Tour is available on 24 th July, please refer to the official website or on-site registration.	Official Polo Shirt	Additional purchases: US\$17 each Total Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> US\$ _____	
Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 35 (Only those who attend the dinner on July 26th but have not paid the registration fee are required to pay the dinner fee.)			
Extra Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 105 (\$21x5)		Total Amount USD:	
Lunch is already included in the Registration and accommodation fee. Extra buffet lunch tickets can be purchased for US\$21 per meal, please notify the Organizer in this form.				

Dietary Requirements & Special Requests	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Allergy) _____ Please note we cannot guarantee fulfillment of requests but we will do our best to accommodate them. Typically, Halal or Kosher are provided a vegetarian option. If Other has been selected, please specify.
Clothing size	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL <input type="checkbox"/> 5XL

Name of Wire Transfer	
Account Number of Wire Transfer	
Bank of Wire Transfer	
Date of Wire Transfer	