



# 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026 - Singapore

### INVITATION

Under the auspices of ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC), Chess Global Cities Pte Ltd and the Singapore Chess Federation have the honour of inviting participants from ASEAN members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam & Timor Leste) and all its Dialogue Partners (Australia, China, China-Hong Kong, China-Macau, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and, USA) as well as Chinese Taipei and Mongolia to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+ Age-Group Chess Championships to be organised in Singapore from 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August.

#### 1.0 Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
7 <sup>th</sup> August, Friday	After 13:00	Arrivals and Check-Ins
	21:00	Technical Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday	14:00 to 15:30	Opening Ceremony
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 1
9 <sup>th</sup> August, Sunday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 2
10 <sup>th</sup> August, Monday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 3
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 4
11 <sup>th</sup> August, Tuesday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 5
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 6
12 <sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday	Free Day	Free and Easy
13 <sup>th</sup> August, Thursday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 7
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 8
14 <sup>th</sup> August, Friday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 9
	16:00 to 20:00	Social Evening – Standard Chess Awards
15 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday	09:00 to 14:00	Rapid Chess Rounds 1 to 4
	15:30 to 18:30	Rapid Chess Rounds 5 to 7
	19:30 to 22:30	ACC Annual General Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> August, Sunday	09:00 to 14:00	Blitz Chess Rounds 1 to 9
	16:00 to 20:00	Closing Ceremony – Rapid & Blitz Awards
17 <sup>th</sup> August, Monday	Before 12:00	Check-Outs and Departures

#### 2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 Players from the countries and territories listed above shall have the right to participate and they shall be responsible for all their expenses.
- 2.2 There shall be 16 categories for Juniors, which are Under-6, Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20, with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 2.3 In 2.2 above, the players should not have reached their respective age before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- 2.4 There shall be 2 new categories for 20<50 (Premier for Ratings 2000 and above and Challengers for Under-2000). Such players must have reached aged 20 but not 50 as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.
- 2.5 There shall be 4 categories for Seniors, which are Seniors > 50 and Seniors > 65 for Open and Women, respectively. Players who qualify for Seniors>50 must be born before or in the year 1976, and for Seniors>65 they must be born before or in the year 1961.
- 2.6 The ACC reserves the right to merge categories in case of insufficient entries.

### **3.0 Time Control**

- 3.1 Standard Chess: Each player has 90 minutes plus increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. Default time is 25 minutes.
- 3.2 Rapid Chess: Each player has 25 minutes to finish. Default time is 25 minutes.
- 3.3 Blitz Chess: Each player has 5 minutes to finish. Default time is 5 minutes.

### **4.0 Pairings**

- 4.1 The Championships shall be conducted using the Swiss Manager Program for pairings and shall be in accordance with the Playing Rules of FIDE. (Forbidden Pairings will NOT be used).

### **5.0 Tie-Break**

- 5.1 Direct Encounter, Buchholz Cut 0, Buchholz Cut 1 & 2, Sonneborn Berger.
- 5.2 Tie-Break will apply to players who are tied for Direct Titles (see No. 8.0)

### **6.0 Medals**

- 6.1 Medals shall be awarded to the top 5 placings in each event and category.
- 6.2 Individual Medals: Where there is a tie, not more than 3 players shall receive the same-coloured medal. Not more than 5 medals shall be awarded.

Example:

- If 2 players are tied for first and 2 players are tied for third, then 2 Gold Medals and 2 Bronze Medals shall be awarded, and no Silver Medal will be awarded.
- If 3 players are tied for first, no Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.
- If more than 3 players are tied for first, then the 3 highest players based on tie-break shall be awarded the Gold Medals, and no Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.
- After awarding the first and second positions, if more than 3 players tied for third, only 3 Bronze Medals will be awarded based on tie-break.

- 6.3 Team Medals shall be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a country/territory. In case of a tie, the tie-breaks of each player shall be used to determine the winners.
- 6.4 There shall be 2 sets of Medals – Overall and ASEAN. If the winner of an event is from an ASEAN federation, the player wins 2 Gold Medals, etc ...)

### **7.0 Appeals Committee**

- 7.1 The Appeals Committee will be appointed during the Technical Meeting. All appeals must be accompanied by a deposit of SGD150 and must be submitted within 15 minutes after the completion of the relevant playing session.

## 8.0 TABLE OF DIRECT TITLES (2026 FIDE Title Regulations B/01.1.2.2 apply)

EVENT	WIM	WFM	WCM
GIRLS U20	Gold - norm	Silver & Bronze - title	
GIRLS U18		Gold & Silver - title	Bronze - title
GIRLS U16, U14		1 <sup>st</sup> equal - title	Silver & Bronze – title
GIRLS U12, U10, U8			Gold, Silver & Bronze - title

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U20	Gold - norm	Silver & Bronze - title	
U18		Gold & Silver - title	Bronze - title
U16, U14		1 <sup>st</sup> equal - title	Silver & Bronze – title
U12, U10, U8			Gold, Silver & Bronze - title

8.1 The **Premier (20<50) Category** will be run as an international titled tournament, and the Organisers will endeavour the participation of titled players to provide title norm possibilities.

8.2 Prize Fund for **Premier (20<50) Standard: SGD 30,000**. 1<sup>st</sup> SGD 10,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> SGD 7,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> SGD 5,000; 4<sup>th</sup> SGD 3,000; 5<sup>th</sup> SGD 2,000; 6<sup>th</sup> SGD 1,000; 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> SGD 500 each.

8.3 Prize Fund for **Challengers (20<50 Standard): SGD 6,000**. 1<sup>st</sup> SGD 1,200; 2<sup>nd</sup> SGD 900; 3<sup>rd</sup> SGD 700; 4<sup>th</sup> SGD 600; 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> SGD 500 each; 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> SGD 400 each.

8.4 All cash prizes are shared equally in case of ties.

8.5 The Rapid and Blitz events for these 2 Categories will be announced later.

## 9.0 Entry Fee & Registration Fee

9.1 The Registration is inclusive of all three events: Standard, Rapid and Blitz.

Registration Date	Entry Fee	Registration Fee	Accompanying Persons
Before & on 1st June	SGD 250	SGD 150	SGD 150
After 1st June	SGD 250	SGD 200	SGD 150

9.2 By **Registration**, non-players will be allowed to attend the Opening Ceremony, Social Evening and Closing Ceremony. They will be allowed to take photograph/video in the Playing Area for the first 10 minutes of each main Playing Session (Standard/Rapid). They will be allowed Gallery Seating during the Playing Sessions. Session Passes are allowed at SGD 20. To attend the Opening Ceremony, Social Evening or Closing Ceremony, the Function Pass is SGD 30 each subject to availability of seats.

9.3 For **Seniors**, the Entry Fee is SGD 100 and Registration Fee is SGD 150 and is to be paid by 1st June. For **Seniors with GM/IM/WGM/WIM** title, these fees will be refunded upon playing 9 rounds of the Standard event.

9.4 For **Premier (20<50)**, Entry Fee and Registration Fee are waived for GM & IM >2450, WGM & WIM >2250. Otherwise, they pay only for Registration Fee SGD 150.

## 10.0 Playing Venue

10.1 The Playing Venue at "Our Tampines Hub". 1 Tampines Walk #04-01, Singapore 528523. 5 minutes from Tampines MRT Station EW2/DT32.

## 11.0 Official Hotels:

11.1 All players and accompanying persons are required to stay in any of these two Official Hotels and shall adhere to and follow the programme stated in the Schedule.

11.2.1 Four-star Hotel Boss, 500 Jalan Sultan (7 minutes from Lavendar MRT Station EW11 and 30 minutes to Playing Venue).

11.2.2 Two-star Hotel 81 Palace, 25 Lorong 16 Geylang (15 minutes from Aljunied MRT Station EW9 and 25 minutes to Playing Venue).

11.3 The room rates (SGD) – are based on ROOM only, per day per person and are applicable on a first-come-first-serve basis to the first 400 paid up registrations.

11.4 Room Rates (SGD):

HOTEL	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TWIN	TRIPLE
Hotel Boss	\$180	\$90	\$90	\$90
Hotel 81 Palace	\$110	\$60	\$60	Not Available

11.5 After 15<sup>th</sup> June, the room rates could be about 25% more than stipulated above.

## 12.0 Entry Visa into Singapore

12.1 Visa Requirements – Please check with the Singapore Immigration Department

## 13.0 Social Evening

13.1 It is a tradition for each country/territory to select representative(s) from among their players to perform a show of their choice. Performers must bring their own musical instrument(s) and/or CDs/DVDs for use in the show. Prizes will be awarded for the best performances.

## 14.0 Registration of Participation and Accompanying Persons by WhatsApp 91123608 or by Email to philip@chessacademy.com.sg with the following information:

Submission by Player: Name, FIDE ID, Date of Birth & Category.

Submission by Non-Player: Name, Sex & Designation

Please provide WhatsApp and Email Address. We will require a passport size photo of each registrant.

14.1 The **FINAL DATE OF REGISTRATION** is **15th June** (subject to participant limit)

## 15.0 Payment

Account Name: Chess Global Cities Pte Ltd

Account Address: 865 Mountbatten Road #02-28, Katong Shopping Centre, Singapore 437844

Account No: 072-142218-2

Swift Code: DBSSSGSG

Bank: DBS Bank

Bank Address: 12 Marina Boulevard, Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower, Singapore 018982