

Commonwealth Chess Championship 2023-24

The Malaysian Chess Federation on behalf of
FIDE and The Commonwealth Chess Association
cordially invite Chess Federations from the Commonwealth
to participate in the Championship to be held
from the 19th to the 28th of February 2024

at

HISTORICAL CITY OF MELAKA, MALAYSIA
MALAYSIAN CHESS FEDERATION (MCF) & PERSATUAN CATUR MELAKA (PCM)



Official Venue



Official Hotels



1. INTRODUCTION

Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) and Persatuan Catur Melaka under the auspices of the Commonwealth Chess Association and FIDE, invites National Chess Federations from all the Commonwealth Countries around the World to participate in the Commonwealth Chess Championship 2023-24 scheduled from the 19th of February (Arrival) to the 28th of February 2024 (Departure) to be held in the Historical City of Melaka, Malaysia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to participate in the event is as follows:

- a. The Championship is open to all chess players from the all the Commonwealth Countries from around the World
- b. For the age group events, the participants must comply with the age group limitation as below:
 - i. Under 08: Born on or after 1st January 2016
 - ii. Under 10: Born on or after 1st January 2014
 - iii. Under 12: Born on or after 1st January 2012
 - iv. Under 14: Born on or after 1st January 2010
 - v. Under 16: Born on or after 1st January 2008
 - vi. Under 18: Born on or after 1st January 2006
- c. For the Open event, to be eligible for the category prizes, the participant must comply with the following:
 - i. Seniors: Born on or before 1st January 1964 (60 years old)
 - ii. Under 20: Born on or after 1st January 2004
 - iii. Disabled: Medical Proof/Card
- d. Each country may register any number of players to participate in the event.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Classical tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Standard Event
Category	Open and Age Groups (U8/U10/U12/U14/U16/U18)
Number of Rounds	9 Rounds
	Note: Where there are fewer than 5 federations or 10 players in a category, the organizer reserves the right to merge the players into a single category according to FIDE regulations for titles purposes
Time Control	90 minutes + 30 second increment
Pairing System	Swiss Manager
Tiebreak	a. Direct Encounter b. Greater Number of Wins, forfeits counted. (Note: A pairing bye is not a forfeit) c. Buchholz Cut 1, d. Buchholz Cut 2, e. Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces

The Blitz tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Blitz Event
Category	Open and Juniors (U18)
Number of Rounds	11 Rounds
Time Control	3 minutes + 2 second increment
Pairing System	Swiss Manager
Tiebreak	a. Direct Encounter b. Greater Number of Wins, forfeits counted. (Note: A pairing bye is not a forfeit) c. Buchholz Cut 1, d. Buchholz Cut 2, e. Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces

The President of the Commonwealth Chess Association, after consultation with the Malaysian Chess Federation, shall nominate the Technical Delegate and Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiters, Appeals Committee Chairman, and other officials necessary to run the championship to completion.

4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Agenda
Mon	19-Feb-24	All Morning	Arrival
		8:00pm	All - Players' Meeting/Briefing
Tue	20-Feb-24	2:00pm	Opening Ceremony
		3:00pm	Round 1
Wed	21-Feb-24	9:00am	Round 2
		3:00pm	Round 3
Thu	22-Feb-24	9:00am	Round 4
		3:00pm	Round 5
Fri	23-Feb-24	9:00am	Round 6
Sat	24-Feb-24	All Day	Free Day
Sun	25-Feb-24	3:00pm	Round 7
Mon	26-Feb-24	3:00pm	Round 8
Tue	27-Feb-24	9:00am	Round 9
		2:30pm	Briefing for Blitz
		3:00pm	Blitz: Round 1 to Round 4
		4:15pm	Blitz: Round 5 to Round 8
		5:30pm	Blitz: Round 9 to Round 11
		8:00pm	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Wed	28-Feb-24	All Day	Departure

5. PRIZES OFFERED

CLASSICAL EVENT / OPEN

Champion:	RM10,000
Runner Up:	RM 6,000
3 rd	RM 4,000
4 th	RM 2,000
5 th	RM 1,000
6 th to 8 th	RM 800 each
9 th to 12 th	RM 600 each
13 th to 20 th	RM 400 each

WOMEN/SENIORS 60+/U20 (Boys/Girls)

Champion	RM2,500 each
2 nd	RM1,500 each
3 rd	RM1,000 each

CLASSICAL EVENT / AGE GROUP (Boys and Girls)

U14/U16/U18	U8/U10/U12
Champion	RM 800 each
2 nd	RM 500 each
3 rd	RM 300 each

Note: One player is given only one cash prize. Where the player is qualified for more than one prizes, the prize with the higher value will be accorded.

Medals – Gold, Silver and Bronze are awarded to the top three (3) players of all categories. The medal winners will be referred to as Commonwealth Medallists.

Trophies - The gold medal winners of each category will also receive an accompanying trophy.

BLITZ EVENT

OPEN

Champion	RM2,000
2 nd	RM1,000
3 rd	RM 600
4 th	RM 400
5 th to 10 th	RM 200 each
11 th to 20 th	RM 120 each

JUNIORS U18

Champion	RM1,000
2 nd	RM 600
3 rd	RM 400
4 th	RM 250
5 th	RM 150
Best U16 (O/G)	RM 120 each
Best U14 (O/G)	RM 120 each
Best U12 (O/G)	RM 120 each
Best U10 (O/G)	RM 120 each
Best U08 (O/G)	RM 120 each

6. ENTRY FEES

The Entry Fee for all Official Players shall be USD75 and USD150 for all Additional Players.

For the OPEN EVENT, each Commonwealth country is eligible to field One man, one woman, one Senior (Above-60), One Junior Girl (Under-20) and one Junior Boy (Under-20) for the Open Event – and acknowledged as the Official Players.

For the AGE GROUP EVENT, each Commonwealth country is eligible to field one boy and one girl each in the Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18 events – and acknowledged as the Official Players.

Free Entry for GMs and IMs with a FIDE Rating of 2400 and above, and for WGMs and WIMs with a FIDE Rating of 2250 and above

All OFFICIAL ENTRIES must be submitted via their respective Federations using the Official Registration Form

7. REGISTRATION FEE

All foreign participants and their respective accompanying persons will have to pay a registration fee of USD 110 per person. This will include pick up services from the airport to the hotel and back, and other organizational costs.

All local players must have both FIDE and MCF ID and will have to pay a registration fee of USD 60 per person to participate.

8. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer will provide free accommodation to All Official Representatives – as mentioned in Item 6, in a double or triple sharing room. All official players and accompanying persons are required stay at the official hotel.

Local Malaysian can arrange their own accommodation but are encouraged to take up accommodation at the official hotel.

All GM with a FIDE rating of 2400 and all WGM with a FIDE rating of 2250 and above, will be provided free accommodation at the official hotel in double sharing rooms. All GM with a FIDE rating of 2600 and above will be provided free accommodation at the official hotel in single rooms.

The rate offered for all players for accommodation and full boarding at the official hotel shall be as follows:

Single	USD 100 per night per person
Double Sharing	USD 80 per night per person

The organizer reserves the right to rearrange the rooming arrangements based on rooms availability as it deems appropriate.

9. OFFICIAL VENUE

The official venue for the event shall be at the
MELAKA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE (MITC)
LEVEL 2, CONVENTION CENTRE,
MITC COMPLEX, JALAN KONVENSYEN,
HANG TUAH JAYA, 75450 AYER KEROH,
MELAKA

Located approximately 130km from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport – approximately two (2) hours bus ride from KLIA to event venue, the international convention centre is the pride of the Melaka State Government and is 30-minute drive away from the Historical City of Melaka

10. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Official Hotels for the event are:

- **MITC Hotel Melaka**
Lot 15232 and 15233, Jalan Food City
Malacca International Trade Centre
75450 Ayer Keroh, Malacca
- **Mudzaffar Hotel Melaka**
Lot 5509, Jalan Wisma Persekutuan
Malacca International Trade Centre,
75450 Ayer Keroh, Malacca

Both hotels are located within walking distance from the Official Venue. All official players and their respective accompanying persons are required to stay at the Official Hotel. Rooms are provided on a first come first served basis.

Players who are unable to secure a room, or players who decided to take accommodation elsewhere, will be responsible for their own transport from the hotel to the playing venue vice versa.

11. CLOSING DATE

The Official Closing date to register shall be on or before the **15th of January 2024**. Entries received after the Official Closing date shall incur additional penalty fee of USD 50 per player, and subject to Organizers discretion/space limitations.

No entries will be entertained after the **1st of February 2024**

12. PAYMENT – ORGANIZER BANKING DETAILS

All payments must be made to the Malaysian Chess Federation official bank accounts as per the following details. All bank commissions and/or charges must be managed and paid by the sender/player themselves.

Account Name	PERSEKUTUAN CATUR MALAYSIA
Bank Name	CIMB
Bank Account	8000649725
Bank Address	CIMB Bank Berhad (Jalan TAR Branch) Ground Floor, Bangunan Commerce Life, No 338, Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, 50100 Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
SWIFT CODE	CIBBMYKL

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