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INVITATION

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MANNY PACQUIAO

INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL

13 – 17 December 2022



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Dear friends and chess lovers,

On behalf of the Maharlika Pilipinas Chess League (MPCL) and the Organizing Committee, it is my great honor to invite all chess players worldwide to the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival, to be held from 13 - 17 December 2022 in the Family Country Hotel, General Santos City, Philippines.

As you know, Philippines has a great history of chess. It is the homeland of legendary and a long time FIDE President Florencio Campomanes, First Asian Grandmaster Eugene Torre, and on March 2017 FIDE rating list until now, Wesley So was the first and only Filipino to reached an Elo rating of 2822, making him the fifth-highest rated player in history. A former chess prodigy, Wesley So became the youngest player to pass a 2600 Elo rating in October 2008, breaking the record previously held by World Champion Magnus Carlsen. Wesley So is also the First Fischer Random Chess World Champion. Philippines has hosted numerous world events including World Championship match between Karpov and Korchnoi in 1978 which was held in Baguio City, and 30th Chess Olympiad in 1992, at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila. We believe that MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival will be another milestone event.

It is a great honor to host the players and guests from all over the world. I do hope that MPCL Manny Pacquiao Chess International Open Chess Festival will take considerable place in the hearts of hosts as well as all players and attending guests.

Warm Regards,



IM HAMED G. NOURI

President – Maharlika Pilipinas Chess League (MPCL)

Tournament Director – MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival

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Dear chess friends,

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome all the players, captains, and delegates, mass media representatives and guests to the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival, in Family Country Hotel, General Santos City, Philippines.

As one of the most anticipated Chess Tournament in the chess world, the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival heartily embracing the players, guests, and their cultures. I am heartened to see that we are finally back to the ‘over-the-board’ events so that we can mingle each and everyone to show our love of the game.

For five (5) days, General Santos City will be the chess center of the world. We look forward to hosting approximately 250 participants from almost around the world in the Tournament of brilliant minds. The attention of the million chess players will now be directed to this city.

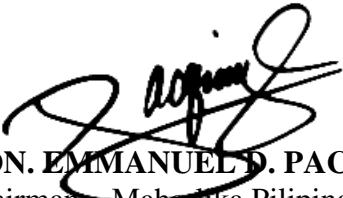
It is worth noting that General Santos City has all the required infrastructure and hospitality of the Philippine’s culture at the highest level, complemented by the magnificent scenery and landscapes of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. General Santos City is the motherland of the Boxing 8th Division World Champion and certainly one of the greatest boxers of all time, Senator Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao, who is now a chess player, chess lover, and prolific supporter of the chess community.

Thank you to all the parties who contributed to this memorable moment as we present this event. I express my sincerest gratitude to the leadership of the country, President Ferdinand “Bong-Bong” Marcos, Jr., the President of the National Chess Federation, Hon. Prospero “Butch” Pichay, the Chairman of the Philippine Sports Commission, Jose Emmanuel “Noli” M. Eala, the Organizing Committee, volunteers and media for providing the necessary support.

We are convinced that the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival will become a truly global festival of Chess!

We are one family in the MPCL! We, together are faithful stewards of God’s grace for the welfare of humanity!

Best Regards,



HON. EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO
Chairman – Maharlika Pilipinas Chess League (MPCL)
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GETTING TO THE VENUE



Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)



General Santos City International Airport

For foreign nationals, the port of entry for the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival is the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) which is located in Parañaque City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Then, take another flight from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) to General Santos International Airport. If you take an airplane going to General Santos City from Parañaque City, it takes 2 hours and 30 minutes to arrive. Currently, there are 31 domestic flights to General Santos City weekly. When taking an exit from General Santos City, you have to take a flight vice versa.

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THE VENUE



The venue for MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival is Family Country Hotel, Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines 9500. The Family Country Hotel is strategically located in the middle of GenSan's major commercial establishments such as SM City GenSan, Gaisano Mall of GenSan, KCC Mall of GenSan and Robinsons' Place GenSan. There are tricycles passing right in front of the hotel's gate making transportation around downtown very convenient.

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TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. INTERNATIONAL OPEN

1.1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 1.1.1 The tournament is open to all local and foreign nationals.
- 1.1.2 Foreign national players with FIDE ID numbers are allowed to join.
- 1.1.3 Filipino active NCFP members are allowed to join.

1.2. PLAYING CONDITION – MODE OF PLAY/RATE OF PLAY

- 1.2.1 Nine (9) rounds Swiss System.
- 1.2.2 Standard - ninety (90) minutes plus 30 seconds increment.

1.3. ENTRY FEE

1.3.1	Unrated	-	250 USD
1.3.2	Below 1999	-	225 USD
1.3.3	2000 - 2199	-	200 USD
1.3.4	2200 - 2299	-	175 USD
1.3.5	2300 - 2399	-	150 USD
1.3.6	2400 - up	-	100 USD

NOTE: *Champion, 2nd and 3rd placer will receive trophies.*

2. SIDE EVENT

2.1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

- 2.1.1 The team event is open to all titled and non-titled Filipino chess players.
- 2.1.2 A team composed of one titled player on board 1, with two non-titled players on board 2, and board 3.
- 2.1.3 The tournament is FIDE rated and the latest FIDE rapid ratings shall be used.
- 2.1.4 The average rating basis is 2050 local rapid ratings as of January 2021.
- 2.1.5 The minimum rating to count is 1700 and for the unrated is 1700.

2.2. PLAYING CONDITION – MODE OF PLAY/RATE OF PLAY

- 2.2.1 Fifteen (15) minutes + three (3) seconds delay.

2.3. ENTRY FEE

- 2.3.1 The entry fee is six (6) thousand pesos (Php6,000.00).

2.4. CATEGORY AWARDS QUALIFICATION

- 2.4.1 Top College, three (3) participants all in college level.
- 2.4.2 Top Company with certification from the company.

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- 2.4.3 Top LGU with certification, at least two are resident of their towns, city or province.
- 2.4.4 Top Government, at least one employee with a government ID to present.
- 2.4.5 Top Gen San, at least two General Santos City resident.

NOTE: *Participants must show a valid identification card issued by the government or school.*

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 INTERNATIONAL OPEN

DATE	PHILIPPINE TIME	EVENT
12 th December	Check-in 1:00 pm	Arrival
	6:00 pm	Technical Meeting
	7:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
13 th December	9:00 am	Round 1
	4:00 pm	Round 2
14 th December	9:00 am	Round 3
	4:00 pm	Round 4
15 th December	9:00 am	Round 5
	4:00 pm	Round 6
16 th December	9:00 am	Round 7
	4:00 pm	Round 8
17 th December	9:00 am	Round 9
	4:00 pm	Awarding
18 th December	Check-out 12nn	Departure

3.2 SIDE EVENT – 18 - 19 December 2022

- 3.3 FUNCTUALITY AND UNAUTHORIZE MATERIALS – The players are requested to be at the venue at least 30 minutes before the start of the round to proceed to the security checks. Furthermore, the participants are not allowed to bring non-authorized items (mobiles, electronic devices, watches, pens, bags, wallet, credit cards etc.) with them to the playing venue. Storage facility will be available at the venue for deposit of such items. Please note that possession of non-authorized items in person at playing venue will lead to forfeiture/loss of the game as per FIDE Fair Play regulations.

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4. REGISTRATION

Registration form (page 12) shall be submitted by all participating players on or before 30th of November 2022 together with payment. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player should be sent by email to the Organizing Committee at maharlikapilipinaschess@gmail.com

5. CASH PRIZES

5.1 INTERNATIONAL OPEN

RANK	PRIZES	RANK	PRIZES
Champion	US\$ 20,000	11th Place	US\$ 300
2 nd Place	12,000	12th Place	300
3 rd Place	8,000	13th Place	300
4th Place	6,000	14th Place	300
5th Place	3,000	15th Place	300
6th Place	2,000	16th Place	300
7th Place	2,000	17th Place	300
8th Place	1,000	18th Place	300
9th Place	1,000	19th Place	300
10th Place	1,000	20th Place	300

5.2 CATEGORY AWARDS

RANK	PRIZES
Top Kiddies (14u)	US\$ 200
Top Lady	200
Top Junior (20u)	200
Top Senior (60 & above)	200
Top Gen San (local players)	200

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5.3 SIDE EVENT

RANK	PRIZES	RANK	PRIZES
Champion	₱ 300,000.00	11th Place	₱ 10,000.00
2 nd Place	150,000.00	12th Place	10,000.00
3 rd Place	100,000.00	13th Place	10,000.00
4th Place	50,000.00	14th Place	10,000.00
5th Place	30,000.00	15th Place	10,000.00
6th Place	20,000.00	16th Place	5,000.00
7th Place	15,000.00	17th Place	5,000.00
8th Place	13,000.00	18th Place	5,000.00
9th Place	12,000.00	19th Place	5,000.00
10th Place	10,000.00	20th Place	5,000.00

5.4 CATEGORY AWARDS

RANK	PRIZES
Top LGU	₱ 5,000.00
Top Government	5,000.00
Top College	5,000.00
Top Gen San	5,000.00
Top Company	5,000.00

NOTE: *Champion, 2nd and 3rd placer will receive trophies and medals.*

6. TIE BREAKS

6.1 The final ranking of the tournament shall be determined by the number of points scored, at the end of the tournament, if two or more players are tied for first place or any prize, the tie shall be broken by the following tie breaks in the order, below:

- 6.1.1 Direct encounter
- 6.1.2 Number of wins (forfeits counted, byes are not forfeit)
- 6.1.3 Buchholz Cut 1
- 6.1.4 Buchholz Cut 2
- 6.1.5 Sonneborn Berger

7. PAYMENTS

Payments of entry fees must be made to the following bank account:

Account Name : Hamed G. Nouri
Dollar Account Number : 623130000451
Bank Name : Philippine Savings Bank
Address : Holy Spirit Drive Branch, Unit L1 Lot 7,8,10
Block 7, Holy Spirit Drive Isidora Hills Subdivision
Brgy. Holy Spirit, Quezon City, Philippines
SWIFT CODE : PHSBPHMM

8. AIRPORT TRANSFER

All participants are required to send their flight details of arrival and departure to the Organizer before the 30th of November 2022 at maharlikapilipinaschess@gmail.com

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Foreign nationals are required to book their lodging at the official hotel. Players can be directed to book his/her lodging or the Organizer may assist the booking directly to the official Hotel:

Hotel name: - Family Country Hotel
Address: - Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines 9500
Contact No.: - +632 918 258 3135
E-mail Address: - family_country_hotelgsc@yahoo.com

10. ACCOMODATION

All foreign nationals with a rating of 2600+ are allowed a discount in entry fee of USD50 each. No teams or individuals are allowed free lodging and entry in the MPCL Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Festival as per decision of the Board.

11. VISA

All players that will be required a visa to enter Philippines must send a copy of passport (page with photo and key information), registration form (page 12) and passport size photo to the Organizer before the deadline of 30th November 2022 for extending visa invitation after which the Organizer shall not be responsible. The invitation letter will be sent after the payment is done.

12. DRESS CODE

All Players are obliged to wear formal attire. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should wear formal attire at the closing ceremony.

13. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 13.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament.
- 13.2 There shall be a Chairman and two members, appointed by the President of MPCL in consultation with the Organizing Committee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his team except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his team.
- 13.3 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than one hour after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- 13.3.1 An appeal against a decision by an arbiter;
- 13.3.2 A protest against a player's behavior;
- 13.3.3 A complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations;
- 13.3.4 A request for the interpretation of specific regulations;
- 13.3.5 A protest or complaint against any participant; and
- 13.3.6 All other matters which the Committee considers important.
- 13.4 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of FIDE motto. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 150 (one hundred fifty US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to the Organizing Committee. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

14. CONTACTS

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REGISTRATION FORM

ENTRY

Official	Extra Place
(Tick the appropriate box)	

Federation:				
Address:				
E-mail:		Contact No.:		
Name of Player:				Male
				Female
Title / ID Number Validity	FIDE Rating	Passport No.	Date of Issue:	Valid Until:
Nationality		Place of Birth		Date of Birth

Type of accommodation required:	Sharing with:	Sharing with:
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Flight Details:	
Arrival Date:	Time:
Arriving From:	Flight No./Terminal
Departure Date:	Time:
Departure To:	Flight No./Terminal

Name of Responding Official:
Signature:

Please return this entry form on or before 30 November 2022 to the following e-mail address:
 maharlikapilipinaschess@gmail.com