



Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2023

organised by the
The Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong Chess Federation Limited (HKCFL) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations of **FIDE** to participate in the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2023 (FIDE rated with possible title norms) from the 23rd December 2023 (arrival) to the 29th December 2023 (departure).

2. Organising committee

This event is organised by the Hong Kong Chess Federation Limited and the organising committee shall be its Board of Directors.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **Saint Benedict's School** in Choi Hung, Kowloon.

Location on Google Map - <https://goo.gl/maps/fg5CJPfj3Uk>

This area is a quiet housing estate, with MTR station and many facilities.

4. Participation and Conditions

4.1) *The entry fees of the event shall be as follows:*

- a) Players with international titles GM, IM, WGM and WIM – free entry
- b) FIDE rated players 1800 and above - HK\$800
- c) FIDE rated players 1799 and below - HK\$1,200 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCFL members
- c) Unrated chess players – HK\$1,500.00 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCFL members

Note: Unrated Hong Kong players without FIDE ID pay additional HK\$550 for issuing the HKG FIDE ID. Participants from other countries who do not have a FIDE ID need to apply for their FIDE ID at their country's respective federations. *A valid FIDE ID is strictly required for participation.*

- 4.2) Interested players can register online at <https://hkcfi.com/> and follow the instructions to make full payment. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.
- 4.3) The deadline for registration is **12 noon, 20th December 2023**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations without giving a reason.
- 4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website from **1st December 2023**. This acts as confirmation for participation and anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.
- 4.5) **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**
Players who do not attend player's meeting at 8:45am on 24th December 2023 shall not be paired. those arriving within 30 minutes shall be paired at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

5. Travel conditions

There are MTR, public buses and mini buses available from the all points of Kowloon and Hong Kong to the venue. Taxi fares are quite reasonable. Please allow ample time to reach the playing venue as traffic conditions in Hong Kong are among the busiest in the world. (see **3. Playing Venue** for directions)

6. Accommodation

Participants are advised to book early to avoid high walk-in prices prevalent in Hong Kong. Special rates are possible if booked well in advance. **HOTEL ARRANGEMENT:** Federation can offer special flat rates for the first 30 rooms booked at the Regal Oriental Hotel at HKD1,000 per night for 2 persons with breakfast. This offer expires 1st Dec 2023.

7. Tournament Format

- 7.1) The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over 9 rounds.
- 7.2) Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the whole game plus 30 seconds increment starting from move 1
- 7.3) Title norms may be possible depending on the number of titled players.
- 7.4) The latest rules and regulations of FIDE shall apply.
- 7.5) The zero-start tolerance rule shall not apply. Waiting time will be set at 30 minutes.
- 7.6) *2 defaults/no shows shall be deemed as withdrawal from the tournament.*
- 7.7) No pairing of players from the same federation for the top 10 boards in Round 9.

8. Playing hall dress code

- 8.1) All players must wear smart casual or formal when in the tournament hall.
- 8.2) All players and audience in the tournament hall must adhere to the rules put forward by the Arbiters. Otherwise, they may be asked to leave the tournament hall.
- 8.3) All forms of **electronic equipment** are not allowed within the playing hall. Players should not bring them into the playing area. There is a depository at the Chief Arbiter's desk for all electronic devices.

9. Playing Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Programme
24 th Dec	Sunday	08:45	Players' meeting
		09:00	Round 1
		15:00	Round 2
25 th Dec	Monday	09:00	Round 3
26 th Dec	Tuesday	09:00	Round 4
		15:00	Round 5
27 th Dec	Wednesday	09:00	Round 6
		15:00	Round 7
28 th Dec	Thursday	15:00	Round 8
29 th Dec	Friday	15:00	Round 9 (final)
		after last game	Closing Ceremony

10. Prizes

10.1)

OPEN CATEGORY	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	Trophy+Medal + HK\$18,000
2 nd	Medal + HK\$10,000
3 rd	Medal + HK\$6,000
4 th	Medal + HK\$5,000
5 th	Medal + HK\$4,000
	Cash prizes from 6 th to 10 th place – HK\$2,000

10.2)

GROUP PRIZES for rating categories			
Rating group	Champion	Runner-Up	2 nd Runner-Up
1701 to 1800	Medal + HKD1,200	HKD800	HKD500
1501 to 1700	Medal + HKD1,200	HKD800	HKD500
1301 to 1500	Medal + HKD1,000	HKD700	HKD500
Below 1300	Medal + HKD1,000	HKD700	HKD500

10.3)

JUNIOR PRIZES	
Rankings	Prizes
Best U-18	Medal + HK\$1,000
Best U-12	Medal + HK\$1,000

11. Tiebreak system

11.1) Winners are determined by number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following tie breaks will apply:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied players have played each other)
- Greater number of wins as Black (forfeits NOT counted)
- Median Buchholz Cut 1
- Performance (rating)

NOTE: If the above is insufficient then they shall be declared Joint Champions

11.2) Every prize winner, though eligible for multiple prizes, can only be entitled to 1 prize category.

12. Contact information of the Organizing Committee

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Appeals Committee: this shall be the HKCFL directors. The appeal form posted in venue.

