



## **Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2023**

**14-22 October 2023**

**Tagaytay City, Philippines**

### **1. Invitation**

The City of Tagaytay under the auspices of the Asian Chess Federation and International Chess Federation and in cooperation with the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Olympic Committee, has the honor to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the 2023 Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over-50 and over-65 years old (and best women), from 14-22 October 2023 at the Knights Templar Hotel in Tagaytay City, Philippines.

### **2. Participation**

The Asian Seniors Championship is open for all players over 50 and 65 years old by 31st December 2023, regardless of the rating and title, who have FIDE ID and are members of National Chess Federations in FIDE Zones 3.1 to 3.8. There is no limit in the number of participants per federation.

If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in the over-65, then it shall be merged with the over-50.

### **3. Registrations**

The entries must be submitted on the attached registration form, with ID photo and passport copy (color scan) to the official emails [asianchessfederation@yahoo.com](mailto:asianchessfederation@yahoo.com) and [mykelapitan0818@gmail.com](mailto:mykelapitan0818@gmail.com). The last date for registration is 30 September 2023.

### **4. Fees**

Entry fees: Each player must pay 60 USD as entry fees.

Registration fees: Each player must pay 100 USD as registration fees to the event for registration and accreditation. All fees and the hotel booking must be paid before start of tournament.

The last date for registration is 30 September 2023. After that date, a late registration fee of 50 USD will be charged. Players whose payment has not been received shall not be paired.

## **5. Accommodation**

Per FIDE regulations, all players, except local players are obliged to be accommodated in the official hotel through the organizer.

Access to playing areas, venues and the hotel will be allowed only to people accredited by the organizer. Players who are not present at the technical meeting cannot be included in the drawing of lots and entry fees will be forfeited.

The official hotel and venue of the event is the Knights Templar Hotel, alternate hotel is the Grandmaster Hotel.

- 1- Double room \$75.00 (per person full board)
- 2- Single room \$130.00 (per person full board)

## **6. Tournament System and Rate of Play**

The tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply. Time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes each plus 2 seconds increment per move.

## **7. Tie-Break System**

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) and to (e).

- a- Direct Encounter
- b- Buccholz
- c- Buccholz Cut 1
- d- Buccholz Cut 2
- e- Sonnenborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one Armageddon blitz game between the top two shall decide.

## **8. Tournament schedule**

The Championship will be held from 14-22 October 2023 as follows:

Day/Date		Time	Event
Saturday	14 October	After 12:00 nn	Arrival
Sunday	15 October	09:00 10:00	Technical Meeting Opening and Round 1
Monday	16 October	10:00 16:00	Round 2 Round 3
Tuesday	17 October	10:00	Round 4
Wednesday	18 October	10:00 16:00	Round 5 Round 6
Thursday	19 October	10:00	Round 7
Friday	20 October	10:00	Round 8
Saturday	21 October	10:00 16:00	Round 9 Blitz Championship Awards Ceremonies
Sunday	22 October	Before 12:00nn	Departure

## **9. Chief Arbiter and Technical Delegate**

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters, Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different federations.

## **10. Appeals**

A protest against a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a protest fee of USD 200.00 (Two Hundred US Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is

refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately. No Appeals are possible in Blitz where the Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

## **11. Prizes**

Top three winners of each category (Standard, Rapid, Blitz) will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Certificate. A total of \$3,000 for standard chess in this Asian Chess Federation event shall be awarded as follows:

Over 50	Over 65
First US\$500	First US\$350
Second US\$400	Second US\$200
Third US\$300	Third US\$150
Fourth US\$200	Fourth US\$100
Fifth US\$150	Fifth US\$100
Sixth US\$150	
Best woman \$300	Best woman \$100

Money prizes are not shared. In case of merged groups, prizes apply for the specific age group.

## **12. Direct Titles**

Gold medalist (first after tiebreak) in Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm. 1st equal (first three after tie break) will receive the IM title. Silver and bronze medalists shall receive IM norms and FM titles. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900.

## **13. Payments**

All payments are to be done to the following Bank account and all bank commissions must be paid by sender.

Account name: Tagaytay Chess Club, Inc.  
Address: Plaza San Nicolas de Tolentino, Tagaytay Rotunda,  
Tolentino East, Tagaytay City, Cavite, Philippines  
USD Account number: 152-19-0000382  
Peso Account number: 152-11-001169-8  
Name of Bank: Asia United Bank  
Address of Bank: Tagaytay City, Philippines  
SWIFT: aubkphmm

All fees and the hotel booking must be paid to the Tagaytay Chess Club.

#### **14. Visa**

Those who need visas should apply at the Philippine consulate nearest them. Invitation letters will be issued upon filling the registration application before the deadline. To issue an invitation for visa to enter Philippines participants should send a clear passport copy and provide visa form to [asianchessfederation@yahoo.com](mailto:asianchessfederation@yahoo.com), [casto.abundo@gmail.com](mailto:casto.abundo@gmail.com) and [mykelapitan0818@gmail.com](mailto:mykelapitan0818@gmail.com)

30th September 2023 is the deadline when invitation for visa could be issued. After 30th September 2023 visa invitations are not issued.

#### **15. Airport Transfers**

The organizer will provide airport transfers for the participants from Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila to the Official Hotel and back. All participants are required to send by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 their flight details of arrivals and departures.

#### **16. Other Matters**

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above will be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation President.

#### **17. Contact Information**

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