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INVITATION

MANNY PACQUIAO
INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

7 - 12 December 2023

Family Country Hotel, Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines

SIDE EVENT (TEAM TOURNAMENT 3x3)

13 - 14 December 2023

Robinsons Place, Jose Catolico Sr. Ave., Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines

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Dear friends and chess lovers,

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome all the players, captains, mass media representatives and guests to the Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament to be held from December 7 - 12, 2023, at Family Country Hotel, Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines.

As one of the most anticipated Chess Tournament in the chess world, the Organizers of the Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament heartily embracing the players, guests, and their cultures. I am heartened to see that we can mingle each and everyone to show our love of the game.

In hosting this MPCA International Open Chess Tournament, the attention of the million chess players will now be directed to this city. For five (5) days, General Santos City will be the chess center of the world. We look forward to hosting approximately 100 participants from almost around the world in this Tournament of brilliant minds.

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, former Senator Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao, who is now a chess player, chess lover, and prolific supporter of the chess community.

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

Warm Regards,



F/CSUPT JONAS R. SILVANO

President – Manny Pacquiao Chess Association, Inc. (MPCA)
Tournament Director – MPCA International Open Chess Tournament



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Dear chess friends,

On behalf of the Manny Pacquiao Chess Association, Inc. (MPCA) and the Organizing Committee, it is my great honor to invite all chess players worldwide to the Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament to be held from December 7 - 12, 2023, at the Family Country Hotel, Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines, and our Side Event (Team Tournament 3x3) on December 13-14, 2023, at Robinsons Place, Jose Catolico Sr., Ave, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines.

Philippines has a great history of chess. 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. 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 reach an Elo rating of 2822, making him the fifth-highest rated chess player in history. 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 Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament will be another milestone event.

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, Hon. Richard "Dickie" Bachmann, the Organizing Committee, volunteers and media for providing the necessary support.

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

Best Regards,



HON. EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO

The Only One – Boxing 8th Division World Champion
Former Senator of the Republic of the Philippines
Chairman – Manny Pacquiao Chess Association, Inc. (MPCA)
Sponsor – MPCA International Open Chess Tournament



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GETTING TO THE VENUE



Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)



General Santos City International Airport



Francisco Bangoy International Airport, Davao City

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For foreign nationals, the main port of entry for the Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament 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 around 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.

The travelers may take another port of entry going to General Santos City on a much lower flight fare thru Francisco Bangoy International Airport, Davao City. Then, take a bus trip around 148 kms and 3 hrs via Pan-Philippine Highway.

THE VENUE

INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT



The venue for Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament is the Family Country Hotel, Mateo Road, Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines. 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.

The Family Country Hotel is now newly renovated costing around ₱35 million to upgrade the hotel exciting new guest amenities, rooms, and Hotel Convention Area that caters the Tournament Venue. The design, size, and style of the hotel can have an enormous impact on the way a guest feels when they walk in the door with supports group from Hotel Management and staffs of loving hospitality.

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SIDE EVENT



The venue for the Side Event (Team Tournament 3x3) of the Manny Pacquiao International Open Chess Tournament is Robinsons' Place, Jose Catolico Avenue Sr., Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines. The Robinsons Place is also located in the middle of GenSan's major commercial establishments. There are tricycles, Jeeps and Buses passing right in front of Robinsons Place making transportation around downtown very accessible.

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

- 1.2.1 The Tournament shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations.
- 1.2.2 Time Control - Standard: ninety (90) minutes with an increment of thirty seconds per move from move 1.
- 1.2.3 The Swiss Manager pairing program shall be utilized for pairing.
- 1.2.4 The defaulting time is thirty (30) minutes after the start of the round.
- 1.2.5 No agreed draws below thirty (30) moves.

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- 1.2.6 Players are requested to be at the venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the round to proceed to the security checks.
- 1.2.7 Analysis is not allowed in the playing hall/playing area. Players must leave the playing area after their games.
- 1.2.8 Participants are not allowed to bring non-authorized items (mobiles, electronic devices, watches, pens, bags) with them to the playing venue. Storage facility is available at the venue for deposit of such items. Please note that possession of non-authorized items in person at the playing venue will lead to forfeiture/loss of the game as per FIDE Fair Play regulations.

1.3. ENTRY FEE

| | | | |
|-------|---------------|---|---------|
| 1.3.1 | Unrated | - | 175 USD |
| 1.3.2 | Below 2199 | - | 150 USD |
| 1.3.3 | 2200 - 2399 | - | 125 USD |
| 1.3.4 | 2400 - up | - | 100 USD |
| 1.3.5 | Mindanaoans * | - | 100 USD |

NOTE: * All players coming from Mindanao must show Identification that he/she lives or residing in Mindanao.

15 USD for a Polo Shirt shall be paid that all players are obliged to wear on the 1st and last day of the Tournament.

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

1.4. SPECIAL AWARDS QUALIFICATION

- 1.4.1 Top under 12 with certified Birth Certificate to present.
- 1.4.2 Top Gen San, at least two General Santos City residents.
- 1.4.3 Top Senior with Senior valid ID to present.

NOTE: Participants must show a valid identification card issued by the concern government office.

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 2000 local rapid ratings as of October 31, 2023.
- 2.1.5 The minimum rating to count is 1800 and for the unrated is 1800.

2.2. PLAYING CONDITION

- 2.2.1 Twenty five (25) minutes + five (5) seconds increment from move 1.
- 2.2.2 The defaulting time is five (5) minutes after the start of the round.
- 2.2.3 Same with **1. INTERNATIONAL OPEN**, except items **1.2.2 and 1.2.4**.

2.3. ENTRY FEE

- 2.3.1 The entry fee is Four Thousand Pesos (**Php4,000.00**).

2.4. SPECIAL AWARDS QUALIFICATION

- 2.4.1 Same with **1. INTERNATIONAL OPEN, 1.4.1-3**.
- 2.4.2 Top Private Company, at least one employee with a company ID to present.
- 2.4.3 Top Government Agency, at least one employee with government agency ID to present.

NOTE: Participants must show a valid identification card issued by the concern private or government office.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 INTERNATIONAL OPEN

| DATE | DAY | PHILIPPINE TIME | EVENT |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| 7 th December 2023 | Thursday | Check-in 1:00 pm | Arrival |
| | | 6:00 pm | Technical Meeting |
| | | 7:00 pm | Opening Ceremony |
| 8 th December 2023 | Friday | 9:00 am | Round 1 |
| | | 4:00 pm | Round 2 |
| 9 th December 2023 | Saturday | 9:00 am | Round 3 |
| | | 4:00 pm | Round 4 |
| 10 th December 2023 | Sunday | 9:00 am | Round 5 |
| | | 4:00 pm | Round 6 |
| 11 th December 2023 | Monday | 9:00 am | Round 7 |
| | | 4:00 pm | Round 8 |
| 12 th December 2023 | Tuesday | 9:00 am | Round 9 |
| | | 4:00 pm | Awarding |
| 13 th December 2023 | Wednesday | Check-out 12nn | Departure |

3.2 SIDE EVENT (DECEMBER 13-14, 2023)

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4. REGISTRATION

The Registration form (**page 13**) shall be submitted by all participating players on or before the 30th of November 2023 together with payment. A digital ID photo and clear scanned Passport Copy of each player should be submitted to the Organizing Committee or sent thru email at mpca1023@gmail.com

5. CASH PRIZES

5.1 INTERNATIONAL OPEN

| RANK | PRIZES |
|---|-------------------|
| Champion | USD 5,000 |
| 2 nd Place | 4,000 |
| 3 rd Place | 3,000 |
| 4 th Place | 2,000 |
| 5 th - 8 th Place | 1,000 |
| 9 th - 12 th Place | 800 |
| 13 th - 15 th Place | 600 |
| 16 th - 20 th Place | 500 |
| 21 st - 25 th Place | 400 |
| 26 th - 30 th Place | 300 |
| TOTAL | USD 29,000 |

5.2 SPECIAL AWARDS

| RANK | PRIZES |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Top under 12 | USD 200 |
| Top Lady | 200 |
| Top Gen San | 200 |
| Top Senior (60 & above) | 200 |
| TOTAL | USD 800 |

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

5.3 SIDE EVENT

| RANK | PRIZES |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Champion | ₱ 75,000.00 |
| 2 nd Place | 50,000.00 |
| 3 rd Place | 30,000.00 |
| 4 th Place | 20,000.00 |
| 5 th Place | 10,000.00 |

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 th Place | 8,000.00 |
| 7 th Place | 7,000.00 |
| 8 th Place | 6,000.00 |
| 9 th Place | 5,000.00 |
| 10 th Place | 4,000.00 |
| TOTAL | ₱ 215,000.00 |

5.4 SPECIAL AWARDS

| RANK | PRIZES |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Top under 12 | ₱ 5,000.00 |
| Top Lady | 5,000.00 |
| Top Gen San | 5,000.00 |
| Top Private Company | 5,000.00 |
| Top Government Agency | 5,000.00 |
| Top Senior (60 & above) | 5,000.00 |
| Top Board 1 | 5,000.00 |
| Top Board 2 | 5,000.00 |
| Top Board 3 | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL | ₱ 45,000.00 |

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 **GCASH #** below:

GCASH # : 09164042411
 Name of GCASH : Rolleli Joy P. Madidis
 Address : Purok Kaunlaran, Jar Subdivision
 San Isidro, General Santos City

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8. AIRPORT TRANSFER

All participants are required to send their flight details of arrival and departure to the Organizer on or before 30th of November 2023 at e-mail: mpca1023@gmail.com

9. OFFICIAL HOTEL

Foreign nationals are required to book their lodging at the official hotel. Players may directly 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.: - +63 918 258 3135
 E-mail Address: - family_country_hotelgsc@yahoo.com

10. ACCOMODATION

There is no free lodging in the Manny Pacquiao Chess Association International Open Chess Tournament as per decision of the Board.

11. DRESS CODE

All players are obliged to wear a polo shirt designed by the Organizer on the 1st and last day of the Tournament. After the 1st and before the last day of the Tournament all players can wear other formal attire. Shorts and slippers, sun glasses, sport caps and revealing attire are not allowed. Award winners should wear a polo shirt designed by the Organizer at the closing ceremony.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 12.1 An Appeals Committee shall be constituted before the beginning of the tournament.
- 12.2 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by the President of MPCA in consultation with the Organizing Committee. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members and two (2) reserves, all from different Federations and chosen from among the participants.
- 12.3 No member of the Committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning himself. In such cases the reserves shall take his place.
- 12.4 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than thirty (30) minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- 12.4.1 An appeal against a decision by an arbiter;
- 12.4.2 A protest against a player's behavior;
- 12.4.3 A complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations;

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- 12.4.4 A request for the interpretation of specific regulations;
- 12.4.5 A protest or complaint against any participant; and
- 12.4.6 All other matters which the Committee considers important.

12.5 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than one hour 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.

13. CONTACTS

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7 - 14 December 2023

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REGISTRATION FORM

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

Flight Details:

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Arrival Date: | Time: |
| Arriving From: | Flight No./Terminal |
| Departure Date: | Time: |
| Departure To: | Flight No./Terminal |

Name of Responding Official:

Signature Over Printed Name

Please return this entry form on or before November 30, 2023 to the Organizer or at e-mail: mpcal023@gmail.com

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President

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HON. EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO
Chairman – Manny Pacquiao Chess Association, Inc. (MPCA)
Chairman/Sponsor

October 18, 2023

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