



## **COMMONWEALTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025**

**The Malaysian Chess Federation on behalf of  
The Commonwealth Chess Association and FIDE**  
cordially invite Chess Federations from the Commonwealth  
to participate in the Championship to be held  
**from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025**  
in  
**KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**



### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF) 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 2025 scheduled from the 8<sup>th</sup> of November (Arrival) to the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 (Departure) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, 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 2017
  - ii. Under 10: Born on or after 1st January 2015
  - iii. Under 12: Born on or after 1st January 2013
  - iv. Under 14: Born on or after 1st January 2011
  - v. Under 16: Born on or after 1st January 2009
  - vi. Under 18: Born on or after 1st January 2007
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 1965 (60 years old)
  - ii. Under 20: Born on or after 1st January 2005
  - iii. Disabled: Medical Proof/Card
- d. Each country may register one official entry in each category and any number of additional players to participate in the event.

### 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Classical tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Standard Event
Category	Open
	Age Groups (U8/U10/U12/U14/U16/U18 Boys & Girls)
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

The Blitz tournament format shall be as follows:

Discipline	Blitz Event
Category	Open and Youth (U18)
Number of Rounds	7-9 Rounds
Time Control	3 minutes + 2 second increment
Pairing System	Swiss Manager

Tie Break for all the events mentioned above are as follows:

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 appointment of the Chief Arbiter, Technical Delegate and Chairman of Appeals Committee shall be decided by the President of the Commonwealth Chess Association in consultation with the Malaysian Chess Federation.

### 4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	DAY	TIME	AGENDA
Day 1	8 Nov, 25	Sat	All morning	Arrival
			8:00pm	Player's Meeting
Day 2	9 Nov, 25	Sun	2:00pm	Opening Ceremony
			3:00pm	Standard - Round 1
Day 3	10 Nov, 25	Mon	8:30am	Standard - Round 2
			3:00pm	Standard - Round 3
Day 4	11 Nov, 25	Tue	8:30am	Standard - Round 4
Day 5	12 Nov, 25	Wed	8:30am	Standard - Round 5
			3:00pm	Standard - Round 6
Day 6	13 Nov, 25	Thu	FREE DAY	
Day 7	14 Nov, 25	Fri	8:30am	Standard - Round 7
Day 8	15 Nov, 25	Sat	8:30am	Standard - Round 8
Day 9	16 Nov, 25	Sun	8:30am	Standard - Round 9
			2:00pm	Open Blitz - 9 Rounds
			7:30pm	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving
Day 10	17 Nov, 25	Mon	All Day	Departure

### 5. PRIZES OFFERED

**STANDARD EVENT (TOTAL RM85,000 – approximate USD20,000)**

**MAIN OPEN PRIZES (RM42,000)**

Champ:RM12,000, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM8,000, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM5,000, 4<sup>th</sup>:RM3,000, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:RM2,000 each, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:RM1,000each, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:RM800 each, 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>:RM600 each

MAIN CATEGORY PRIZES (RM16,000)

Women/Veteran/Under 20 Boys Girls

Champ:RM2,000 each, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM1,200 each, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM800 each

AGE GROUP PRIZES (RM17,000)

Under 8 and Under 10 Boys and Girls (4 categories)

Champ:RM500 each, 2<sup>nd</sup>: RM300 each, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM200 each

Under 12 and Under 14 Boys and Girls (4 categories)

Champ:RM650 each, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM400 each, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM300 each

Under 16 and Under 18 Boys and Girls (4 categories)

Champ:RM800 each, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM600 each, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM500 each

**BLITZ EVENT (RM10,000 – approximately USD2,900)**

MAIN/OPEN PRIZES (RM6,400)

Champ:RM2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM600, 4<sup>th</sup>:RM400, 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: RM200 each,  
11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>:RM120 each

AGE GROUP PRIZES (RM3,600) – Single event for Age Group

Champ:RM1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup>:RM600, 3<sup>rd</sup>:RM400, 4<sup>th</sup>:RM250, 5<sup>th</sup>: RM150

Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 (12 categories)

Best Player Per Category: RM120 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 including all Malaysian players, and their respective accompanying persons will have to pay a registration fee of USD110 per person. This will include pick up services from the airport to the hotel and back, and other organizational costs such as accreditation cards to enter the playing hall.

The registration fee also includes entry to the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony to be held on the final day of the championship on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 8:00pm.

## 8. DIRECT TITLES

Please refer to FIDE Handbook under the title B. PERMANENT COMMISSIONS / 01. International Title Regulations (Qualification Commission) / Table for Direct Titles effective from 1 May 2025 by clicking the below link

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2025>

Direct Titles are only offered in the Open event. The Open event winners will earn the IM/WIM title with norms to be given to the silver and bronze medallists. Both the silver and bronze medallists will earn the FM/WFM titles.

## 9. ACCOMMODATION

All accommodations will be provided with full board which includes breakfast at your respective hotel, and lunch and dinner (via food coupons) for everyone at Corus KLCC Hotel.

The organizer will provide free accommodation to All Official Representatives including All Official Malaysian representatives – as mentioned in Item 6, in a double or triple sharing room. Single rooms can be requested with additional fee.

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.

All foreign official players and non-official players including their respective accompanying persons, Head of Delegations, country representatives and event officials are required to stay at the official Corus KLCC Hotel.

The accommodation rate with full board offered to all non-official players and accompanying persons at the official Corus KLCC Hotel are as follows:

Single	USD 130 per night per person (Total USD 1,170)
Double Sharing	USD 115 per night per person (Total USD 1,035)
Upgrade Single	USD 70 per night per person (Total USD 630)

*Note: Upgrade Single is for players who are eligible for Double Sharing but prefer to be in a Single room*

The organizer reserves the right to rearrange the rooming arrangements based on availability as it deems appropriate. This may require players to be housed at nearby hotels and if necessary, transportation will be arranged to ferry players to the playing hall at scheduled intervals.

**ALL NON-OFFICIAL MALAYSIAN PLAYERS** are required to stay at either Corus KLCC Hotel, or at De King Hotel located next door. The full board accommodation rate for De King Hotel is as follows:

Double Sharing	USD 80 per night per person (Total USD 720)
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*Note: Breakfast will be served at De King Hotel. Lunch and Dinner will be served at Corus KLCC Hotel. Accommodation rates at Corus KLCC Hotel are as per the previous paragraph.*

**ACCOMPANYING PERSONS for MALAYSIANS – for Official and Non-Official players**, may choose to stay either at the official hotels or stay offsite away from the hotel via their own arrangement. In such situation, the accompanying person will not be allowed to enter the playing hall or join the Closing and Prize Giving Ceremony on the final day of the Championship.



**IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT** the organizer reserves the right to remove any players and their respective accompanying persons – without any refund, should they be found to have booked the hotel on their own without going through the organizer.

**PLAYERS ARRIVING EARLY or REQUESTING LATE DEPARTURES** are advised to arrange for their own accommodation prior to check in at the official hotels. If an early check or extension is required, while the organizer is able to help with the arrangement, we will not be able to guarantee the rooms availability.

## 10. HOTELS

The official hotel shall be Corus KLCC Hotel, Persiaran Hampshire, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The secondary hotel shall be De King Hotel located next door to Corus KLCC Hotel.

### CORUS KLCC Hotel



### De King Hotel KLCC



Both hotels offer a majestic view of modern Kuala Lumpur surrounded by tall skyscrapers, vibrant night life and the iconic PETRONAS Twin Tower as Kuala Lumpur most famous skyline and backdrop. Located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur City Centre and 300meters away from the iconic PETRONAS Twin Tower, both hotels provide easy access to many interesting destinations within the city including easy access to underground trains, busses, extensive variety of food offerings, and many iconic places of interests.

## 11. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Travel time from KLIA will take approximately 45 minutes to arrive via taxi – depending on traffic flow. Alternatively, the speed train ride from KLIA will take approximately 30 minutes to arrive KL Sentral where passengers will need to switch to the Kelana Jaya LRT Line for another 30-minute ride to reach KLCC LRT station. From then on, both the hotels are only a 10-minute walk away from the station.

The organizer will only provide transport for registered players, their accompanying persons and officials arriving at KLIA on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, and those departing on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025. Arrivals or departures beyond these dates are advised to arrange for their own transport. The organizer will assist based on best effort and additional charges may incur.

Only those who have paid the required Registration Fees and provided their travelling details are entitled for the free Airport Transfers.

## **12.OFFICIAL PLAYING VENUE**

The official playing venue for all the rounds and games offered shall be at Corus KLCC Hotel Grand Ballroom located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Corus KLCC Hotel.

Only officials, players, accompanying persons and invited guests with proper accreditation and ID cards are allowed to enter the playing venue. However, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter reserve the right to remove or request for accompanying persons and invited guests to leave the hall if deemed necessary.

## **13.CLOSING DINNER AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY**

All players and accompanying persons who have paid the Registration Fee as mentioned in Item 7, and all event Officials appointed and invited by the Organiser/Malaysian Chess Federation, are welcome to attend the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 starting at 8:00pm.

All others including spectators and visitors may join the Closing Dinner and Prize Giving Ceremony by purchasing a dinner ticket - depending on seats and space availability, at USD50 per person per entry.

Tickets can be purchased from the Event Secretariat starting on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **14.CLOSING DATE**

The Official Closing date to register shall be on or before the **8<sup>th</sup> of October 2025**. Entries received after the Official Closing date shall incur additional penalty fee of USD 50 per player, and subject to Organisers discretion/space limitations.

No entries will be entertained after the **30<sup>th</sup> of October 2025**

## **15.DEPOSITS and FULL PAYMENT**

A 50% payment must be paid to the organiser when the initial submission is made before the soft closing date – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The full payment needs to be paid before the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2025. Payments received after this date but before the start of Round 1, shall incur an additional USD100 penalty charge.

The organiser reserves the rights not to pair any players if the full payment is not received during the players meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025. At the discretion of the organiser and officials, this may also include removing the player from the tournament without any refund.

## 16.VISA AND PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

Most visitors to Malaysia are granted visa-free entry for a period of 90, 30, or 14 days respectively. Please check your eligibility to enter Malaysia with or without a visa by clicking the below link:

<https://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country/>

Please take note that all travellers entering Malaysia must complete the mandatory Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) online before arrival and must have a passport with at least six months of validity.

## 17.CURRENCY

Malaysia uses its own currency in RM (Ringgit Malaysia). Most outlets and shops accept Credit Cards such Mastercard and/or Visa, and Debit Cards as a common payment method. There are a lot of money changer kiosks in major shopping malls should there is a need to change to local currency.

## 18.PAYMENT – ORGANISER 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

Take note that for security and safety purposes, the Organiser prefer not to accept any cash payments from any players or organisers.

## 19.CONTACT DETAILS

For further information or clarification with regards to the Championship, please contact the following:

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8. Chairman of Appeal Committee To Be Appointed  
9. Technical Delegate To Be Appointed

## 20.OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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