



23rd ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st – 11th July 2025 – Penang, Malaysia

INVITATION

Penang Chess Association (PCA), under the auspices of ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC) and Malaysian Chess Federation (MCF), has the honour of inviting participants from ASEAN members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam & Timor Leste) and all its Dialogue Partners (Australia, China, China-Hong Kong, China-Macau, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and, USA) to participate in the **23rd ASEAN+ Age-Group Chess Championships** to be organised in Penang, Malaysia, from 1st to 11th July.

1.0 Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
1 st July, Tuesday	After 12:00	Arrivals and Check-Ins
	20:00	Technical Meeting
2 nd July, Wednesday	10:00 to 11:00	Opening Ceremony
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 1
3 rd July, Thursday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 2
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 3
4 th July, Friday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 4
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 5
5 th July, Saturday	Free Day	Free and Easy
6 th July, Sunday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 6
	15:30 to 20:30	Standard Chess Round 7
7 th July, Monday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 8
8 th July, Tuesday	09:00 to 14:00	Standard Chess Round 9
	16:00 to 20:00	Social Evening – Standard Chess Awards
9 th July, Wednesday	09:00 to 14:00	Rapid Chess Rounds 1 to 4
	15:00 to 18:30	Rapid Chess Rounds 5 to 7
	19:30 to 22:30	ACC Annual General Meeting
10 th July, Thursday	09:00 to 14:00	Blitz Chess Rounds 1 to 9
	19:00 to 23:00	Closing Ceremony – Rapid & Blitz Awards
11 th July, Friday	Before 12:00	Check-Outs and Departures

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 Players from the countries and territories listed above shall have the right to participate and they shall be responsible for all their expenses.
- 2.2 There shall be 16 categories for Juniors, which are Under-6, Under-8, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20, with separate events for Open and Girls.
- 2.3 The players should not have reached their respective age before 1st January 2025.
- 2.4 There shall be 4 categories for Seniors, which are Seniors > 50 and Seniors > 65 for Open and Women, respectively. Players who qualify for Seniors>50 must be born before or in the year 1975, and for Seniors>65 they must be born before or in the year 1960.
- 2.5 The ACC reserves the right to merge categories in case of insufficient entries.

3.0 Time Control

- 3.1 Standard Chess: Each player has 90 minutes plus increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1.
- 3.2 Rapid Chess: Each player has 25 minutes to finish.
- 3.3 Blitz Chess: Each player has 5 minutes to finish.

4.0 Pairings

- 4.1 In the last 2 rounds, where possible, players from the same countries/territories and with a score of more than 50% shall not be paired against each other.

5.0 Tie-Break

- 5.1 Direct Encounter, Buchholz Cut 0, Buchholz Cut 1 & 2, Sonneborn Berger.
- 5.2 Tie-Break will apply to players who are tied for Direct Titles (see No. 8.0)

6.0 Medals

- 6.1 Medals shall be awarded to the top 3 placings in each event and category.
- 6.2 Individual Medals: Where there is a tie, not more than 3 players shall receive the same-coloured medal. Not more than 5 medals shall be awarded.
Example:
 - If 2 players are tied for first and 2 players are tied for third, then 2 Gold Medals and 2 Bronze Medals shall be awarded, and no Silver Medal will be awarded.
 - If 3 players are tied for first, no Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.
 - If more than 3 players are tied for first, then the 3 highest players based on tie-break shall be awarded the Gold Medals, and no Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.
 - After awarding the first and second positions, if more than 3 players tied for third, only 3 Bronze Medals will be awarded based on tie-break.
- 6.3 Team Medals shall be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a country/territory. In case of a tie, the tie-breaks of each player shall be used to determine the winners.
- 6.4 The above 6.1 to 6.3 shall be applied to Medals awarded to only ASEAN federations.
(If the winner of an event is an ASEAN federation, the player wins 2 Gold Medals, etc ...)

7.0 Appeals Committee

- 7.1 The Appeals Committee will be appointed during the Technical Meeting. All appeals must be accompanied by a deposit of SGD 135 / €URO90, and must be submitted within 15 minutes after the completion of the relevant playing session.

8.0 TABLE OF DIRECT TITLES (2024 FIDE Title Regulations B/01.1.2.2 apply)

EVENT	WIM	WFM	WCM
WOMEN 50+ & 65+	If the tournament meets these requirements:- Participants – minimum 10; Federations – 7 of which 5 are ASEAN Playing Every Round – 5 WIMs; then these will be awarded 1 st equal – WIM title; Silver & Bronze – norm		
GIRLS U20, U18	If the tournament meets these requirements:- Participants – minimum 10; Federations – 8 of which 6 are ASEAN Playing Every Round – 8 WFM; then these will be awarded 1 st equal – WIM title; Silver & Bronze – norm		
GIRLS U20	Gold - norm	Silver & Bronze - title	
GIRLS U18		Gold & Silver - title	Bronze - title
GIRLS U16, U14		1 st equal - title	Silver & Bronze – title
GIRLS U12, U10, U8			Gold, Silver & Bronze - title

EVENT	IM	FM	CM
50+ & 65+	If the tournament meets these requirements:- Participants – minimum 10; Federations – 7 of which 5 are ASEAN Playing Every Round – 5 IMs; then these will be awarded 1 st equal – IM title; Silver & Bronze – norm		
U20, U18	If the tournament meets these requirements:- Participants – minimum 10; Federations – 8 of which 6 are ASEAN Playing Every Round – 8 FM; then these will be awarded 1 st equal – IM title; Silver & Bronze – norm		
U20	Gold - norm	Silver & Bronze - title	
U18		Gold & Silver - title	Bronze - title
U16, U14		1 st equal - title	Silver & Bronze – title
U12, U10, U8			Gold, Silver & Bronze - title

9.0 Registration Fee (SGD/€URO)

9.1 The Registration is inclusive of all three events: Standard, Rapid and Blitz.

Registration Date	Players registered by National Federation	Direct Registration	Accompanying Persons
Before & on 1st June	SGD 340 / €230	SGD 410 / €275	SGD 135 / €90
After 1st June	SGD 410 / €275	SGD 540 / €365	SGD 170 / €115

9.2 For Seniors, the Registration Fee is SGD 270 / €180 and is to be paid by 1st June 2025. For Seniors with IM/WIM title, this fee will be refunded upon playing 9 rounds of the Standard event.

10.0 Playing Venue

10.1 The Playing Venue will be in the Main Ballroom of BERJAYA PENANG HOTEL, 1-Stop Midlands Park, Jalan Burmah, 10350 Penang, Malaysia

11.0 Official Hotels:

11.1 All players and accompanying persons are required to stay in any of the two 4-star Official Hotels and shall adhere to and follow the programme stated in the Schedule.

11.2.1 BERJAYA PENANG HOTEL, 1-Stop Midlands Park, Jalan Burmah, 10350 Penang, Malaysia

11.2.2 VOUK HOTEL SUITES, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah, 10050 Penang, Malaysia

One-Way Bus Transfer will be provided to the Playing Venue/Ceremonies.

11.3 The room rates (inclusive of Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) per day per person shall apply to all players and accompanying persons.

11.4 Room rates (SGD / €URO)– based on first-come-first-serve basis.

Registration Date	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
Before & on 1st June	SGD 163 / €110	SGD 123 / €82	SGD 116 / €78
After 1st June	SGD 198 / €132	SGD 135 / €90	SGD 130 / €87

12.0 Entry Visa into Malaysia

12.1 Visa Requirement by Country – Malaysian Immigration Department

12.2 Those from countries not listed above should check and apply online.

13.0 Social Evening

13.1 It is a tradition for each country/territory to select representative(s) from among their players to perform a show of their choice. Performers must bring their own musical instrument(s) and/or CDs/DVDs for use in the show. Prizes will be awarded for the best performances.

14.0 Registration of Participation and Accompanying Persons

Submission of Registration (using the Registration Form provided):

Email:

WhatsApp:

(a) admin@anoopsee.com

+ 60 12 4837013 (Ms See) – Organizing Chairperson

(b) hohsteven888@gmail.com

+60 12 3112409 (Mr Steven Hoh) – Secretariat & Finance

(c) jonathan.chuah@gmail.com

+ 60 12 4573263 (Mr Jonathan Chuah)- Tournament Director

14.1 The **FINAL DATE OF REGISTRATION** is **15th June** (subject to participant limit)

15.0 Payment

Account Name: Persatuan Catur Negeri Pulau Pinang

Account No: 8010 241157

Swift Code: CIBBMYKL

Address: CIMB Bank Berhad
51, Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah
10050 Penang