



INVITATION

The National Chess Federation of the Philippines, under the auspices of the ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC) and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF), have the honour of inviting all Asian national chess federations to participate in the **19th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018** to be organised in Davao City, Philippines, from 18th June (arrival) to 28th June (departure) 2018.

The Championships shall be governed by these Tournament Rules and Regulations.

Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. Eligibility of Participants

- 1.1 There shall be 14 categories; namely Under-08, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 with separate events for Open and Girls. Players entitled to participate shall not have reached the respective age **before** 1 January 2015.
- 1.2 There shall be 2 categories for Senior>50 and Senior>65. Players who are entitled to participate must reach the required age during the year 2018.
- 1.3 Asian national chess federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish but they are responsible for all their own expenses.

2. Time Control

- 2.1 Standard Chess: Each player has 90 minutes + 30 seconds increment.
- 2.2 Rapid Chess: Each player has 25 minutes
- 2.3 Blitz Chess: Each player has 5 minutes

3. Pairing

- 3.1 In the last 2 rounds, where possible, players from the same Federation and who have scored more than 50% shall not be paired to play each other.

4. Schedule:

- Players who are absent from the Technical Meeting shall not be paired for Round 1.

18 th June 2018	06.00 – 19.30 20.00	Arrival Technical Meeting
19 th June 2018	10.00 – 11.00 13.00 – 18.00	Opening Ceremony Standard Chess, Round 1
20 th June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 15.30 – 20.30	Standard Chess, Round 2 Standard Chess, Round 3
21 st June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 15.30 – 20.30	Standard Chess, Round 4 Standard Chess, Round 5
22 nd June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 15.30 – 20.30	Standard Chess, Round 6 Standard Chess, Round 7
23 rd June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 15.30 – 20.30	Standard Chess, Round 8 Standard Chess, Round 9
24 th June 2018	16.00 – 20.00	Free Day Social Night
25 th June 2018	10.00	Free Day City Tour
26 th June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 15.30 – 20.30	Rapid Chess, Round 1-4 Rapid Chess, Round 5-7
27 th June 2018	09.00 – 14.00 16.00 – 19.00	Blitz Chess, Round 1-9 Closing Ceremony
28 th June 2018	06.00 – 20.00	Departure

5. Medals

- 5.1 Medals: Shall be awarded to the top three positions in each event and category.
- 5.2 Team Medals: Shall be awarded based on the total score of the top three players of a Federation. Federations with less than 3 players shall not be eligible for a team award. In the case of a tie, the tie-break scores of each player shall be determined. (See 6.1)
- 5.3 Individual Medals: Where there is a tie, not more than 3 players shall receive the same color medal. For each category, not more than 5 medals shall be awarded. Examples: If 2 players tied for first and 2 players tied for third, then, 2 Gold Medals shall be awarded, and there shall be no Silver, but 2 Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If 3 players tied for first, then, no Silver and Bronze Medals shall be awarded. If more than 3 players tied for first, then, the 3 highest players based on the tie-break shall receive the Gold Medals and the Silver and the Bronze Medals shall not be awarded.
- 5.4 In the determination of FIDE Direct Title Awards applicable to Standard Chess only, the tiebreak shall be used in case of more than one Gold, or more than one Silver or more than one Bronze were awarded. FM/WFM titles are awarded to the winners (regardless of ASEAN or Non-ASEAN players) of the youth categories. In the case of a tie, after the tie-break, only the top three finishers shall be awarded. CM/WCM titles are awarded, after the tie-break, to Silver and Bronze Medal winners, and not more than one title shall be awarded for each (2nd /3rd) position. IM/WIM titles are awarded for the ASEAN U-20 category.

6. Tie-Break Systems

- 6.1 Direct Encounter, Buchholz, Median Buchholz 1 & 2, Buchholz Cut 1 & 2, Sonneborn-Berger.

7. Appeals Committee

- 7.1 The Appeals Committee will be appointed during the Technical Meeting. An appeal, accompanied by a deposit of USD 50.00 (Fifty US Dollars), must be submitted within 15 minutes of the completion of the relevant playing session.

8. Registration Fee – for players, the amount is inclusive of all the three competitions.

Registration Date	Players Through Federation	Players with Direct Registration	All Accompanying Person
Before and on 25 th April 2018	USD 250	USD 300	USD 100
After 25 th April 2018	USD 300	USD 400	USD 125

9. Official Hotel and Venue of Play

- 9.1 The Official Hotel is The Royal Mandaya Hotel, J. Palma Gil St., Davao City, Philippines
- 9.2 All players and accompanying persons shall have to be registered through the Organizer and are obliged to stay in the Official Hotel, The Royal Mandaya Hotel. Non-Filipino players or accompanying persons who stay outside the official Hotel shall not be eligible to participate in this Tournament.
- 9.3 The room rates (inclusive of Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) per day shall apply to all players and accompanying persons:

Room Rates Per Person (per day)	Single	Twin/Double (2 Queen-size beds)	Triple (2 Queen-size beds)
Before and on 25 th April 2018	USD 180	USD 100	USD 80
After 25 th April 2018	USD 200	USD 120	USD 100

- 9.4 The Playing venue is at the Lantawan Hall 8th Floor, The Royal Mandaya Hotel.

10. How to Get to Davao City

10.1 By Air

Francisco Bangoy International Airport or Davao International Airport is the busiest airport in Southern Philippines, with a capacity to accommodate more than one million passengers annually.

Local airlines with direct flights from Manila are Cebu Pacific, Philippine Airlines, and PAL Express. Flights are available from other key cities such as Butuan, Clark, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Dipolog, Iloilo, Kalibo, Puerto Princesa, and Zamboanga. Internationally, Silk Air and Singapore Airlines offer direct flights to Singapore.

From the airport, there are taxis that can take passengers into the city. Hotel pick-up can also be arranged. Another alternative is to hire a car if passengers want to drive themselves.

10.2 By Land

Buses are the cheapest mode of transportation. Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned public buses travel to and from Davao City. Buses are available from Manila (via Ro-Ro; roll-on, roll-off) and key points in Mindanao, including Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Cotabato, Digos, General Santos, Kidapawan, Koronadal, Surigao and Tagum.

10.3 By Sea

There are ferries that travel from Manila to Davao. They have routes going to and from the various islands of the country. Small boats are accessible for those who are planning to go to any of the islands near Davao, like Samal Island.

Note:

Airport transfers will be provided from Davao Airport to Hotel and back for all registered players and accompanying persons. Details of flight arrivals must be provided to the Organizer before 1st of June 2018 for Manila airport assistance for connecting flights to Davao City.

11. About Davao City

Endowed with variety of picturesque landscapes, Davao's topography dazzles: fruit plantations and orchid farms couple with mantle volcano- fed hills and valleys; its virgin forests nurture rare wildlife. It has an enchanting brilliant tapestry of harmony, woven from the diverse cultural threads of its people. In Davao, the contemporary fuses with the traditional as migrant settlers from all over the country co- exist in peace with a fairly large expatriate community and numerous ethnic tribes who continue to live as they did centuries ago.

<http://tourism.davaocity.gov.ph/index.php/about-us/#more-10>

12. Entry Visas

Most countries in Asia do not require a visa to visit Philippines. For full visa information please go to <https://dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>. For countries who need entry visas please write to the organizers for visa assistance.

13. Social Night

It is a custom of the ASEAN Age-Group that each Federation from ASEAN shall send some players participating in these Championships to perform a show of their choice. Please bring your own musical instruments and/or CD/DVD for use in the show. Prizes will be awarded.

14. Registration of Participants and Accompanying Persons

Please send your registration and provide the name, gender, date of birth, FIDE Rating/ID No., type of room required and rooming list via email to both: fideleong@gmail.com and aagphilippines19@gmail.com.

All players are also required to send their passport photo size in jpeg file to the Organizer for preparation of name plates. All accompanying persons must have identification tags (with photo) for admittance into the **sOpening Ceremony, Social Night and Closing Ceremony**.

FINAL Deadline for Registration is 1st June 2018; subject to availability of space.

15. Payments

Full payment for Registration Fee and Accommodation for the entire duration must be RECEIVED upon registration before 1st June 2018 otherwise the late charges apply.

Beneficiary Bank: Philippine Bank of Communications

Bank Address: 6795 PCom Tower cor. V.A. Rufino, Ayala Ave., Makati City

Beneficiary Name: National Chess Federation of the Philippines

Account No.: 0248271000482

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