



## 20th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

### INVITATION

Myanmar Chess Federation, under the auspices of Myanmar National Olympic Committee, ASEAN Chess Confederation (ACC) and Asian Chess Federation (ACF), has the honour of inviting all Asian national chess federations to participate in the 20th ASEAN+ AGE-GROUP CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 to be organised in Mandalay City, Myanmar, from 9th June (arrival) to 19th June (departure) 2019.

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

### Tournament Rules and Regulations

#### 1. Eligibility of Participants

- 1.1 There shall be 22 categories; namely Under-06, Under-08, Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18, Under-20, Under-30, Under-40 and Under-50 with separate events for Open and Women. Players entitled to participate shall not have reached the respective age before 1 January 2019.
- 1.2 There shall be 4 categories for Senior>50 and Senior>65 for Open and Women. Players who are entitled to participate must reach the required age during the year 2019.
- 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.

9th June 2019	06.00 – 19.30 Arrival 20.00 Technical Meeting
10th June 2019	10.00 – 11.00 Opening Ceremony 15.00 – 20.00 Standard Chess, Round 1
11th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Standard Chess, Round 2 16.30 – 21.30 Standard Chess, Round 3
12th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Standard Chess, Round 4
13th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Standard Chess, Round 5 16.30 – 21.30 Standard Chess, Round 6
14th June 2019	Free Day 10.00 City Tour
15th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Standard Chess, Round 7 16.30 – 21.30 Standard Chess, Round 8
16th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Standard Chess, Round 9 16.30 – 20.30 Social Evening
17th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Rapid Chess, Round 1-4 16.30 – 20.30 Rapid Chess, Round 5-7
18th June 2019	09.00 – 14.00 Blitz Chess, Round 1-9 16.30 – 20.30 Closing Ceremony
19th June 2019	06.00 – 12.00 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. Titles are awarded to the winners regardless of ASEAN or Non-ASEAN players for the categories U20, U18, U16, U14, U12, U10 & U18. In the case of a tie, after the tie-break, only the top three finishers shall be awarded.

Category	GM/WGM	IM/WIM	FM/WFM	CM/WCM
U20	1 <sup>st</sup> - norm	1 <sup>st</sup> equal – title 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - norm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - title	
U18		1 <sup>st</sup> – title 1 <sup>st</sup> equal - norm	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - title	
U16		1 <sup>st</sup> - norm	1 <sup>st</sup> equal - title	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - title
U14 & U12			1 <sup>st</sup> - title	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - title
U10 & U8				1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> - title

## 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 100.00 (One Hundred 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 25th April 2019	USD 250	USD 300	USD 100
After 25th April 2019	USD 300	USD 400	USD 125

## 9. Official Hotel and Venue of Play

9.1 The Official Hotels are Golden Mandalay Hotel and Hotel Hazel, Mandalay City, Myanmar.

9.2 All players and accompanying persons shall have to be registered through the Organizer and are obliged to stay in the Official Hotels. Non-Myanmar 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 per person 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 25th April 2019	USD 100	USD 80	USD 60
After 25th April 2019	USD 120	USD 100	USD 80

9.4 The Playing venue is at the Multi-Sports Stadium, Mandalay City, about 15 minutes drive from the Official Hotels.

## **10. How to Get to Mandalay City**

### **10.1 By Air**

Mandalay International Airport is the busiest airport in Upper Myanmar, with a capacity to accommodate more than three million passengers annually. There are direct flights from Bangkok (THAILAND), Chiang Mai (THAILAND), Singapore (SINGAPORE), Changsha (CHINA), Guangzhou (CHINA), Guiyang (CHINA), Hangzhou (CHINA), Kunming (CHINA), Shanghai (CHINA), Nanjing (CHINA), Nanning (CHINA), Shenzhen (CHINA), Chengdu (CHINA), Chongqing (CHINA), Xi'an (CHINA), Quanzhou (CHINA) and Dehong (CHINA).

Local airlines with direct flights from Yangon are Air KBZ, Asian Wings Airways, Golden Myanmar Airlines, Mann Yadanarpon Airlines, Myanmar National Airlines, Myanmar Airways International and Yangon Airways.

In case of connecting at Yangon Airport, there is a shuttle bus service to the domestic terminal. It is possible to walk to the domestic terminal by exiting the international terminal - turn right and walk along the same side of the road. The walking time is about 10 minutes.

### **10.2 By Land**

Buses are the cheapest mode of transportation. Air-conditioned buses travel to and from Mandalay City. Buses are available from Yangon and other major cities.

Note:

Airport transfers will be provided from Mandalay International Airport to Hotel and back for all registered players and accompanying persons. Details of flight arrivals must be provided to the Organizer before 21st of May 2019.

## **11. About Mandalay City**

Mandalay is the second-largest city and the last royal capital of Myanmar (Burma). Located 716 km (445 mi) north of Yangon on the east bank of the Irrawaddy River, the city has a population of 1,225,553 (2014 census).

Mandalay is the economic centre of Upper Myanmar and considered the centre of Myanmar culture as well as Upper Myanmar's main commercial, educational and health center.

More information can be found at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandalay>.

## **12. Entry Visa**

This is necessary to have the entry visa before entering Myanmar. Most countries in ASEAN do not require a visa to visit Myanmar. The players from foreign countries have to apply and get the entry visa from the nearest Myanmar Embassy in their countries. Online visa application can also be possible and the information is available at <http://www.myanmar-visa.org/> and <http://evisa.moip.gov.mm/>.

## **13. Social Evening**

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](mailto:fideleong@gmail.com), [mgmglwin25@gmail.com](mailto:mgmglwin25@gmail.com) and [chess1991@gmail.com](mailto:chess1991@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 Opening Ceremony, Social Evening and Closing Ceremony.

FINAL Deadline for Registration is 21st May 2019; subject to availability of space.

## **15. Payments**

Account Name: ASEAN CHESS ACADEMY PTE LTD  
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