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Asian Youth Chess Championships - 2019

1st to 10th April 2019, Sri Lanka

INVITATION

Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (TCA) on behalf of the Asian Chess Federation (ACF) have the honour on inviting all Asian National Chess Federations to participate in the 2019 Asian Youth Chess Championships and Asian Youth Rapid and Blitz Championships, which will be held in Kaluthara, Sri Lanka. This event will be held from 1st (arrival) to 10th (departure) April 2019.

Participation

1. Entitled player must not have reached his/her birthday, respectively, **before January 1st, 2019**:

Under 8:	Born on or after 1 st January 2011	Under 14:	Born on or after 1 st January 2005
Under 10:	Born on or after 1 st January 2009	Under 16:	Born on or after 1 st January 2003
Under 12:	Born on or after 1 st January 2007	Under 18:	Born on or after 1 st January 2001

2. Every Asian National Chess Federation can register only one official player in each category. (Maximum of 12 official players). All winners in last year edition are entitled with personal rights to play in this year's event according to their eligible category as official players (Maximum of 12 official players). One Head of Delegation (HOD) is accommodated on the organizers expense.

2.b Other than Official Players, federations may register players who shall be classified as Additional Players. A FIDE endorsed chess academy can send its trainees (maximum one player per category) as Additional Players.

3. All persons, besides the players and HOD, shall be classified as Accompanying Persons. A federation may register any number of Additional Players and Accompanying Persons but only upon confirmation of availability by the Organizing Committee (OC). The National Federation shall be responsible for the costs of their Additional Players and Accompanying Persons.

Registration and Travel

1. Each participant (official or additional player and accompanying person) must pay registration fee of USD125 to the OC before 1st February 2019 - the Registration deadline. This registration fee is compulsory and represents a confirmation of participation and includes accreditation and transportation from and to Colombo airport and internal travel to the venue if needed.

2. After the Registration deadline no official players will be accepted and their application will be treated as additional players. Also organizer reserves the right to refuse late registration or accepting with penalty charge of USD100 for each late registration.
3. Registration form must be filled by National Federation officials and delivered to the OC before registration deadline.
4. All the travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their Federation. Only member Federations of Asian Chess Federation are entitled to submit registration forms. Individual applications will not be accepted.
5. For security and organizational reasons and in accordance with FIDE tournament regulations all National Delegations shall use the official hotel(s) designated by the OC.

Information about Visas

Sri Lankan visas are the easiest. You may get even online visas by visiting the Government Visa site - <https://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>

1. Those who need visas from the Sri Lankan missions must submit their data the latest on 1st February 2018.
2. The OC will issue invitations only after all the pre-payments are made.
3. The OC shall provide service to issue visa at airport with additional charge to visa fee on request.
50 USD/person

Financial Regulations & Payments

1. Entry Fee for official players is USD75 and for additional players USD150. After the deadline of 25st February 2018, the surcharge for late entries shall be USD125 where applicable.
2. 50% prepayment of the cost for board and lodging must be paid before the deadline of 1st February 2018.

3. All Bank Transfers (with all bank charges) are to be made in USD to:-

Beneficiary Bank : Bank of Ceylon

Bank Address : Bambalapitiya Branch, Unity Plaza Building, Colombo 04.

Beneficiary Name : Chess Federation of Sri Lanka

Address: 151/12, Siridhamma Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Bank Account Number : 718386

SWIFT CODE : BCEYLK LX

4. Each National Federation will be invoiced by the organizing Committee. When payments are confirmed, the OC will send to the participating federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations. All confirmed registrations would be declared on the official web site, where Federations may check their participants' status on a daily basis.

- All payments must be finalized upon arrival. Players will not be paired until all payments and fees are cleared.

Venue & Hotel – Board & Lodging

- The Official Hotels of the events are the **Citrus Hotel and JIE JIE Beach Hotel in Waskaduwa. Distance between the Hotels are 2.5 Km. Venue might be either of the Hotels or both according to number of participants. The transport between the Hotels is provided for the games.**
- Selection of the Hotel will be done by the organizing Committee on First come first serve basis.
- If there is increased demand or late registrations accepted, the OC will offer additional hotels of similar quality.
- Official players are offered full board accommodation from 1st(arrival, lunch) to 10th (breakfast,departure).April 2018 Note: any additional dates will be charged at full rate of the hotel subject to availability.
- Hotel Rates for additional players and accompanying persons:

	Double	Triple
USD150 p/p full board	USD85 p/p full board	USD 80 p/p full board

Each delegation shall distribute their delegation in an equal proportion of double and triple rooms. If needed, the final distribution of hotel rooms is decided by the Organizing Committee.

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- The tournament will be played using the Swiss System with 9 rounds. (Where there are not enough players, the organizers have the right to merge sections according to FIDE regulations to qualify for direct titles)
- The rate of play will be: 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
 - Time Control for Blitz 3m +2s and 7 rounds
 - Time Control for Rapid Play 15m +10s and 7 Rounds
- Tiebreak: The final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points scored. The tiebreak shall be decided as in accordance to the following:
 - Direct Encounter,
 - Average Rating of Opponents (except 1 highest and 1 lowest opponents)
 - Buchholz,
 - Buchholz Cut 1, Cut 2, etc

In case the above still does not produce a decision, the players performance rating will be considered.

4. The Continental President for Asia will - after consultation with the organizing federation - nominate the Technical Delegate and Chief Arbiter.
5. The organizing Committee will appoint the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.

Schedule:

Monday, 1st April	After 14:00	Arrival
	21:00	Technical Meeting
	10:00	Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, 2nd April	10:30	Rapid Championship
Wednesday, 3rd April	9:00	Round 1
	15:00	Round 2
Thursday, 4th April	15:00	Round 3
Friday, 5th April	9:00	Round 4
	15:00	Round 5
Saturday, 6th April	15:00	Round 6
Sunday, 7th April	15:00	Round 7
Monday, 8th April	15:00	Round 8
Tuesday, 9th April	10:00	Round 9
	15.30	Blitz Championships
	20:30	Closing Ceremony & Prize-giving
Wednesday 10th April	before 12:00 noon	Departure

Prizes

1. Top 10 players in each event will be awarded: first three places Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and Trophies. 4th to 10th places will be awarded special prizes. All the Gold medalists on standard category will receive a Digital Chess Clock.

2. Three best Federations, by ranking of medals collected in all categories in Standard Chess, will receive a trophy. For placing the number of gold medals will be taken under consideration, if there is a tie, then the number of silver medals, if there is still a tie, then the number of bronze medals. If finally this is still equal, then the total number of medal winners.
3. The champions of AYCC-2019 shall have the personal right to participate in the World Youth Championship of the corresponding age-category or a higher age-category if the stipulation of Art. 1 is met. This privilege may be exercised once exclusively in the subsequent year following the year of qualification.
4. Certificates of Participation shall be given to all players, FIDE accredited trainers, Managers, and the appointed Technical Officials.

Direct Titles

1. FIDE direct title regulations have been amended effective 1st July 2017. Award of direct titles are now based on the minimum rating requirements as published in the FIDE handbook. Notice of these minimum ratings will be posted at the venue. Those who do not meet these requirements shall be awarded these titles on reaching the necessary rating, at any time.
2. Gold medalist of U18 categories shall be awarded the title of International Master (IM) / Woman International Master(WIM). 1stequal player shall get IM norm. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the FIDE Master(FM) / Woman FIDE Master (WFM) title.
3. Gold medalist of U16 category shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM and an IM /WIM norm. 1stequal player will get FM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the Candidate Master (CM) / Woman Candidate Master (WCM)title.
4. Gold medalist of U12 & U14 categories shall be awarded the title of FM / WFM title. The Silver & Bronze Medal winners shall be awarded the CM / WCM title.
5. Gold, Silver& Bronze Medal (after tiebreak up to 3 players) winners of the U8 & U10 categories shall be awarded the CM/WCM title.

Appeals

1. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee/ technical Delegate shall be nominated by the Continental President in consultation with the organizing Federation. The Committee shall be composed of three members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of National Federations present. No member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own Federation. (unless both parties are from the same federation).
2. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter or the Chief Arbiter must be submitted to the AC in writing within one hour after the end of the playing session with protest fee of USD300.

3. The AC may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal has merit. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

4. Rapid and Blitz Championship regulations will be published on official website.

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