THE 9th HDBANK CUP
INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT 2019

REGULATIONS

Viet Nam Chess Federation has the honor of inviting your Federation to participate in the 9th HDBank Cup International Chess tournament 2019 held from March 6th to March 14th, 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.

1. Schedule:
   March 06th 12:00 Arrival
   19:00 Technical meeting
   March 07th 08:30 Opening Ceremony
   15:30 Round 1
   March 08th 09:30 Round 2
   15:30 Round 3
   March 09th 09:30 Round 4
   March 10th 09:30 Round 5
   15:30 Round 6
   March 11th 09:30 Round 7
   March 12th 09:30 Round 8
   March 13th 09:30 Round 9
   16:00 Awarding Ceremony
   March 14th before 12:00 Departures

2. Format:
   2.1. This is an individual tournament, opening to all players with FIDE ID number.
   2.2. Swiss System of 9 rounds. Pairings will be made with Swiss-manager program.
   2.3. The time control is 90 minutes for entire game with an increment of 30 seconds for each move.
   2.4. There are two groups of play: Masters category and Challengers category (ratings based on 1st March 2019 FIDE rating list).
      2.4.1. Masters Category: Players rated above 2100; Women and foreigners rated above 2000.
      2.4.2. Challengers Category: Players rated below 2100 or unrated.

3. Prize fund:
   3.1. Sixty thousand US Dollars (US$60,000). Prizes shall be awarded:
      3.1.1. Masters Category: 1st $16,000; 2nd $7,000; 3rd $5,000; 4th $3,000; 5th $2,000; 6th $1500; 7th $1000; 8th $900; 9th $800; 10th $700; 11th $600; 12th $500; 13th to 16th $400; 17th to 20th $300; 21st to 26th $200. Best women: 1st $5,000; 2nd $3,000; 3rd $2,000; 4th $700; 5th $500; 6th $300. Best U16 $250. Best Seniors >60 $250.
      3.1.2. Challengers Category: 1st $1,200; 2nd $800; 3rd $600; 4th $500; 5th $350; 6th $250. Best women: 1st $500; 2nd $300; 3rd $200. Best U12 $150. Best Seniors >60 $150.
   3.2. Cash prizes shall be shared equally among tied players.
   3.3. For trophies (Top 3 Standings), ties will be decided by Tiebreak: Direct Encounter, Buchholz, Greater number of Wins, Greater number of Wins with the Black pieces, Rating performance.
4. Entry fee:
For all players based on March 1st, 2019 FIDE Ratings list, the entry fee is as follows:
4.1. Registration is free for GM, IM, WGM and players with FIDE Rating of 2500 and above.
4.2. For Masters category, the entry fee is as follows:
   Above 2399 $50
   2350 to 2399 $75
   2300 to 2349 $100
   2250 to 2299 $125
   2100 to 2250 $150
   2000 to 2099 $200
4.3. For Challengers category: $50 for players rated from 1900 to 2100 and $75 for others.

5. Venue:
5.1. Venue: The Rex Hotel, 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.
   Website: http://www.rexhotelsaigon.com
5.2. The Grandmasters who have ratings above 2700 and Women Grandmasters who have ratings above 2500 will be offered a free return air ticket and hotel room with 3 meals during the tournament.
5.3. The Grandmasters who have ratings above 2550 and Women Grandmasters who have ratings above 2350 will be provided accommodation with 3 meals on a twin room sharing basis during the tournament.
5.4. Other participants will be responsible for their own accommodation with the cost as follows:
   Twin or Triple room: US$ 55 per person per night with breakfast only;
   Single room: US$ 100 per person per night with breakfast only;

6. Travel:
Players and accompanying person who stay in official hotel will be picked up from Tan Son Nhat airport (SGN), Ho Chi Minh City and taken to the official Hotel by Organising committee.

7. Entry deadline:
The registration form is enclosed but no later than February 1st, 2019.
Players who send entry later than the deadline above, will be charged double entry fee.

8. Visa:
Participants who need visas shall apply for visas at the Viet Nam Embassy in your respective country or get E-visa at https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn (please check List of Countries that allowed E-visa issuing). If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by the following address:
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REGISTRATION FORM

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