



Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2024 & Hong Kong International Challengers Chess Championship 2024

organised by the

The Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited

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1. Invitation

The Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited (HKCCFL) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations of **FIDE** to participate in the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2024 (FIDE rated with possible title norms) from the 26th December 2024 (arrival) to the 2nd January 2025 (departure).

2. Organising committee

This event is organised by the Hong Kong China Chess Federation Limited and the organising committee shall be its Board of Directors.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **Queen Elizabeth Stadium** in Wanchai, Hong Kong. This area is a very busy area, with MTR stations nearby and many facilities.

Location on Google Map - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QxyDqViaH28UV4ce7>

4. Participation and Conditions

4.1a) *The entry fees of the OPEN event shall be as follows:*

- a) Players with international titles GM, IM, WGM and WIM – free entry
- b) FIDE rated players 1800 and above - HK\$1,500
- c) FIDE rated players 1799 and below - HK\$2,000
- c) Unrated chess players – HK\$3,000.00 *and require approval*

Please note: because there are possible title norms the organising committee reserves the right to decline entries rated below 1800 on a quota system. These players may join the Challenger section.

4.1b) *The entry fees of the CHALLENGER event shall be as follows:*

- a) Players with over the board international titles **NO ENTRY**
- b) FIDE rated players 1800 1999 - HK\$800
- c) FIDE rated players 1799 and below - HK\$1,200 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCFL members
- c) Unrated chess players – HK\$1,500.00 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCFL members

Note: Unrated Hong Kong players without FIDE ID pay additional HK\$550 for issuing the HKG FIDE ID. Participants from other countries who do not have a FIDE ID need to apply for their FIDE ID at their country's respective federations. *A valid FIDE ID is strictly required for participation.*

4.2) Interested players can register online at <https://hkcf.com/> and follow the instructions as stated. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.

Foreign entries must make payment on or before 26th December 2024, those preferring this option must inform the federation in advance by email to hkcfreg@gmail.com.

Local entries pay direct to the federation by FPS or bank transfer (see online form)

4.3) The deadline for registration is **12 noon, 24th December 2024**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations without giving a reason. **NO REFUNDS** will be given if any player does not attend the event.

4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website from **1st December 2024**. This acts as confirmation for participation and anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.

4.5) **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Players who did not attend player's meeting at 2:45pm on 27th December 2024 shall not be paired. Those arriving within 30 minutes shall be paired at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

5. Travel conditions

There are MTR, public buses and mini buses available from the all points of Kowloon and Hong Kong to the venue. Taxi fares are quite reasonable. Please allow ample time to reach the playing venue as traffic conditions in Hong Kong are among the busiest in the world. (see **3. Playing Venue** for directions)

6. Accommodation

Participants are advised to book early to avoid high walk-in prices prevalent in Hong Kong. Special rates are possible if booked well in advance.

Special conditions for GMs: Free accommodation in five (5) double sharing rooms from 26th Dec 2024 to 3rd Jan 2025. Priority shall be given to those grandmasters rated above 2550 for a single room.

7. Tournament Format

7.1) The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over 9 rounds.

7.2) Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the whole game plus 30 seconds increment starting from move 1

7.3) Title norms may be possible depending on the number of titled players.

7.4) The latest rules and regulations of FIDE shall apply.

7.5) The zero-start tolerance rule shall not apply. Default time will be set at 30 minutes.

7.6) *2 defaults/no shows shall be deemed as withdrawal from the tournament.*

7.7) No shows will not be paired for the next round unless they sign a declaration.

8. Playing hall - dress code

8.1) All players must wear smart casual or formal when in the tournament hall.

8.2) All players and audience in the tournament hall must adhere to the rules put forward by the Arbiters. Otherwise, they may be asked to leave the tournament hall.

8.3) All forms of *electronic equipment* are not allowed within the playing hall. Players should not bring them into the playing area. There is a depository at the entrance before the metal detectors, for all electronic devices.

9. Playing Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Programme
27 th Dec	Friday	15:30	Players' meeting
		16:00	Round 1
28 th Dec	Saturday	10:00	Round 2
		16:00	Round 3
29 th Dec	Sunday	10:00	Round 4
30 th Dec	Monday	10:00	Round 5
		16:00	Round 6
31 st Dec	Tuesday	10:00	Round 7
1 st Jan 2025	Wednesday	10:00	Round 8
2 nd Jan 2025	Thursday	10:00	Round 9 (final)
		after last game	Closing Ceremony

10. Prizes

10.1)

OPEN CATEGORY	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	Trophy+ HK\$40,000
2 nd	Medal + HK\$20,000
3 rd	Medal + HK\$10,000
4 th	Medal + HK\$8,000
5 th	Medal + HK\$6,000
6 th	HK\$3,000
7 th	HK\$3,000
8 th	HK\$3,000
9 th	HK\$3,000
10 th	HK\$3,000

10.2)

OPEN CATEGORY LOCAL PRIZES (HKG)	
	Prizes
Best HKG player overall	Trophy
Best U-20	Trophy
Best U-16	Trophy
Best U-12	Trophy

10.3)

CHALLENGER PRIZES	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	Trophy+ HK\$6,000
2 nd	Medal + HK\$4,000
3 rd	Medal + HK\$3,000
4 th	Medal + HK\$2,000
5 th	Medal + HK\$1,000
6 th	HK\$1,000
7 th	HK\$1,000
8 th	HK\$1,000

11. Tiebreak system

11.1) Winners are determined by number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following tie breaks will apply:

- a) Direct Encounter (only if all tied players have played each other)
- b) Greater number of wins as Black (forfeits NOT counted)
- c) Median Buchholz Cut 1
- d) Performance (rating)
- e) Drawing of lots or similar method (e.g. 2 game Blitz match)

NOTE: there must be a tiebreak for those with highest points.

11.2) Every prize winner, though eligible for multiple prizes, can only be entitled to 1 prize category.

12. Contact information of the Organizing Committee

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Appeals Committee:

This shall be declared before the tournament starts. The appeal form will be posted at the venue.

