



Hong Kong Chess Federation
香港國際象棋總會



Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2015



co-organised by the
City University of Hong Kong
and
The Hong Kong Chess Federation

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong Chess Federation (HKCF) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations to participate in the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2015 (FIDE rated) from the 30th September 2015 (arrival) to the 6th October 2015 (departure).

2. Organising committee

This event is organized by the Hong Kong Chess Federation and the organizing committee shall be its Committee.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Location on Google Map - <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityu/visitors/googlemap.htm>

How to get there - <http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/wayfinder/GettingToU/bymtr-kt1.htm>

4. Participation and Conditions

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

- a) Players with international titles GM, IM, WGM and WIM – HK\$500.00 (refundable after Rd 1)
- b) FIDE rated players - HK\$800 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCF members
- c) Unrated chess players – HK\$1,000.00

Note: Unrated Hong Kong players without FIDE ID pay additional HK\$100 for creation of 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 www.hkchessfederation.com and follow the instructions to make full payment. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.
- 4.3) The deadline for registration is **27th September 2015**. No registration will be accepted after this deadline. However, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations.
- 4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website after 29th September 2015. This acts as confirmation for participation and anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.
- 4.5) **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Players who do not attend player's meeting at 9:00am on 1st October 2015 shall not be paired. Those arriving within 30 minutes shall be paired at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.**

5. Travel conditions

There are many public buses available from the centre of 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.

7. Tournament Format

- 7.1) The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System of 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. Waiting time will be set at 30 minutes.
- 7.6) 2 defaults/no shows shall be deemed as withdrawal from the tournament.

8. Tournament 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 Chief Arbiter's desk for all electronic devices.

9. Playing Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Programme
30 th Sep	Wed	All Day	Arrival
1 st Oct	Thu	09.00	Player's meeting
		09.15 – 14.45	Round 1
		15.00 – 20.30	Round 2
2 nd Oct	Fri	09.00 – 14.30	Round 3
		15.00 – 20.30	Round 4
3 rd Oct	Sat	09.00 – 14.30	Round 5
		15.00 – 20.30	Round 6
4 th Oct	Sun	09.00 – 15.00	Round 7
		15.00 – 20.30	Round 8
5 th Oct	Mon	09.00 – 15.00	Round 9 (Final round)
		16.00	Closing Ceremony

10. Prizes

10.1)

OPEN CATEGORY	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	HK\$10,000
2 nd	HK\$6,000
3 rd	HK\$5,000
4 th	HK\$4,000
5 th	HK\$3,000
6 th	HK\$2,000

10.2)

LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local players with HKID	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	HK\$3,000
2 nd	HK\$2,000

10.3)

LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local female player with HKID	
Rankings	Prizes
1 st	HK\$1,000

10.4)

LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local student players with HKID	
Rankings	Prizes
Best University Student	HK\$700 (in book coupons)
Best Student U18	HK\$700 (in book coupons)
Best Student U14	HK\$700 (in book coupons)

11. Tie break 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
- b) Median Buchholz Cut 1
- c) Greater number of wins
- d) Sonneborn Berger score

NOTE: If the above is insufficient then they shall be declared Joint Champions

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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