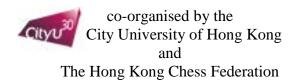




# Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2015



#### 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (arrival) to the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - <a href="http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityu/visitors/googlemap.htm">http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityu/visitors/googlemap.htm</a>

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 <a href="www.hkchessfederation.com">www.hkchessfederation.com</a> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015. This acts as confirmation for participation and anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.
- 4.5) <u>IMPORTANT NOTICE</u>: Players who do not attend player's meeting at 9:00am on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Wed	All Day	Arrival
		09.00	Player's meeting
1st Oct	Thu	09.15 - 14.45	Round 1
		15.00 - 20.30	Round 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Fri	09.00 - 14.30	Round 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	LI1	15.00 - 20.30	Round 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Sat	09.00 - 14.30	Round 5
3 000	Sal	15.00 - 20.30	Round 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sun	09.00 - 15.00	Round 7
4 001	Sull	15.00 - 20.30	Round 8
		09.00 - 15.00	Round 9 (Final round)
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon	16.00	Closing Ceremony

## 10. Prizes

10.1)

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

10.2)

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

10.3)

LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local female player with HKID		
Rankings	Prizes	
1 <sup>st</sup>	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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