



# LEAP (HK) International Open Chess Championship 2018

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## 1. Invitation

The Hong Kong Chess Federation Limited (HKCFL) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations of **FIDE** to participate in the LEAP (HK) International Open Chess Championship 2018 (FIDE rated with possible title norms) from the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 (arrival) to the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (departure).

## 2. Organising committee

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

## 3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **Saint Benedict's School** in Choi Hung, Kowloon.

Location on Google Map - <https://goo.gl/maps/fg5CJPfj3Uk>

How to get there – many buses pass this location and the MTR is a short walk away.

## 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 – free entry
- b) FIDE rated players - HK\$800 with HK\$200 rebate for HKCFL members
- c) Unrated chess players – HK\$1,200.00

**Note:** Unrated Hong Kong players without FIDE ID pay additional HK\$500 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.hongkongchess.com](http://www.hongkongchess.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 **12 noon, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations without giving a reason.

4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website from **1st December 2018**. 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 2:45pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 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. List of suggested hotels are available for download from website.

## 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. Waiting time will be set at 30 minutes.

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

7.7) No pairing of players from the same federation for the top 10 boards of Round 9.

## 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
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Saturday	14:45	Players' meeting
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Sunday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 2
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 3
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Monday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 4
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 5
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tuesday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 6
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 7
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wednesday	15:00 – 20:30	Round 8
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thursday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 9 (final)
		15:00	Closing Ceremony

## 10. Prizes

10.1)

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

10.2)

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

10.3)

<b>LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local female player with HKID</b>	
Rankings	Prizes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Medal + HK\$1,000

10.4)

<b>LOCAL PRIZES for highest ranked local student players with HKID</b>	
Rankings	Prizes
Best University Student	Medal + HK\$700
Best Student Secondary	Medal + HK\$700
Best Student Primary	Medal + HK\$700

10.5)

<b>NON-HKG PRIZES</b>	
<b>Rankings</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
Best U-18	Medal + HK\$700
Best U-12	Medal + HK\$700

## 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) Median Buchholz Cut 1
- b) Median Buchholz Cut 2
- c) Greater number of wins as Black (forfeits NOT counted)
- d) Performance (rating)

**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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**Appeals Committee: this shall be by appointment and regulations posted in venue.**

