



Asian Amateur Chess Championships 2025 (Open & Women) FIDE Rating Categories U2300 U2000 U1700

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 the **Asian Chess Federation** to participate in the 2025 Asian Amateur Chess Championships (FIDE rated with possible direct titles) from the 1st August 2025 with last round & prizegiving on 9th August 2025.

2. Participation

- 1.2 The Asian Amateur Championships 2025 is open to all Asian amateur players, registered by their federation or applying directly to the organizer, who should have a FIDE rating at the start of the tournament that is under 2300 for U2300 category, under 2000 for the U2000 category and under 1700 for the U1700 category.
- 1.3 If there are fewer than 10 players and 5 federations in a group that group shall be merged with another.
- 1.4 Players should not have a FIDE title higher than FIDE Master (i.e., WIM, WGM, IM and GM).
- 1.5 All participants must have a FIDE ID to participate in this tournament.
- 1.6 All participants should register themselves and arrange accommodation on their own.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **TWGHs Tungpo** in King Fuk St, San Po Kong, Kowloon.

Location on Google Map - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/7wEr9MD7mfcEt5f16>

4. Entry Fees

4.1) *The entry fees of each of the six categories shall be as follows:*

- a) ACF entry fee USD75 each player
- b) Registration fee USD125

Please note: Total payment per participant is USD200. After deadline of 1st July 2025 there will be a surcharge of USD50

- 4.2) Interested players can register online at <https://asianamateur2025.hkchessevent.com/> and follow the instructions therein. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.

Foreign entries must make payment on or before 1st July 2025, those preferring this option must inform the federation in advance by email to hkchessevent@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, 1st July 2025**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline unless they pay the surcharge of USD50.

***** 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 June 2025**. 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 3:30pm on 1st August 2025 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

Official accommodation is **NOT** offered. 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. Please book hotels, Airbnb, apartments that have transportation direct to the venue.

There are some dormitory rooms at the venue but these are limited in number. We can assist in booking these on a first come first serve basis.

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) Direct titles will be awarded for the U2300 category. Only the Gold medalist of the U2000 category will be awarded the CM/WCM title. The direct title tables will be available at the venue.
- 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.
- 7.8) Rapid time control – 15 minutes +5 seconds increment
- 7.9) Blitz time control – 5 minutes +3 seconds increment
- 7.10) The winner from each Continental Amateur Championship rating section is qualified with personal rights (as long as they don't reach or exceed 2300 rating by the registration deadline) to the 2025 World Amateur and their places cannot be substituted.

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
1 st Aug	Friday	15:30	Technical Meeting
		16:00	Blitz rounds 1 to 9
2 nd Aug	Saturday	10:00	Rapid rounds 1 to 3
		14:00	Rapid rounds 4 to 9
3 rd Aug	Sunday	10:00	Round 1
4 th Aug	Monday	10:00	Round 2
		16:00	Round 3
5 th Aug	Tuesday	10:00	Round 4
6 th Aug	Wednesday	10:00	Round 5
		16:00	Round 6
7 th Aug	Thursday	10:00	Round 7
8 th Aug	Friday	10:00	Round 8
9 th Aug	Saturday	10:00	Round 9 (final)
		after last game	Closing Ceremony

10. Prizes paid in HKD

10.1) Total prize money is HKD 215,700 equivalent to USD 27,750

		Open U1700	Open U2000	Open U2300	Open Rapid	Open Blitz
1st	Trophy +	12000	12000	12000	3000	3000
2nd	Trophy +	10000	10000	10000	1500	1500
3rd	Trophy +	8000	8000	8000	750	750
4th	Medal +	6000	6000	6000	500	500
5th	Medal +	4000	4000	4000	500	500
6th	Medal					
7th	Medal					
8th	Medal					
9th	Medal					
10th	Medal					

		Women U1700	Women U2000	Women U2300	Women Rapid	Women Blitz
1st	Trophy +	8000	8000	8000	2000	2000
2nd	Trophy +	6500	6500	6500	1000	1000
3rd	Trophy +	5000	5000	5000	500	500
4th	Medal +	3500	3500	3500	300	300
5th	Medal +	2000	2000	2000	300	300
6th	Medal					
7th	Medal					
8th	Medal					
9th	Medal					
10th	Medal					

Please note: Medals will be given in the 6 categories within the Rapid Open and Blitz.

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) Buchholz Cut 1
- d) Sonneborn Berger
- e) Drawing of lots or similar method (e.g. 2 game Blitz match). This method will be announced.

NOTE: there must be a tiebreaker for the direct title awards.

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

12. Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter and Appeals

- 12.1 The Asian Chess Federation President will nominate the Technical Delegate, Chief Arbiter, as well as the necessary assistant arbiters and other officials.
- 12.2 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by the Asian Chess Federation President in consultation with the organizing federation. The Committee shall be composed of three members and two reserves, all from different Federations, chosen from among the representatives of national federations present.
- 12.3 Protests must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within fifteen minutes after completion of the relevant playing session. A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of USD100. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing committee.
- 12.4 The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.
- 12.5 No protests in Rapid and Blitz. The Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

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Appeals Committee:

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

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