10th Johor International Chess Open 2025

Fairview International School JB, Malaysia 26 – 31 December 2025

Technical Points Open and Challenger

Number of rounds: The Tournament will be played in 9 rounds under Swiss System

Rate of Play: Standard: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment from move 1

Default time: 60 Minutes

Note: In the first round, the default time is 15 minutes after which the players (whose opponents are absent) may be re-paired.

Schedule

Day 1 – Friday 26 January

15:00-Technical Meeting

15:30-Round 1

Day 2 – Saturday 27 January

09:00-Round 2

15:30-Round 3

Day 3 – Sunday 28 January

09:00-Round 4

13:30-Rapid

Day 4 – Monday 29 January

09:00-Round 5

15:30-Round 6

Day 5 – Tuesday 30 January

09:00-Round 7

15:30-Round 8

Day 6 – Wednesday 31 January

09:00-Round 9

14:00-Blitz Chess Tournament (Stop for Prize Giving)

14:45-Closing Ceremony

Prize Fund (RM): In case of a tie, cash prizes are not shared.

Rank	Open	Challenger
1 st	RM10,000.00	RM1,300.00
2 nd	RM6,000.00	RM1,000.00
3 rd	RM4,000.00	RM800.00
4 th	RM3,000.00	RM700.00
5 th	RM2,000.00	RM500.00
6 th	RM1,200.00	RM400.00
7 th	RM1,000.00	RM300.00
8 th	RM800.00	RM300.00
9 th	RM700.00	RM300.00
10 th	RM600.00	RM300.00
11 th – 12 th each	RM500.00	RM300.00
13 th – 20 th each	RM500.00	
Best Lady*	RM300.00	RM200.00
Best Lady 2	RM300.00	
Best Veteran (>65)*	RM300.00	RM200.00
Best Veteran (>50)	RM300.00	RM200.00
Best JCA1	RM300.00	RM200.00
Best JCA2	RM250.00	RM200.00
Best JCA3	RM200.00	RM200.00
Best JCA4	RM200.00	RM200.00
Best JCA5	RM200.00	RM200.00
U18B/U18G		
U15B/U15G		Age Group medals are for the
U12B/U12G		Challenger only.
U10B/U10G		1 st – 5 th for each age group.
U08B/U08G		

Tiebreak:

- Direct Encounter (Where Applicable);
- Buchholz Cut-1 with Dummy Variable Baku 2023;
- Buchholz with Dummy Variable Baku 2023;
- Sonneborn Berger
- Progressive score

Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

- Mobile phones and watches are not permitted inside the tournament hall
- ➤ If a mobile or electronic device is found with a player, his/her game is immediately lost

Pairings

- ➤ Pairing will be made by the Swiss Manager Pairing Program Latest Version shall be used for the tournament.
- > The drawing of colors for the first round shall be carried out during the players' meeting.

General Regulations

- ➤ Play will be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess valid from 1 January 2023.
- The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines
- ➤ Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the field of playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- ➤ Players who have finished their game shall leave playing hall at once.
- ➤ During the playing session, a player may leave a playing venue only with the permission of the Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the player will be penalised in accordance with article 12.9 of the FIDE Laws of Chess
- ➤ Half point bye is not permitted

Protest / Appeal Procedure

Protests against the Arbiter's decision shall be submitted

- in writing to the Appeals Committee
- within 15 minutes after the round,
- accompanied by a protest fee of US\$ 100 or its equivalent currency (RM450)

The protest fee is returnable if the appeal is successful.

Appeals Committee

- i. Abd Aziz, Aniq Ariffin MAS (National Arbiter)
- ii. IM Dang, Hoang Son VIE (National Arbiter)
- iii. GM Raahul, V S IND
- iv. CM Dziththauly, Ramadhan INA
- v. WFM Azali, Tannaz IRI

Reserve members:

- i. IM Sek Konstantin RUS
- ii. CM Tan Jun Hao SGP

Illegal Moves

In the event of an illegal move, the opponent will be awarded an additional two minutes, and the offending player will have thirty seconds deducted from their clock.

Dress Code

- Players must adhere to the dress code, which prohibits shorts, slippers, sandals, hoodies, caps, and hats, unless special permission is granted by the Chief Arbiter.
- Small bags or handbags are permitted, preferably transparent and smaller than A4 size.

Toilet Access

Level 3 toilets are reserved exclusively for players.

Spectator Policy

- ➤ Once a player has completed their game, they must leave the playing hall. They will then be considered a spectator and will not be allowed to re-enter unless permission is granted under authority of the Chief Arbiter.
- All spectators are allowed to wait at the a waiting room or outside of the playing hall.

Photography

A five-minute photography session will be permitted at the start of each round.

Food and Beverages

- Large food items are not permitted at the playing tables.
- ➤ Water and drinks must be placed on the floor to prevent accidental spillage on the tables.
- > Small snacks and fruits without strong odors are allowed in the playing hall. For example, candies and bananas

Prayer Facilities

- ➤ Prayer is permitted only in the section designated by the arbiter.
- ➤ The clock will not be stopped during the prayer time.

Submission of Result

Players must raise their hands to signal the arbiters, who will then collect the results.

Draw Agreement

Players are not allowed to offer or agree to a draw in less than 30 moves (by black), unless they are claiming a draw under article 9.2 (three fold repetition).

DGT Operations

- For open category 9 boards are using digital boards.
- For challenger category 4 boards are using digital boards.
- All players' games will be broadcast live on Lichess with a 5-minute delay.