



CESAFI CHESS EVENT 2025 TOURNAMENT RULES & GUIDELINES

I. TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- ❖ **Date:** October 18 – 19, 2025 (Saturday & Sunday)
 - ❖ **Time:** 9:30 AM onwards
 - ❖ **Venue:** 3rd floor near Savoura, Robinsons Galleria Cebu
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II. ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ **Eligibility.** The tournament is open to all schools under the **Cebu Schools Athletic Foundation, Inc. (CESAFI)**.
 - ❖ **Categories:** There shall be six (6) categories:
 1. College Men
 2. College Women
 3. High School Boys
 4. High School Girls
 5. Elementary Boys
 6. Elementary Girls
 - ❖ **Age Bracket:**
 1. College: 19 to 25 years of age (2000 – 2006)
 2. High School: 13 to 18 years of age (2007 – 2012)
 3. Elementary: 6 to 12 years of age (2013 – 2019)
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III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- ❖ **Platform:** Over-the-board
- ❖ **Format:** The following format will be applied depending on the number of teams:
 - 2 – 4 Teams: Double Round Robin
 - 5 – 8 Teams: Single Round Robin
- ❖ **Number of Rounds:** The following number of rounds will be applied depending on the teams:
 - 2 – 4 Teams: 30 + 30
 - 5 – 6 Teams: 45 + 30
 - 7 – 8 Teams: 30 + 30
- ❖ **Time Control:** The following time control will be applied depending on the number of rounds:
 - 5 Rounds: 45 + 30
 - 6 Rounds: 30 + 30
 - 7 Rounds: 30 + 30

❖ **Overview:** See below.

Categories	No. of Teams	Format	No. of Rounds	Time Control
1. College Men	7	Single Round Robin	7	30 + 30
2. College Women	5	Single Round Robin	5	45 + 30
3. High School Boys	8	Single Round Robin	7	30 + 30
4. High School Girls	7	Single Round Robin	7	30 + 30
5. Elementary Boys	4	Double Round Robin	6	30 + 30
6. Elementary Girls	3	Double Round Robin	6	30 + 30

❖ **Scoring System:**

1. **Match Points:** The team with more board points in a match will earn 2 match points for a win, 1 for a draw, and 0 for a loss.

❖ **Team Tiebreaks:**

2. **Game Points:** Total individual scores of each player on a team.
3. **Direct Encounter:** Results of matches between tied teams.
4. **Sonneborn-Berger (Round Robin):** FIDE's Sonneborn-Berger tiebreak system for team tournaments, which multiplies the game points of the opponents by the team's own game points.
5. **Sonneborn-Berger (with Real Points):** Team's total game points in Sonneborn-Berger tiebreak system.

❖ **Individual Tiebreaks:**

1. **Rank of Team**
 - Although individual results are not officially recognized by CESAFI, we have chosen to acknowledge and award the athletes at our discretion.

IV. TEAM FORMAT

❖ **Team Composition & Board Assignment**

- Each team must consist of at least 1 player and a maximum of 6 players, including 2 alternates.
 - Teams must assign board numbers to their players from Board 1 to Board 4, including Alternates 1 and 2. A provisional board order with the list of players must be submitted in advance. Teams must write their final board assignment on the official lineup form, which will be distributed on the event day before Round 1 officially starts.
 - A player may only compete on their designated board or a lower board number. Alternates 1 and 2 may only play on Boards 3 and 4.
 - Teams must play in ascending board order, starting from Board 1.
 - Before the start of each round, teams may change their lineup and submit their board order, with a maximum of 4 boards. If no lineup is submitted, the originally assigned board numbers will be used
 - To be eligible for medal placement, a player must score at least one (1) point on their assigned board.
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V. PAIRING FORMAT

- ❖ **Seeding:** The seeding of teams will be determined by a random draw using the Wheel of Names website (<https://wheelofnames.com/>) and will be broadcast live on the Cebu School of Chess page for transparency.
 - ❖ **Pairings:** See below.

 - ❖ **Teams of 8:**
 - **Round 1:** 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5
 - **Round 2:** 6v4, 8v5, 7v3, 1v2
 - **Round 3:** 3v1, 4v7, 2v8, 5v6
 - **Round 4:** 7v5, 1v4, 2v3, 8v6
 - **Round 5:** 3v8, 4v2, 5v1, 6v7
 - **Round 6:** 1v6, 8v7, 2v5, 3v4
 - **Round 7:** 5v3, 6v2, 4v8, 7v1

 - ❖ **Teams of 4: (Double RR)**
 - **Round 1:** 1v4, 2v3
 - **Round 2:** 4v3, 1v2
 - **Round 3:** 2v4, 3v1
 - **Round 4:** 4v1, 3v2
 - **Round 5:** 3v4, 2v1
 - **Round 6:** 4v2, 1v3

 - ❖ **Teams of 7:**
 - **Round 1:** 2v7, 3v6, 4v5, 1 (Bye)
 - **Round 2:** 6v4, 7v3, 1v2, 5 (Bye)
 - **Round 3:** 3v1, 4v7, 5v6, 2 (Bye)
 - **Round 4:** 7v5, 1v4, 2v3, 6 (Bye)
 - **Round 5:** 4v2, 5v1, 6v7, 3 (Bye)
 - **Round 6:** 1v6, 2v5, 3v4, 7 (Bye)
 - **Round 7:** 5v3, 6v2, 7v1, 4 (Bye)

 - ❖ **Teams of 3: (Double RR)**
 - **Round 1:** 2v3, 1 (Bye)
 - **Round 2:** 1v2, 3 (Bye)
 - **Round 3:** 3v1, 2 (Bye)
 - **Round 4:** 3v2, 1 (Bye)
 - **Round 5:** 2v1, 3 (Bye)
 - **Round 6:** 1v3, 2 (Bye)

 - ❖ **Teams of 5:**
 - **Round 1:** 2v5, 3v4, 1 (Bye)
 - **Round 2:** 5v3, 1v2, 4 (Bye)
 - **Round 3:** 3v1, 4v5, 2 (Bye)
 - **Round 4:** 1v4, 2v3, 5 (Bye)
 - **Round 5:** 4v2, 5v1, 3 (Bye)
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VI. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- ❖ **College Men**
 1. University of San Carlos (USC)
 2. University of Cebu (UC)
 3. University of San Jose Recoletos (USJR)
 4. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
 5. University of the Philippines (UP)
 6. University of Cebu, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue (UCLM)
 7. Felipe R. Verallo Memorial Foundation Inc. (FRVMFI)

- ❖ **College Women**
 1. University of San Carlos (USC)

2. University of Cebu (UC)
3. University of San Jose Recoletos (USJR)
4. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
5. University of the Philippines (UP)

❖ **High School Boys**

1. University of San Carlos (USC)
2. University of Cebu (UC)
3. University of San Jose Recoletos (USJR)
4. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
5. University of the Philippines (UP)
6. University of Cebu, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue (UCLM)
7. Felipe R. Verallo Memorial Foundation Inc. (FRVMFI)
8. Cebu Eastern College (CEC)

❖ **High School Girls**

1. University of San Carlos (USC)
2. University of Cebu (UC)
3. University of San Jose Recoletos (USJR)
4. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
5. University of the Philippines (UP)
6. University of Cebu, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue (UCLM)
7. Cebu Eastern College (CEC)

❖ **Elementary Boys**

1. University of Cebu (UC)
2. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
3. Felipe R. Verallo Memorial Foundation Inc. (FRVMFI)
4. Cebu Eastern College (CEC)

❖ **Elementary Girls**

1. University of Cebu (UC)
2. Cebu Institute of Technology – University (CIT-U)
3. Cebu Eastern College (CEC)

VII. GAME SCHEDULE:

- ❖ The final game schedule will be posted after the seeding of teams in a separate section and will be communicated through the official CESAFI Facebook group chat.
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VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- ❖ **FIDE Laws:** Standard FIDE laws of chess shall apply.
 - ❖ **Pairings:** The latest licensed Swiss Pairing Manager will be used in the pairings.
 - ❖ **Arbiter's Choice:** Players are not allowed to change the orientation of the chess clock or board.
 - ❖ **Default Time:** 30 minutes from the start of each round.
 - ❖ **Move Recording:** Players must record their moves throughout the game, even when their time remaining time reaches 5 minutes or less.
 - ❖ **Violations:**
 - **Non-recording of Moves:** Players failing to record moves must update their scoresheets on their own time.
 - **Infringements:**
 - Examples include:
 1. Displacing pieces.
 2. Excessive force when pressing the clock.
 3. Adjusting pieces during the opponent's turn.
 4. Using two hands to move and press the clock.
 5. Annoying or distracting behavior.
 - **Penalties:**
 1. 1st offense: Oral warning.
 2. 2nd offense: 2 minutes added to the opponent's time.
 3. 3rd offense: Game loss.
 - **Illegal Moves:**
 - Examples include:
 1. Moving a piece incorrectly.
 2. Exposing the king to an attack or leaving the king in check.
 3. Capturing the opponent's king.
 4. Using two hands for a move.
 5. Failing to replace a promoted pawn.
 6. Pressing the clock without making a move.
 7. Recording moves before making a move.
 - **Penalties:**
 1. 1st offense: 2 minutes added to the opponent's time.
 2. 2nd offense: Game loss.
 - **Major Violations:**
 - Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be switched off or on silent mode and kept in bags or pockets. A ringing phone will result in a final warning.
 - Any player caught cheating (e.g., match-fixing, collusion, or using a phone to decide moves) will forfeit the game.
 - A team whose member gives unsolicited advice during games will forfeit the game.
 - Players guilty of grave misconduct (e.g., physical harm, verbal abuse) will forfeit the game.
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IX. VENUE RULES & GAME ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Only team captains are allowed in the playing area. Coaches, parents, and spectators must remain outside while games are in progress.
 - ❖ Only team captains may convey information regarding team outcomes. Other communication is subject to penalties as outlined in Major Violations, under section VIII.
 - ❖ No post-game analysis, discussions, or casual play is allowed in the playing area.
 - ❖ Only coaches may approach tournament officials for clarifications or issues regarding rules or technicalities.
 - ❖ No food is allowed in the playing area during games, except for water, which must be placed under the table.
 - ❖ After completing their games, players must organize the chess pieces and promptly vacate the playing area after submitting their score sheets to the officials.
 - ❖ Proper attire is mandatory. The following are prohibited:
 1. Slippers
 2. Short pants or sandos
 - ❖ Players may only use the restroom after making a move, with permission from tournament officials.
 - ❖ Any disruptive behavior by coaches, parents, or trainers will result in the following sanctions:
 1. 1st offense: Oral warning (may include a venue ban).
 2. 2nd offense: One-game suspension for the involved player.
 3. 3rd offense: Expulsion from the competition.
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X. REGIONAL PRISAA

- ❖ **Qualifications:** The gold medalist teams in each category will represent the Regional PRISAA. The winning team may pick a player from another team. Schools have the discretion to send their team to the event.
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XI. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS & APPEALS COMMITTEE

- ❖ **Tournament Manager:** NA Kevin Yap
- ❖ **Chief Arbiter:** NA Kevin Yap
- ❖ **Deputy Arbiter:** NA Ed Vincent Lepalam
- ❖ **Arbiters:**
 - NA Dennis Navales
 - CA Jesse delos Santos
- ❖ **Documenter:** Ma. Crizelda Cruz
- ❖ **Official Photographer:** Ricky Ngalot
- ❖ **Stewards:**
 - Clint Jovan Jumamoy
 - Daryl Roque

- ❖ The Appeals Committee will consist of coaches from the top 3 teams in the standings after each round.
 - ❖ Appeals must be submitted in writing, signed by the player, coach, and tournament manager, no later than 30 minutes after the game concludes. A protest fee of P2,000.00 will be required.
 - ❖ If the appeal is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded to the party who filed the appeal.
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XII. COLATILA

- ❖ All other matters not covered in these rules shall be decided by the Tournament Director or Chief Arbiter, who reserves the right to amend or alter any provision of the above-mentioned Tournament Guidelines for the success and interest of the tournament.