

TCA JUNIOR CHESS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Rules & Regulations

1. The above Championship is organised by *Serangoon Gardens Country Club* (SGCC). All games will be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.
2. Ranking order will be based on the latest FIDE Rapid Rating list. Note that this event will not be FIDE rated.
3. Eligibility: The Championship is open to all who are **18 years old & below**, born in 2008 and later.
4. Venue: SGCC Kensington Ballroom, 2nd floor, Heliconia Wing, 22 Kensington Park Road, Singapore 557271
5. System: Swiss System of 7 rounds and the time limit for each player is 25 minutes per game.
6. There would be no play-offs. In the event of a tie, these tie-breaks would be employed in the following order.
 - i. Direct Encounter
 - ii. Buchholz Cut 1
 - iii. Buchholz
7. **The Touch Move Rule would be strictly observed.**
8. The schedule of the Championship is as follows:

Date	Round	Time
3RD APRIL 2026, FRIDAY	1	9.00am – 9.50am
	2	10.00am – 10.50am
	3	11.00am – 11.50pm
	Lunch will be provided to participants only	12.00 noon – 1.00 pm
	4	1.00pm – 1.50pm
	5	2.00pm – 2.50pm
	6	3.00pm – 3.50pm
	7	4.00pm – 4.50pm
	Entertainment and Prize Presentation	5.00pm – 6.00pm

9. Categories - A player can only choose to play in his/her age group or the Open category.

Category	Age Group
Open	Open to all born in 2008 & later
Under 12	Born in 2015 & 2014
Under 10	Born in 2017 & 2016
Under 8	Born in 2018 & later

10. Prizes: Players are only entitled to prizes in the category they compete in. Prizes/Medals will be adjusted accordingly based on the response.

Category	Prizes	
Open	Champion	Trophy + \$200 Voucher
	2 nd	Trophy + \$150 Voucher
	3 rd	Trophy + \$100 Voucher
	4 th	Medal + \$80 Voucher
	5 th	Medal + \$60 Voucher
	6 th – 7 th	Medal
	8 th – 9 th	Medal
	10 th	Medal
Under 8, 10, 12	Champion	Trophy + \$60 Voucher
	2 nd	Trophy + \$50 Voucher
	3 rd	Trophy + \$40 Voucher
	4 th	Medal + \$30 Voucher
	5 th	Medal + \$20 Voucher
	6 th – 15 th	Medal

11. All Players must report latest by 8.30 am. Players who have paid the entry fee will be automatically paired for Round 1. Players who fail to show up for Round 1 must report to the Tournament Director by 9.15am. Failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification from the entire Tournament.
12. Entry Fees: Open Category (18 & under) - \$60.00 w/GST
 Under 8, 10, 12 - \$50.00 w/GST
 SGCC members (For all categories) - \$16.35 w/GST
 (The above fees are inclusive of 9% GST)
13. Closing Date: **All entries submitted with Pay now QR code / Nets payment must reach SGCC by Friday, 20th March 2026, 6pm.** Entries can be submitted by hand or mail.
14. No refund of entry fees will be made for withdrawals and disqualifications.
15. The Organising Committee has the right to accept or reject an application without any prejudice.
16. Non-players will not be allowed in the playing hall at all times.
17. Players who have finished their games in their respective rounds are to submit their scores and leave the playing hall immediately.
18. The decision of the Tournament Director is final. It is the duty of the winning player to report the results accordingly.
19. For enquires on registration, kindly contact Ms Zaleha, Sports & Recreation Executive at 6398 5373 or email recreation@sgcc.com.sg

Please be informed that by signing up for the competition, you consent to your contact details to be shared with fellow opponents or co-organizers for the purpose of contacting you on changes to the match schedule. You agree to use the contact numbers given to you solely for the same purpose. In addition, photos taken during the event may be used by the organisers for in house publications at their sole discretion. If you disagree to these arrangements, kindly advise the staff-in-charge of the competition as stated in the form.