



HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

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PAST CHAMPIONS

2010	Levine Seth		HKG
2011	Muniz Pardino Alberto		ESP
2012	IM Zhou Yang-Fan		ENG
2013	Li Bo		CHN
2014	GM Yu Ruiyuan		CHN
2015	GM Barbosa Oliver		PHI
2016	IM Pascua Haridas		PHI
2017	GM Grigoryan Karen H.		ARM
2018	Aoshima Mirai		JPN
2023	GM Vaibhav Suri		IND
2024	GM Bai Jinshi		CHN

Welcome Remarks

My warmest greetings,

It is wonderful to see so many of you here for this year's edition of the Hong Kong International Open. This tournament holds a special place in my heart. Back in 2012, what began as a vision became reality thanks to a timely USD 5,000 sponsorship from then-FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. That support gave us the push we needed to launch the event internationally and I have had the privilege of serving as principal organizer for nearly every edition since, except for 2014.



Over the years, the tournament has grown steadily, both in scale and in reputation. This year marks a new high point, with the largest field of Grandmasters and International Masters in its history. It is a clear sign that Hong Kong is becoming an attractive destination on the international chess circuit and we are encouraged by the response.

We are also proud to break new ground this year by incorporating the Eastern Asia Juniors & Girls Championship into this year's event. It is a meaningful step forward, especially for young players across the region. With IM titles and GM norms on offer, the opportunities for rising talents are bigger than ever.

As always, we remain committed to delivering the highest standards of organization and fairness. It is a team effort, and I want to acknowledge the many people working behind the scenes to make this happen, from arbiters and volunteers to partners and sponsors. Thank you all for your continued trust and support.

I wish all players the best of luck over the board.

Welcome, and enjoy the tournament!!

KK Chan
President of HKCCFL
Tournament Director of HKIO

List of Officials

Tournament Director

IO Chan, KK 

Organizing Committee Chairman

Geoffrey Edward Kao 

Shen Chenyi 

Chief Arbiter HKIO

IA Nisban, Jasmin 

Chief Arbiter EAJG

IA-A Chan, KK 

Deputy Chief Arbiter

IA-C Liang, Zhihua 

IA Astuti, Stefani Dian Cheri Tri 

IA Pagaran, Michael Joseph 

Appeals

IA-C Chen, Mei Fang Dina 

Arbiters

IA-C Muniyan, Genkeswaran 

IA-C Tulga Tserengavaa 

IA Lai, Robin 

FA Tan, Eng Thong Evelyn 

FA Praveen, Kumar R. 

FA Su, Yamin 

FA Yu, Ting 

FA Perichiappan, Kannappan 

NA Lam, Chi Wang Raymond 

NA Zhou, Guijue 

IA-C Thiagarajoo, Kumaressan 

IA-C Chuah, Jin Hai Jonathan 

IA Siew, Kai Xin 

FA Khor, Eng Yeow 

FA Tian, Tian 

FA Chen Xingli 

FA Kannappan, Sigappi 

FA Cheung, Man Sze 

NA Liang, Yuyan 

NA Ngieng, Vivian 

Technical Team

FA Mohd Tamil, Emran 

IA Mohd Asri, Mohd Nurul Izani 

IA Syaman, Sedy Yanty 

Event Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	PROGRAMME
23rd Dec	Tue	15:30 16:00	Player's Meeting Round 1
24th Dec	Wed	10:00 16:00	Round 2 Round 3
25th Dec	Thu	10:00 15:00	Round 4 Blitz Tournament
26th Dec	Fri	10:00 16:00	Round 5 Round 6
27th Dec	Sat	10:00 16:00	Round 7 Meet and Greet GM
28th Dec	Sun	10:00	Round 8
29th Dec	Mon	10:00	Round 9 Closing Ceremony

Prize Breakdown

OPEN CATEGORY



HKD 50,000

	2nd	HKD 25,000
	3rd	HKD 12,000
	4th	HKD 8,000
	5th	HKD 6,000
	6th	HKD 5,000
	7th	HKD 5,000
	8th - 10th	HKD 3,000



CHALLENGER CATEGORY



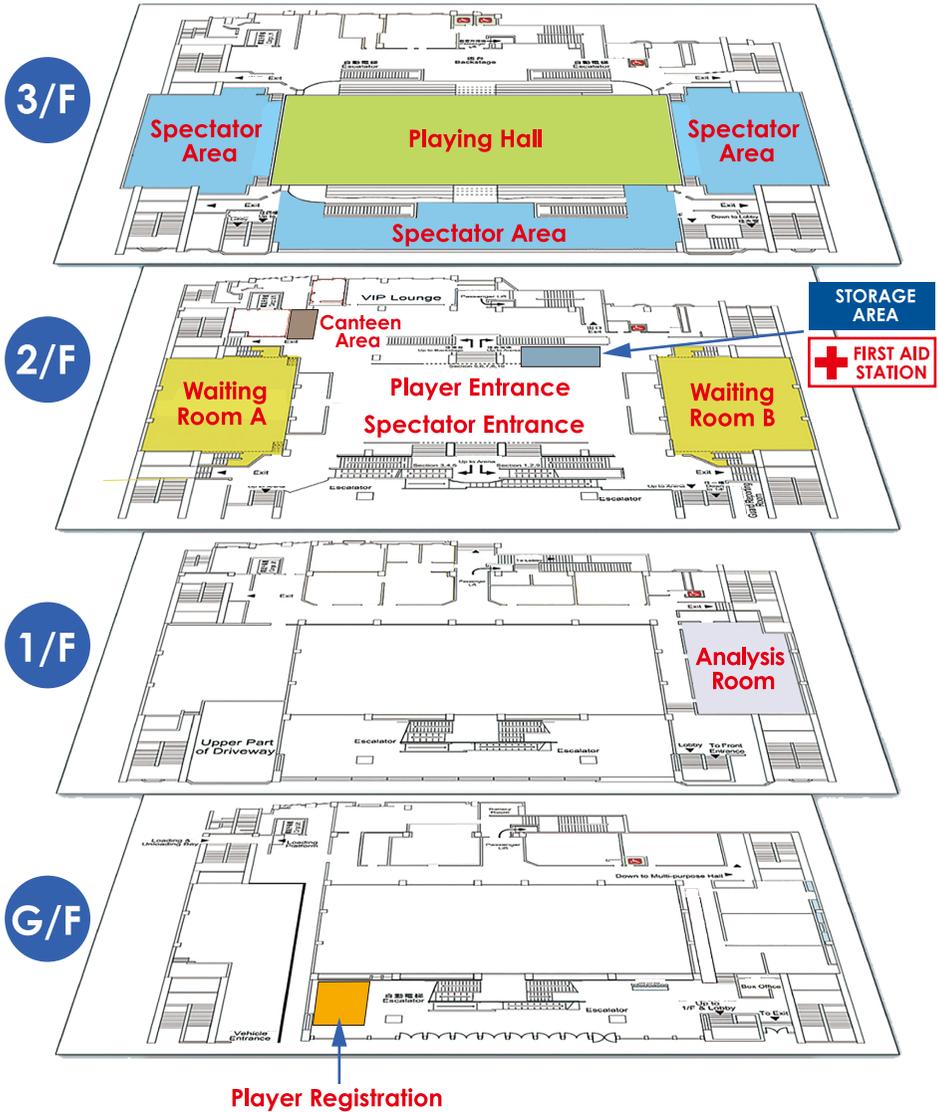
HKD 6,000

	2nd	HKD 4,000
	3rd	HKD 3,000
	4th	HKD 2,000
	5th-8th	HKD 1,000
	9th-10th	



	1st		2nd		3rd
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Venue Floorplan



Player Reminder

Welcome to the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2025. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants, please take note of the following important reminders.

TECHNICAL MEETING



To help all participants better understand the details of the tournament, Technical Meeting is scheduled on December 23, 3:30pm. All participants must attend the meeting in the main arena. Please arrive 15 mins early.



Entry to the stadium requires valid tickets. All participants are required to wear a name badge when accessing the field at all times.

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE



The Organizing Committee holds the right to capture and record all event activities. By entering the venue, you grant the Committee permission to use your likeness in photographs and videos for promotional, archival, and commercial purposes.

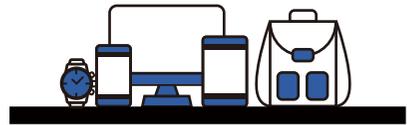
ENTRY AND EXIT GUIDELINES

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Please arrive at the competition venue 30 minutes before the start of each game. Please note that re-entry is not permitted after leaving the stadium.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices, watch, and personal backpacks must be surrendered before the start of the each game.



Announcements will be made on whatsapp, wechat, facebook and chess-results.

Venue Surroundings

Tournament Venue

Queen Elizabeth Stadium

📍 18 Oi Kwan Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Accommodation

South Pacific Hotel

📍 23 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong



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603A

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101, 109, 111, 111P, 113, 115, 116, N121, N170



HK TRAMWAYS

Hennessy Road



MTR

Causeway Bay Station Time Square Exit A

Wan Chai Station Exit A3



Getting to the Airport

MTR



• From Causeway Bay, take the MTR train to Central Station. Then, follow the signs to Hong Kong Station and hop on the Airport Express to the airport.

South Pacific Hotel offers two exquisite dining establishments, namely La Pacifica Restaurant and Snow Garden .

La Pacifica Restaurant (2nd Floor) Our restaurant chefs are delighted to serve you a wide range of superb delicacies.

Snow Garden(Basement 1) Snow Garden Shanghainese Restaurant's culinary culture has been passed down through generations to create authentic dishes with modern twist using our iconic seasoned red vinegar – an integral part of Shanghainese cuisine.



La Pacifica Restaurant



Snow Garden

- 1 McDonald's
Open 24 hours
Shop 2, G/F, Chinachem Johnston Plaza, 178-186 Johnston, Wan Chai
- 2 Rose Kitchen
07:00-00:00
1/F, Wan Chai Commercial Centre, 194-204 Johnston Road, Wan Chai
- 3 Istanbul Turkish Kebabs and Grills (Certified Halal Food)
11:00-23:00
Shop 3, G/F, Pao Woo Mansion, 177-179 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai
- 4 New Forest Restaurant
07:00-21:00
G/F, 203 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai

- 5 Capital Café
07:00-22:00
Shop B1, G/F, Kwong Sang Hong Building, 6 Heard Street, Wan Chai
- 6 New Bangkok Restaurant
12:00-23:00
G/F, 366 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai
- 7 Keung Kee Meat Shop
07:00-23:00
G/F, Siu Fung Building, 9-17 Tin Lok Lane, Wan Chai

INTERNATIONAL BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

THURSDAY 25th DECEMBER 2025
STARTS 3PM

Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Online
Registration



FORMAT

9 Round Blitz 3m+2s, FIDE rated

PRIZE MONEY

1st HKD5000 2nd HKD2500 3rd HKD1500
4th HKD1000 5th to 10th HKD500

ENTRY FEE

\$300

MEDALS

Overall	1 st - 10 th
Ladies	1 st - 3 rd
Local Player	1 st - 3 rd
U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18 U20	1 st
U1500 U1600 U1700 U1800 U1900 U2000	1 st

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MEET AND GREET GM

SATURDAY 27 DEC 2025

STARTS 4 PM - 6 PM

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