



Eastern Asia Juniors and Girls Chess Championships 2026

organised by the
The Hong Kong China Chess Federation

1. Invitation

The Hong Kong China Chess Federation (HKCCF) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations of Eastern Asia **Zone 3.3 & Zone 3.5** to participate in the Eastern Asia Juniors and Girls Chess Championship 2026 (with direct titles & norms) from the 22nd of December 2026 (arrival) and departure on 30th December 2026. The event is for players who shall not have reached the age of 20 and born on or after 1st January 2006.

2. Organizing committee

This event is organised by the Hong Kong China Chess Federation and the organising committee shall be nominated by their Board of Directors.

3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **Queen Elizabeth Stadium** in Wanchai, Hong Kong. This area is a very busy area, with MTR stations nearby and many facilities.

Location on Google Maps - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QxyDqViaH28UV4ce7>

4. Participation and Conditions

4.1) *The entry fees of the BOYS and GIRLS events shall be as follows:*

- a) 2 official players nominated by their federations –
ACF entry fee USD 75 and
Event entry fee USD 200.
Total fee payable to the organizing committee **USD 275**
- b) all other players registered by their federations
ACF entry fee – USD 150
Event entry fee – USD 200
Total fee payable to the organising committee **USD 350**

Please note: Official players shall be accommodated free of charge in double rooms based on sharing with other federations' players.

- 4.2) Interested players who have been endorsed by their own federation can register online at <http://EAjunior2026.hkchessevent.com> and follow the instructions as stated. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.

Foreign entries must make payment on or before 1st December 2026, those preferring this option must inform the federation in advance by email to hkchessevent@gmail.com or hkcfreg@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, 20th December 2026**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations without giving a reason. NO REFUNDS will be given if any player does not attend the event after pairings for round 1 has been published..

- 4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website from **1st November 2026**. 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 23rd December 2026 shall not be paired.

- 4.6) In case there are fewer than ten (10) girls from at least five (5) federations registering and playing in the event, the Girls group shall be merged with the Boys event.

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

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.

The organisers do not offer any accommodation except for the nominated official players of each Eastern Asian federation. Some federations may request the organizer to provide accommodation at standard rates.

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 to the Gold, Silver and Bronze winners.
- 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 15 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.

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
23 rd Dec	Wednesday	15:30	Players' meeting
		16:00	Round 1
24 th Dec	Thursday	10:00	Round 2
		16:00	Round 3
25 th Dec	Friday	10:00	Round 4
26 th Dec	Saturday	10:00	Round 5
		16:00	Round 6
27 th Dec	Sunday	10:00	Round 7
28 th Dec	Monday	10:00	Round 8
29 th Dec	Tuesday	10:00	Round 9 (final)
		After last game	Closing Ceremony

10. Tiebreak system

10.1) Winners are determined by number of points scored. In case of a tie, the following tie breaks will apply:

- Direct Encounter (only if all tied players have played each other)
- The greater number of wins (including forfeits and byes)
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Drawing of lots or similar method (e.g. 2 game Rapid/Blitz match to be announced)

NOTE: there must be a tiebreak for those tied with the highest points.

11. Chief Arbiter and his Assistants

- 11.1) The Asian Chess Federation (ACF) President will - after consultation with the organizing federation, appoint the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Arbiter and other Arbiters or Assistant Arbiters/Officials for the Championship.
- 11.2) The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Asian Chess Federation, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.
- 11.3) Any form of protests including protests lodged against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter, the Deputy or any of his assistants, must be submitted in writing and signed by the player, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within thirty minutes after the completion of the disputed game/event.
- 11.4) A protest fee of USD 200 (HKD1,600) must be submitted together with the completed written protest. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned otherwise, forfeited to the organizing federation.

12. Technical Delegate and Appeals Committee

- 12.1) The Technical Delegate and Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed 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.
- 12.2) No member of the committee shall have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such a situation, the members of the affected Federation shall only have the right to be involved in the discussion session within the committee but have no right to vote on the decision.

13. Direct titles and GM/WGM norm

- 13.1) The Gold medalist in Standard Chess event shall receive a Grandmaster (GM/WGM) norm. Equal first (best 3 after tie break) shall receive the title of International Master (IM/WIM), with silver and bronze medalists to receive IM/WIM norms and FM/WFM titles in accordance with FIDE title regulations.
- 13.2) For a direct title to be awarded the winning player is required to have a minimum rating achieved at some time viz: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900.

14. Contact information of the Organizing Committee

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Appeals Committee:

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

Google maps showing location of the venue



The Playing Area in the Queen Elizabeth Stadium

