

Hong Kong Inter-School Chess Championships 2017

Rules

There are three divisions in this competition: Secondary, Primary and Lower Primary Divisions. Any student in a primary school may play in the Primary Division but only year 1 to year 3 students may play in the Lower Primary Division. All of them are team events with 4 boards per match and all players must sit in the order of their player numbers. Each team may consist of 4 players plus any reserves who shall be listed according to their strength with a player number to be assigned by the organizer. All players must be full time students of the school they are representing. All players and captains must wear the nametag provided by the organizer.

There are 7 rounds in each division, using the Swiss System to determine the opponents in each successive round. This means that you will not know whom you are playing in the next round until everyone has finished the current round. Once all the results are gathered and pairings for the next round made, the pairing will be posted together with the table number.

In every round, each team should have at least 3 players attending the match. Failing that the concerned team will not be paired for subsequent rounds unless at least 3 members of the team report in person to the pairing officer of their presence before the pairing for next round is made.

The time limit for each player in the Primary and Lower Primary Divisions is 25 minutes. In the Secondary Division, the time limit is 60 minutes. A player loses his/her game if he/she is late by 15 minutes.

Each player in the Secondary Division is required to record the moves of his/her games until he/she has less than 5 minutes on his/her clock, using algebraic notation on official scorebook provided.

After each match is completed, the team captains of both teams must complete their results sheets and give them to a controller immediately.

All spectators must stay away from the playing area during the course of the game except that they will be allowed to enter the playing area for taking photos in the first 5 minutes after the game has started.

There will be prizes for the top 6 teams in each division if there are 20 entries or more, otherwise 3 only. If a school enters more than one team, only the best team of that school will be considered for the team prize.

Rankings will be determined by Match Points (2 for wins, 1 for Draws, 0 for Losses) and then by the following order of tie-breaks:

- Tie Break 1: Result of teams in same point group according to Match Points
- Tie Break 2: points (game-points)
- Tie Break 3: Buchholz (3,0,N,N,0,Y) (sum of team-points of opponents discarding the lowest three)
- Tie Break 4: Buchholz (2,0,N,N,0,Y) (sum of team-points of opponents discarding the lowest two)

All players will also be competing for a board prize at which board (board 1 to board 4) they play in the tournament. Rankings will be determined by game points then percentage and then the final ranking of their teams. For each board order, there will be 6 prizes when there are 20 teams or more and if a school enters more than 2 teams, only the best two performers of the school will be considered for the respective board prize. If the number of teams is less than 20, there will be 3 prizes only for each board order, and only the best performer of each school will be considered for the board prize.

No soft drinks or food is allowed inside the chess tournament hall.

Illegal move

Secondary and Primary Divisions - The opponent may notify an arbiter of the illegal move and the arbiter will give a warning to the player making the illegal move. After such warning, if the same player makes two more illegal moves, this player loses the game.

Lower Primary Division - The opponent may notify an arbiter of the illegal move and the arbiter will give a warning to the player making the illegal move. After such warning, if the same player makes another 4 illegal moves, this player loses the game.

Tournament Director: Ms. HO Yin Ping

Note: Results and pairings for each round will be posted at <http://chess-results.com>