

National Day Chess Festival 2026 Regulation

1. Invitation

Kidult Chess Academy (KCA) is honoured to invite chess players from all FIDE member federations to participate in the National Day Chess Festival 2026. This event will be FIDE rated.

2. Playing Venue

The playing venue is located at 18/F, The Hedon, 11 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

3. Participation and Conditions

The entry fee is

Standard - Premier section (U2400)

HKD \$500 for Standard 1800-2399;

HKD \$1500 for Standard 1600-1799

HKD \$3000 for Standard unrated, **entry limited to 20%** of the total participants

Standard - Challenger section (U1800)

HKD \$500 for Standard 1400-1799;

HKD \$1500 for Standard unrated, **entry limited to 50%** of the total participants

Rapid/Blitz HKD \$450

Enjoy a \$300 discount for registering "Standard, Rapid and Blitz" together.

Registration link: <https://www.kidultc.com/tournament>

4. Tournament Format

4.1) The tournament will be played using the Swiss system of 6 rounds for Standard, 7 rounds for Rapid, 9 rounds for Blitz..

4.2) Rate of play:

Standard: 60 minutes for the whole game plus a 30-second increment starting from move 1.

Rapid: 10 minutes for the whole game plus a 5-second increment starting from move 1.

Blitz: 3 minutes for the whole game plus a 2-second increment starting from move 1.

4.3) The latest FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply.

4.4) The zero-tolerance rule shall not apply. The default time (late arrival) is set at 30 minutes.

4.5) Two defaults or "no-shows" will result in automatic withdrawal from the tournament.

4.6) Players who do not show up will not be paired for subsequent rounds unless a written declaration is signed.

4.7) Bye Requests:

- A half-point (0.5) bye may be requested for Rounds 1 to 3.
- All bye requests must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter before the end of the previous round.

5. Playing Hall

5.1) Strictly no food (including candy or snacks) and no drinks (except water) are allowed in the tournament venue.

5.2) All players and spectators must strictly adhere to the rules and instructions provided by the arbiters.

5.3) Electronic equipment of any kind (mobile phones, smartwatches, etc.) is strictly prohibited in the playing hall. KCA reserves the right to use metal detectors for checking.

6. Playing Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Program
1st Oct, 2026	Thursday	12:00	Rapid 7 rounds, 10m+5s
1st Oct, 2026	Thursday	17:45	Player meeting
1st Oct, 2026	Thursday	18:00	Standard Round 1
2nd Oct, 2026	Friday	12:00	Standard Round 2
2nd Oct, 2026	Friday	17:00	Standard Round 3
3rd Oct, 2026	Saturday	10:00	Standard Round 4
3rd Oct, 2026	Saturday	15:00	Standard Round 5
4th Oct, 2026	Sunday	10:00	Standard Round 6
4th Oct, 2026	Sunday	14:00	Blitz 9 rounds, 3m+2s

7. Prizes

Standard tournament (Premier)

Champion: \$3000 HKD + Medal

1st Runner up: \$2000 HKD + Medal

2nd Runner up: \$1000 HKD + Medal

Standard tournament (Challenger)

Champion: \$1500 HKD + Medal

1st Runner up: \$1000 HKD + Medal

2nd Runner up: \$800 HKD + Medal

Best U1700, U1600, U1500, Unrated: \$500 HKD + Medal

U14 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

U10 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

Rapid tournament

Champion: \$1000 HKD + Medal

1st Runner up: \$800 HKD + Medal

2nd Runner up: \$500 HKD + Medal

U14 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

U10 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

Blitz tournament

Champion: \$1000 HKD + Medal

1st Runner up: \$800 HKD + Medal

2nd Runner up: \$500 HKD + Medal

U14 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

U10 Top 3 and Best Girl: Medal

Each player is eligible to win one prize only in each tournament (the higher-valued prize will be awarded).

Best Club: Highest total points scored by all members in the same club.

8. Tie-break Rules

In the event of a tie in points, the following tie-breaks will apply in order:

- a) Direct Encounter (only if all tied players have played each other)
 - b) Buchholz
 - c) Buchholz Cut 1 (Exclude worst result)
 - d) Buchholz Cut 2 (Exclude 2 worst results)
 - e) Buchholz Cut 3 (Exclude 2 worst results and 1 best result)
- If the above is insufficient, they will be joint champions and share the prize equally.

9. Appeals Procedure

9.1) Protests against decisions made by the Chief Arbiter or the arbiter team must be submitted in writing and signed by the player. Protests must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes of the completion of the disputed game/event.

9.2) A protest fee of HKD \$1,500 must be submitted with the written protest. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld; otherwise, it will be forfeited.

9.3) Appeals Committee (AC) will be declared in the players' meeting before the tournament starts. The AC consists of a Chairman, at least two members and, when needed, two reserve members. The Chairman, the members and reserve members shall, if possible, be from different federations. No member of the AC involved in the dispute shall rule in that dispute. Such a committee should have an odd number of voting members. Members of the AC shall not be younger than 21 years old.

10. Refunds and Extreme Weather Policy

All registration fees are final and non-refundable under any circumstances. Once you have successfully submitted and paid for a registration, there will be no refund or exchange for other services or products.

Participants are solely responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their selected event dates, categories and personal details before completing registration.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances (such as severe weather conditions like Black rainstorm, Typhoon Signal No.8 or above), the organizer reserves the right to reschedule or adjust the event format. Under such circumstances, registration fees remain non-refundable.

11. Contact Information

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