香港國際象棋學院
Kidult Chess Academy

KCA Aquarius Standard Open 2027 Regulation

1. Invitation

Kidult Chess Academy (KCA) is honoured to invite chess players from all FIDE member federations with a **Standard FIDE rating below 1800** to participate in the KCA Aquarius Standard Open 2026.

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
HKD $500 for FIDE standard rated players
HKD $1500 for non rated players, **entry limited to 50% of the total participants on a first come first serve basis.**
Registration link: https://www.kidultc.com/tournament

4. Tournament Format

4.1) The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over 7 rounds.
4.2) Rate of play: 30 minutes for the whole game plus a 30-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. Otherwise, they may be asked to leave the tournament hall.
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.
5.4) All participants are required to wear a name badge when accessing the field at all times.
5.5) KCA holds the right to capture and record all event activities. By entering the venue, you grant KCA the permission to use your likeness in photographs and videos for promotional, archival, and commercial purposes.

6. Playing Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Program
23rd Jan, 2027	Saturday	08:30	Players'meeting
23rd Jan, 2027	Saturday	09:00	Round 1
23rd Jan, 2027	Saturday	11:00	Round 2
23rd Jan, 2027	Saturday	14:30	Round 3
23rd Jan, 2027	Saturday	17:00	Round 4
24th Jan, 2027	Sunday	09:00	Round 5
24th Jan, 2027	Sunday	11:30	Round 6
24th Jan, 2027	Sunday	14:30	Round 7
24th Jan, 2027	Sunday	After last game	Prize giving

7. Prizes

Champion: $1500 HKD + Medal
1st Runner up: $1000 HKD + Medal
2nd Runner up: $800 HKD + Medal
Best U1700: $500 HKD + Medal
Best U1600: $500 HKD + Medal
Best U1500: $500 HKD + Medal
Best Unrated: $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 (the higher-valued prize will be awarded).

Best Club: Trophy
Total points scored by top 5 members in the same club.
(Tiebreak: the club with the highest rank player wins)

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 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.

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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