



Hong Kong Chess Federation  
香港國際象棋總會



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## Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2014

co-organised by Faculty of Science, The University of Hong Kong,  
HKUSU Chess with the Board Games Club  
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### **1. Invitation**

The Hong Kong Chess Federation (HKCF) is pleased to invite chess players from all federations to participate in the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2014 (FIDE rated) from the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (arrival) to the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 (departure).

### **2. Organising committee**

The organising committee for this tournament is the Hong Kong Chess Federation.

### **3. Playing Venue**

The playing venue shall be at the Convocation Room, Main Building room 218, The University of Hong Kong, Pok Fu Lam Road, Hong Kong.

**Note:** The canteen (4th Floor, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre) will be open from 7.30am to 9.30pm on each playing day.

### **4. Participation and Conditions**

#### **4.1) The entry fees of the event shall be as follows:**

##### **4.1.1 Hong Kong Federation - full members**

- a) FIDE rated players 1800 and above – HK\$500.00
- b) FIDE rated players below 1800 – HK\$800.00
- c) unrated players – HK\$1,000

**NOTE:** non-members of the Hong Kong Chess Federation must pay HK\$1,000 entry fee.

#### 4.1.2 Members of all other federations registered with FIDE

- a) Players with international titles GM, IM, WGM and WIM – HK\$500.00 (refundable after Rd 1)
- b) FIDE rated players 2000 and above – HK\$1,000.00
- c) FIDE rated players below 2000 – HK\$1,500.00
- d) Unrated chess players – HK\$2,000.00

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** FIDE regulations do not allow us to accept any entries without an official FIDE ID number. The rating of this tournament depends on this rule and any player who wishes to participate must obtain his/her FIDE ID from their own federation.

- 4.2) Interested players can register online at [www.hkchess.org](http://www.hkchess.org) and follow the instructions to make full payment. A confirmation email will be sent to those successful applicants.
- 4.3) The deadline for registration is 15th September 2014. No registration will be accepted after this deadline. However, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations.
- 4.4) The list of all participants will be updated on our website as soon as payment confirmations are received. Anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.
- 4.5) **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Players who do not attend player's meeting at 8:45am on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 shall not be paired. Those arriving within 30 minutes shall be paired at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

#### 5. Travel conditions

There are many public buses available from the centre of Hong Kong to the University. 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. The location map is available via the link;  
<http://www.hkame.org.hk/html/modules/tinyd6/content/HKMEC04/jHKUMap.pdf>

#### 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. There are no hotels in the vicinity of the University.

\*\*\*\*\* **Free accommodation for Grandmasters only** \*\*\*\*\*

6 twin sharing rooms will be offered free of charge to the first 12 Grandmasters to register for this tournament based on verified flight confirmation. This is on a first come first serve basis.

#### 7. Tournament Format

- 7.1) The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System of 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) Title norms may be possible depending on the number of titled players.
- 7.4) The latest rules and regulations of FIDE shall apply.
- 7.5) The zero start tolerance rule shall not apply. Waiting time will be set at 30 minutes.

## **8. Tournament hall dress code**

- 8.1) All players must wear smart casual or formal when in the tournament hall. (no slippers/t-shirts)
- 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.

## **9. Playing Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Wed	08:45	Player's meeting
		09.00 – 15.00	Round 1
		16.00 – 22.00	Round 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thu	09.00 – 15.00	Round 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Fri	09.00 – 15.00	Round 4
		16.00 – 22.00	Round 5
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sat	09.00 – 15.00	Round 6
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sun	09.00 – 15.00	Round 7
		16.00 – 22.00	Round 8
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon	09.00 – 15.00	Round 9 (Final round)

## **10. Prizes**

10.1)

<b>OPEN CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Rankings</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	HK\$25,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	HK\$15,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	HK\$10,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$6,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$5,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$4,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$4,000
8 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$4,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$4,000
10 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$4,000
11 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$3,000
12 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$3,000
13 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$3,000
14 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$3,000
15 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$3,000

10.2)

<b>LOCAL PRIZES</b> <b>for highest ranked local players with HKID</b>	
<b>Rankings</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	HK\$5,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	HK\$3,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	HK\$2,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$1,000
5 <sup>th</sup>	HK\$1,000

10.3)

<b>LOCAL PRIZES</b> <b>for highest ranked local student players with HKID</b>	
<b>Rankings</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
Best University Student	HK\$1,000 (in book coupons)
Best Secondary Student	HK\$1,000 (in book coupons)

## **11. Tie break system**

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

- a) Buchholz
- b) Median Buchholz
- c) Berger (SB)

11.2) Every prize winner, though eligible for multiple prizes, can only be entitled to 1 prize category.

## **12. Contact information of the Organizing Committee**

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### **Members:**

**Mr. Jackson Li**, President of the Hong Kong Chess Federation

**Mr. K.K. Chan**, Chief Arbiter