



# Laos International Open Chess Championship 2018

organised by the  
The Laos Chess Federation

## 1. Invitation

The Laos Chess Federation (LAO) is honoured to invite chess players from all member federations of FIDE to participate in the Laos International Open Chess Championship 2018 (FIDE rated with possible title norms) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 (arrival) to the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (departure).

## 2. Organising committee

This event is organised by the Laos Chess Federation.

## 3. Playing Venue

The playing venue shall be at the **Don Chan Palace Hotel & Convention** on Unit 6, Piavat Village, Sissatanak District, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Hotel website - <https://www.donchanpalacelaopdr.com/>

## 4. Participation and Conditions

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

- a) Players with international titles GM, IM, WGM and WIM – free entry
- b) FIDE rated players – USD100
- c) Unrated chess players – USD150

**Note:** Participants from other countries who do not have a FIDE ID need to apply for their FIDE ID at their country's respective federations. *A valid FIDE ID is strictly required for participation.*

4.2) Interested players can register online at [www.laoschess.com](http://www.laoschess.com) 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 **12 noon, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. No more registrations will be accepted after this deadline. However, organisers reserve the right to refuse or decline any registrations without giving a reason.

4.4) The list of all participants will be published on our website from **1st December 2017**. This acts as confirmation for participation and anyone not on this list will be **excluded**.

4.5) **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**Players who do not attend player's meeting at 3:00pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 shall not be paired. Those arriving within 30 minutes shall be paired at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.**

## 5. Travel conditions

Don Chan Palace Hotel & Convention is a 5 Star Hotel in Laos and stunningly situated along Mekong River. The Hotel is the tallest as well as the largest hotel in Laos. It is conveniently accessible to Vientiane Wattay International Airport, Main Business District and other major sightseeing spots (in Vientiane). (see **3. Playing Venue** for directions)

## 6. Accommodation

Participants are advised to book early to avoid high walk-in prices in January which is high season for tourism. Special rates are possible if booked well in advance, please pay first night charge to organizer.

Classic Room 32m<sup>2</sup> – USD80 per night twin sharing

Superior Room 36m<sup>2</sup> – USD95 per night twin sharing

Deluxe Suite 50.4m<sup>2</sup> – USD120 per night

## 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) 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.

7.6) *2 defaults/no shows shall be deemed as withdrawal from the tournament.*

7.7) No pairing of players from the same federation for the top 10 boards of Round 9 (final).

## 8. Tournament 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 Chief Arbiter's desk for all electronic devices.

## 9. Playing Schedule:

Date	Day	Time	Programme
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Tuesday	All Day	Arrival
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Wednesday	14:00	Registration
		14:45	Players' meeting
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 1
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 2
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 3
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 4
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 5
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Saturday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 6
		15:00 – 20:30	Round 7
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sunday	09:00 – 14:30	Round 8
		15:00	Round 9 (Final round) immediately followed by Closing Ceremony

## 10. Prizes

10.1)

<b>OPEN CATEGORY</b>	
Rankings	Prizes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Medal + USD2,500
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Medal + USD1,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Medal + USD1,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	USD800
5 <sup>th</sup>	USD700
6 <sup>th</sup>	USD600
7 <sup>th</sup>	USD500
8 <sup>th</sup>	USD400
9 <sup>th</sup>	USD300
10 <sup>th</sup>	USD200
11 <sup>th</sup>	USD200
12 <sup>th</sup>	USD200
Best Lady	USD200

10.2)

<b>LOCAL PRIZES</b> <b>for highest ranked local players with LAO federation</b>	
Rankings	Prizes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Medal + USD200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	USD100
3 <sup>rd</sup>	USD100
Best Lady	USD100

10.3)

<b>Best Junior</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
U18	Medal + USD200
U14	Medal + USD200
U10	Medal + USD200

## 11. Tie break system

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

- a) Direct Encounter
- b) Median Buchholz (cut 1 lowest)
- c) Median Buchholz Median (cut highest and lowest)
- d) Greater number of wins as Black (forfeits NOT counted)
- e) Performance (rating)

**NOTE:** If the above is insufficient then they shall be declared Joint Champions

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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