

## Blue Chevaliers



Life is a game  
Chess is serious

## Blue Chevaliers International Chess Championship

12-17 April 2023

Bangkok Thailand



Thailand Chess Association

## You're Invited!

The Blue Chevaliers, together with the Thailand Chess Association, take pleasure in inviting chess players registered with FIDE as a member of a federation other than Thailand to join us at the second **Blue Chevaliers International Chess Championship** in Bangkok from 12 to 17 April 2023.

## The Tournament

The tournament will be hosted by the Blue Chevaliers under the auspices of our partners, the Thailand Chess Association, which will conduct the tournament.

The tournament will be played alongside the Thailand Championships (Open, Women and Youth). It will be a 9 round swiss system tournament played over 6 days. All games played in the tournament will be processed for rating by FIDE.



## The Venue

The venue will be **“The Hall”, Level 5, Central Shopping Centre, Chaengwattana Road, Pakkred, Bangkok**. This is the same spacious, carpeted playing venue as was used for the 2021 tournament. An image of chess in the playing room is presented in the photograph below.



## Schedule

- Round 1 9am Wednesday, 12 April
- Round 2 3pm Wednesday, 12 April
- Round 3 3pm Thursday 13 April
- Round 4 9am Friday 14 April
- Round 5 3pm Friday 14 April
- Round 6 3pm Saturday 15 April
- Round 7 9am Sunday 16 April
- Round 8 3pm Sunday 16 April
- Round 9 9am Monday 17 April

Presentation of prizes will take place as early as possible after the conclusion of the final round.



## **Eligibility**

The tournament may be entered by players not eligible to enter one of the Thailand Chess Championship tournaments being held concurrently, and who are registered with FIDE as being a member of a federation other than Thailand.

Entrants must have a FIDE ID number.

The tournament was conceived to identify the “Expat Champion” of Thailand, complementing the TCA’s simultaneous effort to identify its Thai Champions. Therefore, only players who have resided in Thailand for at least 2 continuous months at some point during the 2 years prior to the tournament are eligible to enter regardless of their ELO level.

**However, notwithstanding the above paragraph, we will accept entries from overseas players who are not residents in Thailand but visiting for the purposes of the tournament, subject to such a player not possessing a standard ELO in excess of 2300.**

Overseas players rated over 2300 and ineligible to join this tournament will be welcome to enter our open tournament to be held in Phuket in July.

The entries of not more than 6 unrated players will be accepted, to protect the overall balance of the field. These 6 unrated players (up to 3 unrated adults, and up to 3 unrated juniors aged under 18 as at 12 April 2023, no more than 2 of which shall derive from any single chess school) will be admitted to the tournament strictly in order of receipt of entry.



## How to Enter

The following entry fees will apply to all entries received by **31 March**:

Unrated players: 3,500 baht

Standard ELO less than 1700: 2,800 baht

Standard ELO 1700-1999 2,400 baht

Standard ELO 2000-2400 2,000 baht

A 500 baht surcharge will apply to entries received after 31 March.

**The closing date for entries is 4pm on 11 April.**

Entry fee is waived in full for players possessing a GM, IM or FM title issued by FIDE, or a standard ELO rating of 2400 or higher.

Players can enter the tournament by transferring the applicable entry fee into the following bank account:

<b>Kasikorn Bank</b>	<b>026-2-03984-8</b>	<b>Mr Peter David Frost</b>
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**The entrant must also send an email to [peter.frost3@yahoo.com.au](mailto:peter.frost3@yahoo.com.au) with a photograph of their transfer deposit receipt.** This email must include the player's name, FIDE ID number and date of birth. **Only players who have fully complied with all these entry requirements, including making their payment, will be entered into the tournament and paired for round 1.**

Unrated players should await confirmation that their entry has been accepted before transferring any funds.

Entrants will receive a reply email within 48 hours which will confirm the status of their entry.



### **Time Control**

The time control shall be “90/30”. Each player will be accorded 90 minutes for all moves. In addition, a 30 second increment will apply from move one until the end of the game.

### **Mask Wearing**

Mask wearing is optional for all players.

### **Accommodation**

There are several accommodation options in the vicinity. We will not officially partner any hotel on this occasion.

### **Draw Offers**

Consistent with TCA regulations, an offer of a draw may only be ventured after at least 30 moves have been made by each player.



*Draw agreed.*





## Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> **20,000 baht**, cup and gold medal.

2<sup>nd</sup> **12,000 baht** and silver medal.

3<sup>rd</sup> **8,000 baht** and bronze medal.

4<sup>th</sup> **6,000 baht**

5<sup>th</sup> **4,000 baht**

1st Female **4,000 baht** and gold medal

1<sup>st</sup> Junior (under 18 as at 12 April 2023) **4,000 baht** and gold medal

1<sup>st</sup> Senior (at least 50 as at 12 April 2023) **4,000 baht** and gold medal

1st Under 2000 **4,000 baht** and gold medal

1st Under 1700 **4,000 baht** and gold medal

1<sup>st</sup> Under 1400 **4,000 baht** and gold medal

A player may only win one prize. In the event of a player qualifying for a prize in more than one category, the above hierarchy will apply.

Prizes will not be shared. Ties will be broken by applying the tie breaking procedure adopted by the TCA.

Unrated players are ineligible for the under 2000, 1700 and 1400 rating prizes, but are eligible for all other prizes.

The prizes indicated are minimum prizes. Should more than 50 entries be received, overall prizemoney will be increased. All prizes are guaranteed by the Blue Chevaliers.

## Enquiries

Should any prospective player wish to ask any questions regarding the tournament, do not hesitate to do so via [peter.frost3@yahoo.com.au](mailto:peter.frost3@yahoo.com.au)

## The Blue Chevaliers



The Blue Chevaliers (Bami, Matthieu, David, Nico and Peter) are foreign chess players (mostly French) based in South-East Asia.

Initially formed to compete in local team tournaments, we have broadened our activities in recent years. After conducting several online classical tournaments in 2020 during the covid outbreak, we partnered with the Big Rook Chess Academy to present an over the board invitational standard tournament in June 2021. The inaugural “Blue Chevaliers International Championship” for expats followed in November of that year. Our first “Blue Chevaliers Open” was successfully held in Phuket in July 2022. We are also assisting the Red Knight Chess Club to present its open tournament being held in Bangkok in March 2023.

The Blue Chevaliers aim to be of service primarily to the Thailand chess community, but also to chess players throughout South East Asia. We particularly value and are keen to encourage standard time controls, and the participation of female players in chess tournaments.

**The Blue Chevaliers, together with our partners the Thailand Chess Association, look forward to welcoming you to the tournament.**

See you in Chaengwattana!