



E-Catur Pinang

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Mark Your Calendar!
18th Penang Heritage City International Chess Festival
14-19 December 2026



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Event 1: **Penang International Chess Open & Challenger** (14-19 Dec.)

Event 2: **Penang International Blitz Championship** (17 Dec)

Event 3: **Penang Chess League** (19-20 Dec)

18th Penang Heritage City International Chess Open Penang Chinese Town Hall 14th-19th December 2026

Tournament Regulations

1. This is an individual tournament, open to all players.
2. There are 2 categories of play: Open category for all players and the Challenger category for players with FIDE rating below 2000.
3. **FIDE** (International Chess Federation) rules and regulations apply. Results will be sent for FIDE ratings calculations.
4. Both categories will be played using the Swiss System, with 9 rounds for both the Open and the Challenger categories. For the pairings, a Swiss Manager program will be used.
5. The rounds shall be conducted according to the schedule attached.
6. Each player is accorded a time control of 90 mins plus 30 seconds increment per move.
7. Five minutes before each round starts, the Chief Arbiter shall make the relevant announcements. If any player is not present within an hour after the round is started, he shall lose by default.
8. FIDE regulations apply for mobile phones - a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone and/or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. Penalty is the automatic loss of the game.
9. Officials and players should be smartly attired at all times while in the playing hall.
10. Players without a FIDE ID will not be accepted.

Programme/Schedule

Day 1 (Monday, 14 December 2026)

1400 : Final Registration **1430: Players' Briefing** **1500-1900: Round 1**

Day 2 (Tuesday, 15 December, 2026)

0900-1300: Round 2 1500-1900: Round 3

Day 3 (Wednesday, 16 December 2026)

0900-1300: Round 4 1500-1900: Round 5

Day 4 (Thursday, 17 December 2026)

0900-1300: Round 6 **Blitz Tournament**

Day 5 (Friday, 18 December 2026)

0900-1300: Round 7 1500-1900: Round 8

Day 6 (Saturday, 19 December 2026)

0900-1300: Round 9 1400-1500: **Closing/Prize-Giving Ceremony**

Entry Fee (RM)

Open	PCA Member 2026	Non-PCA Member
GM > FIDE 2400	FOC + Sharing Room	
IM > FIDE 2300	FOC + Sharing Room	
Above FIDE 2300	FOC	FOC
FIDE 2200-2299	200	300
FIDE 2000-2199	300	400
FIDE 1800-1999	400	600
FIDE Below 1800	500	800

Challenger	PCA Member 2026	Non-PCA Member
FIDE Rated	300	350
Unrated	350	450

Online Registration:

Visit www.PenangChess.com for online registration and the list of players.

Registration to play is completed only after payment is made.

Provisions for titled player (IM,GM):

Hotel rooms (Check-in 13th Dec, Check out 19 Dec) are provided on a single room for the first 5GMs with rating above 2,400 and twin sharing room for the first 10 IMs with rating above 2,300 that register online and show confirmed flight details.

Cash Prizes	Open (RM)	Challenger (RM)
Champion	10,000	1,300
2nd	6,000	1,000
3rd	4,000	800
4th	3,000	700
5th	2,000	500
6th	1,200	400
7th	1,000	300
8th	800	300
9th	700	300
10th	600	300
11-12th each	500	300
13-20th each	500	
Best Lady	300	200
Best Lady 2	300	
Best Veteran (Over 65)	300	200
Best Veteran (Over 50)	300	200
Best PCA 1	300	200
Best PCA 2	300	200
Best PCA 3	200	200
Best PCA 4	200	200
Best PCA 5	200	200
Under 18 (Boys & Girls) Under 15 (Boys & Girls) Under 12 (Boys & Girls) Under 10 (Boys & Girls) Under 8 (Boys & Girls)		Age Group Medals are available in the Challenger Category for 1 st to 5 th of each age-group category

2026 Penang Chess League Team Tournament

Penang Chinese Town Hall 19th-20th December 2026

Tournament Regulations

1. This is a team tournament, open to all players.
2. The tournament format is a 8-Round Swiss System played under the Laws of Chess of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the following supplementary rules.
3. For the pairings, a Swiss Manager program will be used and paired according to Match Points (2,1,0).
4. The tournament is open to teams from these four broad categories: Public Sector (government and quasi-government departments), Factories, Institutions of Learning (schools, colleges & universities) and Others (companies, firms, registered societies/clubs). Each team shall represent an organisation in any of the above categories and only their bona fide employees, members or students can be registered in the team.
5. Each team shall comprise of four players. The players should be registered online as per board order upon submission.
6. The average players rating (FIDE Standard Rating) per team should not exceed 2250.
7. Individual Rating Calculation Method:
 - *1* FIDE rated player should register with FIDE rating similar to Penang Open (Dec 2026 FIDE Standard Rating)
 - *2* Foreign FIDE unrated players will be considered as 2000 points for calculation purposes.
 - *3* Malaysian FIDE unrated players will be given 1,500 points for calculation purposes.
8. Each player is accorded a time control of 15 minutes + 10 seconds per move.
9. Recording of moves is not compulsory.
10. There will be no sharing of prizes. The following tie-breaks will be used:
(a) Match points (b) Game points (c) Solkoff
11. FIDE regulations apply for mobile phones - a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone and/or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. Penalty is the automatic loss of the game.

Online Registration:

Visit www.penangchess.com for online registration and the list of players.
Registration to play is completed only after payment is made.

Entry Fee (RM): Open - RM300 per team (above 18 years old)
Under 18 years (U18/U12/U9) - RM200 per team

Closing Date: 17 December 2026 / Maximum 110 Teams
Only the first 110 teams will be accepted due to space constraints.

Payment :

- 1. CIMB Bank A/C No. 8010 2411 57 (Persatuan Catur Negeri Pulau Pinang)
SWIFT Code: CiBBMYKL**
- 2. TnG E-Wallet (60)12-490 1822 (Lim Poay Sim):
Evidence of payment to pslim@gmail.com**

Program Schedule for Penang Chess League (Team)

Day 1 (Saturday, 19 December, 2026)

1530-1600	Captain's Briefing
1600-1700	Round 1
1720-1820	Round 2

Day 2 (Sunday, 20 December, 2026)

0900-1000	Round 3
1010-1110	Round 4
1120-1220	Round 5
1230-1330	Lunch
1400-1500	Round 6
1530-1630	Round 7
1650-1750	Round 8
1800	Closing Ceremony/Prize-Giving

Some Hotels (within walking distance) from Penang Chinese Town Hall Venue: Book early as December is peak season in Penang!

Bishop Hotel (6 mins walk)
Loop on Leith (9-10 mins walk)
Thirty Three Stewart Houze (3-4 mins)
Georgetown Inn (9 mins walk)
Bayview Hotel Georgetown (9-10 mins walk)
The Harbour by Moonknight (9-10 mins walk)
Swings & Pillows (13 mins walk)

Food & Sightseeing

You are in the heart of Georgetown. Food-courts, restaurants, roadside hawkers and bistros are within walking distance. Top tourist attractions such as Little India, Harmony Street (Venue of Championship), Chew Jetty, Penang Peranakan Museum, Khoo Kongsi Clan House, the Blue Mansion (Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion) and many other attractions are nearby.

Team Prizes:

The organisers reserve the right to change the rules and regulations without prior notice.

The decision of the Chief Arbiter on all matters including results is final and shall not be challenged.

Cash Prizes	Open (RM)	Penang Team (RM)
Champion	3,000	900
2nd	2,000	500
3rd	1,200	Note for Penang Team Prizes: All Players must be born in Penang. MyKad Birthplace Code: 07, 34, 35
4th	1,000	
5th	800	
6th	700	
7th	500	
8th	400	
Best State 1st	700	
Best State 2nd	500	
Best State 3rd	400	
Category Prizes	Medals x 4	Medals x 4
Best Company/Government	1st	
Best Veteran Team (Above 55)	1st	
Best College/University	1st	
Best All Ladies Team	1st	
Best Family	1st	
Best U18 Team	Girls:1st, 2nd & 3rd	Boys: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Best U12 Team	Girls:1st, 2nd & 3rd	Boys: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Best U9 Team	Girls:1st, 2nd & 3rd	Boys: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Best Unrated Team	1st, 2nd & 3rd	
Individual Board Prizes (%)		Medal x 1
1st Board		1st, 2nd & 3rd
2nd Board		1st, 2nd & 3rd
3rd Board		1st, 2nd & 3rd
4th Board		1st, 2nd & 3rd