



PERSATUAN CATUR PULAU PINANG PENANG CHESS ASSOCIATION (PCA)

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www.PenangChess.com

18th Penang Heritage City International Chess Open 2026 Penang Chinese Town Hall • 14th – 19th Dec 2026

Tournament Regulations

- This is an individual tournament, open to all players.
- There are two categories of play: Open category for all players and the Challenger category for players with FIDE rating below 2000.
- FIDE (International Chess Federation) rules and regulations apply. Results will be sent for FIDE rating calculations.
- Both categories will be played using the Swiss System, with 9 rounds for both the Open and Challenger categories. For the pairings, a Swiss Manager program will be used.
- The rounds shall be conducted according to the schedule attached.
- Each player is accorded a time control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move.
- 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.
- 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.
- Officials and players should be smartly attired at all times while in the playing hall.
- 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**

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

Closing Date: 7 Dec 2026

Registration and payment after the closing date incurs the payment of **double the entry fee** stated above. Due to space constraint, registration will close once reach maximum capacity.

Online Registration:

Please visit www.PenangChess.com for online registration and the list of players. Registration to play is completed **only** after payment is made.

Payment (by 7 Dec 2026):

1. CIMB Bank A/C No. 8010241157 (PERSATUAN CATUR NEGERI PULAU PINANG) SWIFT Code : CIBBMYKL
2. Tng E-wallet (60)12-4901822 (Lim Poay Sim)

The evidence of payment to be submitted to pslim159@gmail.com

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

Prizes

Prize Money	Open (RM)	Challenger (RM)
1 st	10000	1300
2 nd	6000	1000
3 rd	4000	800
4 th	3000	700
5 th	2000	500
6 th	1200	400
7 th	1000	300
8 th	800	300
9 th	700	300
10 th	600	300
11 th - 12 th each	500	300
13 th - 20 th each	500	
Best Lady	300	200
Best Lady 2	300	
Best Veteran (>65)	300	200
Best Veteran (>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
U18B/ U18G/ U15B/ U15G/ U12B/ U12G/ U10B/ U10G/ U08B/ U08G		Age Group medals are available in Challenger category only. 1 st –5 th for each age-group.

Accommodation

Players are required to budget for their own board and lodgings, as well as transportation needs.

Contact Person:

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Mr Ooi Gim Ewe Tel : (60)16-482 3595

Provisions for titled player (GM, IM):

Hotel rooms (Check In: 13 Dec; Check Out: 19 Dec) are provided on a single room for the **first 5 GMs** 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 detail