









**UNDER THE AUSPICIOUS OF** FIDE AND THE CHESS FEDERATION OF SRI LANKA

28TH OF JULY - 04TH OF AUGUST 2024, COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

## **1. INVITATION**

The Blue & Gold Chess Club has the honor of inviting all Chess players to participate in the inaugural "DINI Communications Chess Championship International GM Tournament" under the auspicious of the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka, from 28th July (arrival) to 04th August (departure) 2024 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Tournament will be held at a star class hotel in Colombo.

We guarantee a truly memorable chess tournament in an amazingly beautiful island.

We hope to attract more than 15 Grand Masters from various parts of the world. We are ready to accommodate over 150 participants in total. As per FIDE regulations this will be a Grand Master Norm Event.

#### **2. REGISTRATION**

The deadline for registration is the 7th of July 2024. However, organizers reserve the right to refuse or decline late registrations. (Details are given under the heading 'Entry fees')

The registration form must include the FIDE ID, last name, first name, international rating, FIDE title and in the case of non Sri Lankans, the passport details of every player and every accompanying person.

All players must pay their entry fee and accommodation with registration.

Players will not be paired until all payments have been made.

#### **3. FORMAT**

The tournament will be played using the Swiss system with 10 rounds. The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for the whole game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one per each player.

Official tie-break rules of FIDE will be applied.

Accelerated pairings will be used in the first two rounds to increase norm possibilities.

In case of a tie, the latest FIDE Rules shall come into effect. The cash prizes will NOT be shared.

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## 4. PLAYING SCHEDULE

	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME	
Day 1 Inauguration		28th July (Sun)	17.00 hrs.	
	Technical Meeting			
Day 2	Round 1	29th July (Mon)	9.00 hrs	
	Round 2	29th July (Mon)	15.30 hrs	
Day 3	Round 3	30th July (Tue)	15.30 hrs	
Day 4	Round 4	31st July (Wed)	9.00. hrs	
	Round 5	1st Aug (Thu )	15.30 hrs	
Day 5	Round 6	1st Aug (Thu)	9.00 hrs	
	Round 7	2nd Aug (Fri)	15.30 hrs	
Day 6	Round 8	3rd Aug (Sat )	09.00 hrs	
Day 7	Round 9	3rd Aug (Sat)	15.30 hrs	
Day 8	Round 10	4th Aug (Sun)	09.30 hrs	
	Closing Ceremony		15.30 hrs	
	Departure		20.00 hrs	

Default (Walkover Time) Time is 30 minutes

#### **5. PRIZES**

Trophies, medals and certificates will be awarded to the top performers. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

	CASH PRIZE	
Champion	Rs 900,000 Trophy and Gold	
	Medal	
1st Runner up	Rs 720,000 and Silver Medal	
2nd Runner Up	Rs 540,000 and Bronze Medal	
3rd	Rs 350,000	
4th	Rs 270,000	
5th	Rs 250,000	
6th	Rs 200,000	
7th	Rs 180,000	
8th	Rs 170,000	
10th	Rs 150,000	
11-15	Rs 125,000 each	
16-20	Rs 100,000 each	
	(for minimum 130 entries)	

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### WOMEN PRIZES

Champion Rs 250,000 and Gold Medal			
1st Runner up Rs 200,000 and Silver medal			
2nd Runner Up Rs 150,000 and Bronze Medal			
4-5th places Rs 50,000 each			
CONDITION			
Need to score minimum 5 points			

### RATING CATEGORY PRIZES (IN SRI LANKAN RUPEES)

RATING RANGE	1ST	2ND	3RD		
2200-2349	120,000	80,000	50,000		
	+ Gold Medal	+ Silver Medal	+ Bronze Medal		
2000 to 2199	100,000	60,000	30,000		
	+ Gold Medal	+ Silver Medal	+ Bronze Medal		
Below 2000	80,000	40,000	20,000		
	+ Gold Medal	+ Silver Medal	+ Bronze Medal		
CONDITION					
At least 5 points and minimum of 15 entries in the relevant					
category					

#### ¤1USD = Rs. 300.00

- ¤ All amounts will be paid in Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR).
- ¤ Players are eligible only for one Prize
- ¤ Ties will be broken and cash prizes will NOT be shared

**Tie Break1:** Direct Encounter (The results of the players in the same point group)

Tie Break2: Buchholz Tie-Breaks (variable with parameter) Tie Break3: Buchholz Tie-Breaks (variable with parameter) Tie Break4: Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break variable Tie Break5: Fide Tie-Break

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## **6. ENTRY FEES**

### A) Foreign Players

GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs and players with ratings above 2400 will not be charged entry fees.

All other foreign players will be charged USD 50 (LKR 15,000)

**B) Sri Lankan players, including all titled players** Entry fee of Rs 20,000 will be charged to all Sri Lankan players

Early Bird Discount-Only Rs. 12,000.00 will be charged from those who register on or before 7th of July 2024

## Unrated players will not be allowed to take part

Limited to 100 local players -the top 90 active players based on the following criteria and available to play, and 10 wild card entries.

### CRITERIA

- a) The 40 top rated players
- b) Top 15 women players as per ratings,
- c) First 5 in the Under 20 category of the latest Junior Nationals (Boys and Girls)
- d) First 3 in Under 14, 16, 18 of latest National Youth Championship (Boys and Girls)
- e) Others

**Others -** exceptional performance in FIDE Rated Opens and international events can apply - the organizers, in consultation with the CFSL, shall decide whether they can be accommodated.

Each player should have a rating of at least 1700 (boys) and 1600 (girls) for age group qualifiers as at the rating of July 1, 2024.

#### No request for waiver of entry fee will be entertained.

FIDE rating list of 01st of July 2024 will be considered for all purposes related to the tournament.

## The last date of entry: 7th of July, 2024

**Registration-** Email the entry form to the contact address below. Registration will be on first come first serve basis.

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### 7. ACCOMMODATION

#### **Grand Masters**

The personally invited Grand Masters with an ELO rating of above 2500 (1/6/2024) will be provided free accommodation in double rooms and will have to share the room with another Grand Master. Accommodation will be at star class hotels, air-conditioned apartments or equivalent lodging.

All other Grand Masters will be provided free accommodation in double rooms in apartments or equivalent lodging.

As a confirmation of participation, all Grand Masters, including personally invited GMs, are expected to deposit USD 100 with organizers. This will be refunded on the second day of the tournament.

Grand Masters shall make themselves available for promotional activities of the organizers and the sponsors, including but not limited to appearance at special functions such as simultaneous displays, lectures for school children and interviews.

All other foreign players will have to bear the cost of accommodation and make their own arrangements. Upon request, the organizers will help locate alternate accommodation in Colombo.

Players, including Grand Masters, are requested to inform their roommate preferences, if any, well in advance.

Local players will not be offered accommodation.

The Blue and Gold Chess Club will arrange entry visas and hotel bookings of international participants.

#### 8. PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- Players should make the payment in advance.
- Payment procedure will be notified later.
- All bank commissions should be paid by the sender.

• As soon as the payment transfer is confirmed, the organizing committee will send to the respective player/accompanying person the confirmation of the hotel reservations. All confirmed registrations will be declared on the official website.

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### 9. INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Federations or players who need assistance with visas are asked to contact the organizing committee before 25th of June, 2024.

The organizer will supply official letters of invitation only after entry fees are paid.

Check the Department of Immigration and Emigration, Sri Lanka website *http://www.immigration.gov.lk/* 

#### **10. WEATHER**

The weather in Colombo during July is expected to be warm. The minimum / maximum temperature will be around 25/35 Degrees Celsius.

#### 11. VENUE

The tournament will be held at a star class hotel in Colombo, Sri Lanka (1 hour drive from the airport). Only those with relevant accreditation will have access to the venue and playing area.

#### **12. APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee will consist of 5 members and will be declared on the first day of the tournament.

#### **13. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee has the discretion to accept or reject any entry. Decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding in all respects.

#### **14. FORCE MAJEURE**

The Organizing Committee bear no responsibility in case of a *force majeure*, which may cancel or postpone the event.

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#### **15. CONTACTS INFORMATION**

Local players Naditha Amarakoon Mobile - 0775 792372 (Whatsapp) Email - naditha\_a@yahoo.com

## Foreign players

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

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Last Name		
First Name		
Passport Number		
Date & Place of Issue		
Date of Expiry		
Nationality		
FIDE ID		
FIDE Rating	FIDE title	
Entry Fee		
Accommodation Fee		
Total Amount Paid		

Please send entry forms with passport copy attached. We will not accept any registration form without a copy of valid passport.

Attach the details of payment as in No. 6 and 7

### **FLIGHT DETAILS**

Arrival Date	Time	Flight No	
Departure Date	Time	Flight No	

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## HOTEL RESERVATION

Please mark with an "X" the plan

	Full board	Half board
Single		
Double		
Triple		

I will abide by the rules and regulations of the event. All the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature		Date	•••••
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For Organisers.....

Received date of the entry form