



2023 PALARONG PAMBANSA
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TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR CHESS

I. **TOURNAMENT RULES**

The tournament shall be FIDE Rated and governed by FIDE Laws of Chess (January 2023) and those stated in the following guidelines:

- A. Chess shall be played as a team and individual competition in **Standard & Blitz**.
 - a. One (1) team for the Boys and one (1) team for the Girls in the Elementary Level
 - b. One (1) team for the Boys and one (1) team for the Girls in the Secondary Level
 - c. Each team shall be composed of two (2) players and a coach.
- B. The **Individual Swiss System with Team Results** shall be adopted.
 - Blitz Category** - 7 Rounds Swiss System with Team Results
 - Standard Category** - 7 Rounds Swiss System with Team Results
 - a. The Swiss Manager Pairing Program shall be used.
 - Note: Protest in pairing shall not be entertained.**
 - b. The number of games per day shall be: (see schedule of games)
 - Blitz Category** - 7 games (1st day)
 - Standard Category** - 1-2-2-2 games (1st day - 4th day)
- C. The initial ranking of players will be based on the FIDE Rating Lists. Unrated players will be ranked alphabetically.
- D. Chess clock:
 - a. Use of digital chess clock (with increment) is compulsory.
- E. There shall be separate championships for the boys and girls in each division and per category.
 - a. **Team: Standard / Blitz**
 - Secondary – Boys and Girls
 - Elementary – Boys and Girls
 - *Team Championship* – Total scores of 2 players in their division.
 - *A Region with one player* can play for individual event only and shall not qualify in the Team Event.
 - b. **Individual: Standard / Blitz**
 - Secondary – Boys and Girls
 - Elementary – Boys and Girls
 - *Individual Championship* – The standing of the players after the end of the competition and tie-breaks.

- F. Players shall be required to present their PALARO ID's before the start of each round. Use of uniforms shall be mandatory on the 1st and last day.
- G. Players, coaches and spectators are not allowed to make post games analysis, play against each other coaches, spectators, and players or discuss finished or unfinished games within the playing area.
- H. Players are not allowed to eat inside the playing area while the game is in progress.
- I. Players who have finished their games *shall arrange the chess pieces and vacate the playing area* after signing their score sheets and submit it to designated tournament officials.
- J. Players must observe proper dress code while playing. The following are prohibited:
 - a. **Use of slippers**
 - b. **Using Short Pants / Sando**
- K. The **defaulting time is 30 minutes** after the official start of each round.
- L. **Protect Pairing** will be used so that players from the same region/team will not be paired against each other.
- M. Champions of the Individual Standard Category in Secondary Division (Boys / Girls) shall be awarded as **National Master (NM)**. Champions of the Individual Standard Category in Elementary Division (Boys / Girls) shall be awarded as **Candidate National Master (CNM)**.
- N. Coach who will put this tournament into **disgrace** shall be expelled/ disqualified from the competition.
- O. *Trainer*, parents, coaches are prohibited to enter the playing area while the game is in progress.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. STANDARD CHESS

1. Time Controls:
 - Blitz Category** - Three (3) Minutes with two (2) seconds increment per move.
 - Standard Category** - Sixty (60) Minutes with thirty (30) seconds increment per move.
2. Recording of moves in Algebraic Notation is mandatory throughout the Standard Games. Violation of this rule shall be considered as an offense.
3. Illegal moves. **Wrong movement of piece, exposing the King to an attack, King remaining under check, capturing the opponent's King, using two hands in making a move, non-replacement of piece after pawn promotion, and pressing the clock before making a move.**

Penalties:

For Standard Category:

1st offense - plus 2 minutes to the opponent's time

2nd offense - loss of the game

For Blitz Category:

1st offense - plus 1 minute to the opponent's time

2nd offense - loss of the game

INFRINGEMENT: INFRINGEMENT MADE BY A PLAYER SUCH AS DISPLACEMENT OF PIECES ON THE CHESS BOARD, USE OF FORCE IN PRESSING THE CLOCK, IMPROPER CLOCK HANDLING, AND NON-RECORDING OF MOVES SHALL BE PENALIZED AS FOLLOWS:

Penalties:

For Standard Category:

1st offense & 2nd offense - oral warning

3rd offense - additional 2 minutes to the opponent's time

4th offense - loss of the game

Penalties:

For Blitz Category:

1st offense & 2nd offense - oral warning

3rd offense - additional 1 minute to the opponent's time

4th offense - loss of the game

B. GAME POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

A player is credited **1 point for a win, .5 for a draw, and 0 for a loss.**

C. TIE-BREAKS

The following Tie-Break systems (in descending order of priority) shall be applied to determine the final ranking.

1. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- i. Direct Encounter
- ii. Buchholz System
- iii. Median Buchholz System
- iv. Sonnen Berger (SB) System
- v. Greater number of victories (Forfeit Counted)

2. TEAM RESULTS

- vi. Combined Buchholz Tie Breaks of the members of the Team
- vii. Combined Median Buchholz Tie Breaks of the members of the Team
- viii. Combined S.B. Tie Breaks of the members of the Team
- ix. Combined Greater Number of Victories of the members of the Team
- x. Score of the player with the highest number of points.

In Standard Category, a Rapid Game shall be played to resolve the tie if ties still occur after applying all the tie breaks. A corresponding game shall be played in Blitz Category.

III. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

- A. The Tournament Officials:
 - Tournament Director - **NI / IA Reden A. Cruz** (Central Luzon)
 - Assistant Tournament Director - **NA Jun T. Uka** (BARMM)
 - Tournament Consultant - **FST / GM Jayson O. Gonzales** (NCFP Chief Executive Officer)
 - Evaluator for Elementary Division / Arbiter - **FA J Jay Pattugalan** (NCFP)
 - Evaluator for Secondary Division / Arbiter - (NCFP)
 - Chief Arbiter for Elementary Division - **FA John Eric Abaro** (NCFP)
 - Chief Arbiter for Secondary Division - **FA Rudy Ibanez** (NCFP)
 - Deputy Chief Arbiter for Elementary Division - **FA Hanz Tutica** (NCFP)
 - Deputy Chief Arbiter for Secondary Division - (NCFP)
 - Pairing Arbiter / Specialist - **FA Joel Tatad** (NCFP)
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 - Arbiters from 17 Regions - (DepEd)
- B. The decision of the Chief Arbiter on a Point of Law is Final.
- C. Any protest on the decision of the Chief Arbiter on a point of fact shall be submitted duly signed by the team coach and Regional Sports Officer in **writing not more than 30 minutes (Standard Category) and 10 minutes (Blitz Category)** after the conclusion of the game in question.
- D. The members of the protest committee for the boys' division are the coaches of the top five (5) rank teams of the girls' division before the start of the round in question and vice-versa.
- E. If a protest committee member is from the same division of the involved party the next team in rank shall take his/her place, and so on.
- F. All deliberations of the protest committee shall be presided by the Tournament Director and NSA Representative of who shall have no voting power.
- G. The decision of the Protest Committee on a point of fact is final.

IV. IRREGULARITIES AND PENALTIES

- A. Mobile phones and other means of electronic communications are strictly prohibited inside the playing area. A player who will violate this rule shall lose his/her game.
- B. A team whose member is giving unsolicited advice or assistance to his teammate while the games are in progress shall lose their match.
- C. A player who will bring the game into **disrepute** shall be penalized expulsion from the competition.

V. **COLLATILLA**

- A. All other matters not covered in this rule shall be decided by the **Organizer (Chess Tournament Committee)** who reserves the right to amend, change or alter any provision of the above-mentioned Rules and Regulations for the success and interest of the tournament.
- B. These technical guidelines, rules and regulations are based on facts by the **Palarong Pambansa Chess Technical Officials.**