



THE 7th HDBANK CUP INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT 2017

REGULATIONS

Vietnam Chess Federation has the honor of inviting your Federation to participate in the 7th HDBank Cup International Open Chess tournament 2017 held from 11th to March 18th, 2017 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

1. Schedule:

March 11 th	12:00	Arrival
	19:00	Technical meeting
March 12 th	08:30	Opening Ceremony
	10:00	Round 1
	16:00	Round 2
March 13 th	10:00	Round 3
March 14 th	09:00	Round 4
	15:30	Round 5
March 15 th	09:00	Round 6
March 16 th	09:00	Round 7
	15:30	Round 8
March 17 th	09:00	Round 9
	16:00	Awarding Ceremony
March 18 th	before 12:00	Departures

2. Format:

- 2.1. This is an individual tournament, open to all players with FIDE ID number.
- 2.2. Swiss System of 9 rounds. Pairings will be made by Swiss-manager program.
- 2.3. The time control is 90 minutes for the whole game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from the first move.
- 2.4. There are two groups of play: Masters Category and Challengers category (ratings based on March 2017 FIDE rating list).
 - 2.4.1. **Masters Category:** For players rating above 2100 and women rating above 2000.
 - 2.4.2. **Challengers Category:** For players rating below 2100 or unrated.

3. Prize fund:

- 3.1. Forty-five thousand US Dollars (US\$45,000) in cash prizes shall be awarded:
 - 3.1.1. **Masters Category:** 1st \$13,000; 2nd \$6,000; 3rd \$4,000; 4th \$2,000; 5th \$1,500; 6th \$1,000; 7th \$900; 8th \$800; 9th \$700; 10th \$600; 11th \$500; 12th \$400; 13th to 16th \$300; 17th to 20th \$250; 21st to 25th \$200. Best women: 1st \$3,000; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd \$1,000. Best U16 \$200. Best Seniors >60 \$200.
 - 3.1.2. **Challengers Category:** 1st \$1,000; 2nd \$700; 3rd \$500; 4th \$400; 5th \$300; 6th \$200. Best women: 1st \$300; 2nd \$200; 3rd \$100. Best U12 \$150. Best Seniors >60 \$150.
- 3.2. Cash prizes shall be shared equally among tied players.
- 3.3. For trophies (Top 3 Standings), ties will be decided by Tiebreak: Direct Encounter, Buchholz, Greater number of Wins, Greater number of Wins with the Black pieces, Sudden death games.



4. Entry fee:

For all players based on March 1st, 2017 FIDE Ratings list, the entry fee is as follows:

4.1. Registration is free for GM, IM, WGM and players with a FIDE Rating of 2500 and above.

4.2. For Maters Category, the entry fee is as follows:

Above 2399	\$50
2350 to 2399	\$75
2300 to 2349	\$100
2250 to 2299	\$125
2100 to 2250	\$150
2000 to 2099	\$200

4.3. For Challengers category: \$50 for players rated from 1900 to 2100 and \$75 for others.

5. Venue:

5.1. Venue and Accommodation: First Hotel, 18 Hoang Viet Str, Tan Binh District, Ho Chi Minh city.

5.2. The Grandmasters who have ratings above 2550 and Women Grandmasters who have ratings above 2350 will be provided accommodation with 3 meals on a twin sharing basis during the tournament.

5.3. Other participants will responsible for their own accommodation with the cost as follows:

Twin room: US\$45 per person per night with breakfast only;

Single room: US\$80 per person per night with breakfast only.

6. Travel:

Players and people accompanied will be picked up at Tan Son Nhat airport (SGN), Ho Chi Minh City and taken to the official Hotel by Organising committee.

7. Entry deadline:

The registration form is enclosed but no later than February 10th, 2017.

Players, who send entry later than the deadline above, will be charged double entry fee.

8. Visa:

Participants who need visas shall apply for visas at the Vietnam Embassy in your respective countries.

If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by the following address:

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REGISTRATION FORM

Family Name:	Given Name:	
FIDE ID:	FIDE Rating:	
Country:	Passport No.:	Gender: M/F
Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail:		
If hotel sharing, please indicate with whom:		
Arrival Date & Time:	Flight number:	
Departure Date & Time:	Flight number:	

Please return this entry form to the following address:

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