



# Asian Seniors Chess Championships 2022

14 October – 22 October 2022, Auckland, New Zealand

## 1. Invitation

The New Zealand Chess Federation has the honour to invite all National Chess Federations in Asia to participate in the 2022 Asian Seniors Chess Championships for over-50 and over 65-years old and for Women over- 50, from October 14 (arrival) to October 22 (departure), which will be held in the **Auckland Rose Park Hotel**, Auckland, New Zealand.

## 2. Participation

The Asian Seniors Championship is open to all players, regardless of rating and title, who will have reached the age of 50 or 65 by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, and represent National Chess Federations (FIDE zones 3.1 to 3.7) which are members of FIDE. There is no limit in the number of participants per Federation. In case that there are fewer than 8 players from at least 5 Federations in the over-65 age group, that group will be merged with the over-50 group.

## 3. Registrations

The entries must be submitted by the respective National Chess Federation on the attached registration form to the Chief Organizer Paul Spiller at [paulsspiller@outlook.com](mailto:paulsspiller@outlook.com) and NZCF President Nigel Metge at [nigel.metge@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.metge@gmail.com)

Participants should supply one ID photo together with a clear coloured scanned copy of their passport to the above emails. Registrations close on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Players should also supply a current email address.

## 4. Entry fees and registration fees

**Entry fee:** Each player must pay 25 USD as an entry fee to the Asian Chess Federation.

**Registration fee:** Each player must pay 100 USD as a registration fee to the Federation Organizing Committee. It includes registration and accreditation. Registration ends on September 30, 2022. The entry fee and registration fee should be paid by bank transfer simultaneously at the time of registration and at the latest must be received into the NZCF bank account by September 30, 2022. As reference state name and the word "seniors". Players whose payment has not been received will not be paired. Players should be present at the Technical Meeting, 15.00 October 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Parnell Conference room.

Bank details: **ANZ Bank**, 86-90 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011

Account Name: **New Zealand Chess Federation Inc.**

Account Number: **01-0535-0073257-00**

SWIFT Code: **ANZBNZ22**

BSB: **01-0535**

## 5. Accommodation

Accommodation reservations and payments shall be the responsibility of each individual player. Accommodation has been reserved at the venue, the **Auckland Rose Park Hotel, 92 – 102 Gladstone Road, Parnell, Auckland 1151**. A number of standard and superior rooms have been reserved as follows: Standard Queen room @ \$110 NZD per night; Standard Twin room @ \$110 NZD per night; Superior Twin room @ \$130 NZD per night; Superior King room @ \$130 NZD per night. Note that these rooms should be booked well in advance directly with the Hotel, quoting group booking # 72148. You can contact the Rose Park Hotel as follows: Ph +6493773619; Fax +6493033716; Contact the Reservations manager Rachael Bell at email: [rachael.bell@aucklandroseparkhotel.co.nz](mailto:rachael.bell@aucklandroseparkhotel.co.nz)

The hotel website: [www.aucklandroseparkhotel.co.nz](http://www.aucklandroseparkhotel.co.nz)

Rooms may be released from reservation by the hotel if not booked at least one month in advance.

A full breakfast at a cost of \$20 NZD is available to players in the restaurant. All meals remain the responsibility of individual players. The hotel restaurant menu can be viewed via the website and efforts will be made to suit individual food requirements if required.

## 6. Tournament System and Rate of Play

The tournament will be played as a 9 round Swiss System. The FIDE laws of chess shall apply. The time control for Standard chess is 90 minutes each for the whole game, with 30 seconds increment per move from the first move. Default time is 30 minutes after starting time. Time control for Blitz chess is 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move.

## 7. Tie-Break System

The order of the players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by the application of the following tie-break procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e).

- a) Direct Encounter
- b) Buccholz
- c) Buccholz Cut 1
- d) Buccholz Cut 2
- e) Sonnenborn Berger

In case the tie is still not broken, one Armageddon blitz game between the top two shall decide. Note: All players having the same number of points will share their money prizes equally. The Tie-Break system will be used for ranking and medal distribution.

## 8. Tournament schedule

A half-day tour of some Auckland sights may be arranged for interested players on Monday morning. Details to be announced during the tournament.

The tournament will be held from October 14 – 22, 2022 as follows:

Friday, October 14	Day of Arrival	
Saturday, October 15	Players Technical Meeting	15:00
	Opening Ceremony	15:30
	Round 1	16:00
Sunday, October 16	Round 2	10:00
	Round 3	16:00
	Round 4	16:00
Monday, October 17	Round 5	10:00
Tuesday, October 18	Round 6	16:00

Wednesday, October 19	Round 7	10:00
	Blitz Championship	17:00
Thursday, October 20	Round 8	10:00
Friday, October 21	Round 9	10:00
	Closing Ceremony	16:00
Saturday, October 22	Day of Departure	

## 9. Chief Arbiter and Appeals Committee

The Asian Chess Federation President shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and Chairman of Appeals. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members and two reserves representing five different Federations.

## 10. Appeals

A protest against a decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes after the end of the relevant playing session. In submitting a protest, a protest fee of USD \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) shall be paid to the Appeals Committee, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee, however, may decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding immediately. No appeals are possible in Blitz. The Chief Arbiter's decision is final.

## 11. Prizes

Top three winners of the Standard event will receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and certificate. Medals may also be awarded for the Blitz event. A total of \$3,000 USD for Standard chess in this Asian Chess Federation event shall be awarded as follows:

Over 50	Over 65	Women
First US \$500	First US \$350	Over 50 US \$300
Second US \$400	Second US\$200	Over 65 US \$100
Third US \$300	Third US \$150	
Fourth US \$200	Fourth US \$100	
Fifth US \$150	Fifth US \$100	
Sixth US \$150		

All players having the same number of points will share their money prizes equally, in local currency. The top three players from the 2022 Asian Seniors Championship will qualify for the 2023 World Seniors Championship with personal rights and their places will not be substituted.

## 12. Direct Titles

Gold medalists (first after tiebreak) in Standard chess open category shall receive a GM norm. 1<sup>st</sup> equal (first three after tiebreak) will receive the IM title. Silver and Bronze medalists shall receive IM norms and FM titles. For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time or other a minimum rating as follows: IM 2200, WIM 2000, FM 2100, WFM 1900.

## 13. Visa

Those who need visas should apply at the New Zealand consulate nearest to them. Invitation letters will be issued by the NZCF President upon sending the completed application form and upon payment of fees. Participants should send a clear scanned copy of their passport to [paulsspiller@outlook.com](mailto:paulsspiller@outlook.com) and NZCF President at [nigel.metge@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.metge@gmail.com)

**It is advisable to apply for visas for New Zealand as soon as possible because of processing delays.**

Players should visit the New Zealand Government website: [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz) to check the current Visa requirements and application process (and countries with Visa Waiver), health requirements and other relevant information.

Visa Waiver travels require NZ Electronic Authorisation (NZeTA) go to [www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta](http://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/nzeta)

Please note anyone transiting through another country eg Australia will need to investigate transit visa requirements for that country also.

## **14. Airport Transfers**

If required, the Organizing Committee will arrange airport transport to the Rose Park Hotel. Players must notify the Organizers at least one week in advance of their arrival. The travelling time is approximately 30 – 40 minutes depending on traffic.

## **15. Covid requirements**

Players are advised to check travelling requirements with their airlines, to make necessary travel and medical insurance arrangements and also check the NZ Immigration website for updates on any entry requirements. Travel to New Zealand without any quarantine period from most countries will be possible from July, 2022.

## **16. Player Health and Safety guidelines**

Players are recommended to wear a facemask and sanitise frequently within the Hotel environment and tournament room and comply with hotel health requirements. Hand sanitiser will be available at entrances.

Players should not enter the tournament room if they are or become unwell and should inform an arbiter as soon as practical.

Players should not enter the tournament room if awaiting results of a covid test, or have covid symptoms. A player must follow the direction of the Chief Arbiter with regard to health guidelines.

Handshakes before and/or after the game are not required.

## **17. Other Matters**

Any matters not mentioned in the Regulations above will be decided upon, if necessary, after consultation with the Asian Chess Federation President.

## **18. Contact Information**

Chief Organizer: IO Paul Spiller: email: [paulsspiller@outlook.com](mailto:paulsspiller@outlook.com)

NZCF President: Nigel Metge: email: [nigel.metge@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.metge@gmail.com)

NZCF Treasurer: Richard Christie: email: [richiechristie73@gmail.com](mailto:richiechristie73@gmail.com)

Chief Arbiter: IA Bob Gibbons: email: [gibbons.bob@gmail.com](mailto:gibbons.bob@gmail.com)



**The Auckland Rose Park Hotel Venue for the 2022 Asian Seniors Chess Championships**

## **Registration Form:**

**Name:**.....

**Federation:**.....

**FIDE ID:**.....

**Date of Birth:**.....

**Name of Federation Official Registering Player or Electronic ID:**.....

**Signature:**.....

**Stamp (Optional):**.....

**Players Email Contact:**.....