



## **GLOBAL CITIES CHESS SUMMIT 2024**

### **INVITATION (amended 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024)**

Laos Chess Association (LCA) and Laos Chess Federation (LCF) have the honour of inviting teams from cities and towns to participate in the inaugural GLOBAL CITIES CHESS SUMMIT to be organised in Vientiane, Laos, from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The Event is owned and managed by IO Ignatius Leong of **CHESS GLOBAL CITIES PTE LTD.**

#### **1.0 Schedule**

Date	Time	Activity
27 <sup>th</sup> September, Friday	After 12:00	Arrivals and Check-Ins
	20:00	Technical Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> September, Saturday	10:00 to 11:00	Opening Ceremony
	15:30 to 20:00	Round 1
29 <sup>th</sup> September, Sunday	09:00 to 13:30	Round 2
	15:30 to 20:00	Round 3
30 <sup>th</sup> September, Monday	09:00 to 13:30	Round 4
	15:30 to 20:00	Round 5
1 <sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday	09:00 to 13:30	Round 6
	18:00 to 22:00	Social Dinner & Cultural Night
2 <sup>nd</sup> October, Wednesday	Free Day	Free and Easy
3 <sup>rd</sup> October, Thursday	09:00 to 13:30	Round 7
	15:30 to 20:00	Round 8
4 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	15:30 to 20:00	Round 9
5 <sup>th</sup> October, Saturday	09:00 to 13:30	Round 10
	16:00 to 20:00	Closing Ceremony & Awards
6 <sup>th</sup> October, Sunday	Before 12:00	Check-Outs and Departures

#### **2.0 Total Prize Fund is US\$105,000**

2.1 **Under-2400 and Under-1800** – 1<sup>st</sup> US\$20,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> US\$15,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> US\$10,000.

2.2 Teams which are unrated and compete in Under-1800 – 1<sup>st</sup> US\$10,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> US\$5,000.

### 3.0 Eligibility

- 3.1 Any City/Town from any country/territory shall be eligible to participate. They shall be responsible for their own expenses. **Residency is not obligatory.**
- 3.2 A team shall comprise 4 players and not more than 2 reserves. Reserves shall play at the bottom boards. An unrated player is treated as 1400.
- 3.3 Each match shall be played on FOUR Boards. **The team composition shall have a female player, who may play on any board, according to the Fix Board Order of the Team. A female player must be listed to play in at least 5 rounds.** The Fix Board Order of the team may be random (not necessarily according to the ratings of the players)
- 3.4 There shall be **2** categories: Under-2400 and **Under-1800**. The average rating of the FOUR highest members in the team must not exceed the respective rating category. A team may opt to compete in a higher category. Rating shall be taken as on Date of Registration.
- 3.5 A city/town may register any number of teams for any category.

### 4.0 Time Control

- 4.1 Each player has 90 minutes plus increment of 30 seconds for 40 moves. After move 40, each player shall receive 15 minutes and the Quickplay Finish Rules apply.

### 5.0 Pairings

- 5.1 Pairings shall be made according to the Swiss System – Olympiad version.
- 5.2 In the last 2 rounds, where possible, teams from the same country/territory and who have scored more than 50% shall not be paired to play each other.
- 5.3 Details will be provided after the Final Date of Registration (after 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024).

### 6.0 Tie-Break

- 6.1 Game Points, Direct Encounter, Sonneborn-Berger for Team Tournaments (Olympiad).

### 7.0 Appeals

- 7.1 An appeal must be accompanied with a deposit of US\$ 100 (One Hundred US Dollars), which must be submitted within 15 minutes of the completion of the relevant playing session.

### 8.0 KEY INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS (ITOs)

Tournament Director:	IA Bharat Singh Chauhan (India)	FIDE ID 5029155
Chief Arbiter:	IA Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (Greece)	FIDE ID 4226070
Appeals Chairman:	FST Michael Khodarkovsky (USA)	FIDE ID 14100576

### 9.0 Registration Fee

- 9.1 The Registration per person (player, reserve, official, accompanying person, etc, covers two-way Airport Transfers.

Registration Date	Amount
Before & on 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$100
After 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$125

### 10.0 Playing Venue

- 10.1 Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel Grand Ballroom.

### 11.0 Official Hotel: Landmark DRC Residential Hotel

11.1 All players and accompanying persons are obliged to stay in the Official Hotels and shall be accredited and attend the activities stated in the Schedule.

11.2 The room rates (inclusive of Breakfast and Lunch) per day per person shall apply to all players and accompanying persons. Lunch will not be provided on the Free Day.

Landmark Mekong Riverside Hotel		Deluxe Rooms	Breakfast & Lunch
Registration Date	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
Before & on 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 160	US\$ 120	US\$ 100
After 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 180	US\$ 140	US\$ 120

Landmark DRC Residential Hotel		Standard Rooms	Breakfast & Lunch
Registration Date	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
Before & on 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 105	US\$ 80	US\$ 70
After 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 130	US\$ 100	US\$ 90

Landmark Vientiane Life Center Hotel		Standard Rooms	Breakfast & Lunch
Registration Date	Single	Twin/Double	Triple
Before & on 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 105	US\$ 80	US\$ 70
After 20 <sup>th</sup> July	US\$ 130	US\$ 100	US\$ 90

This is in the city center; buses will be provided - 10 minutes from the Playing Venue.

### 12.0 Entry Visa into Laos – as of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

12.1 For 14 days, no visa is required for Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, and Vietnam. Please check with the relevant authorities.

12.2 Those not listed above should check and apply online.

### 13.0 Social Dinner & Cultural Night

13.1 Each country/territory select their players to perform a show of their choice. Please bring your own musical instrument(s) and/or CD/DVD for the performance. Prizes will be awarded!

### 14.0 Registration of Participation and Accompanying Persons

14.1 Registration by email to fideleong@gmail.com using the Registration Form provided.

14.2 The **FINAL DATE OF REGISTRATION** is 20<sup>th</sup> August subject to availability of space.

### 15.0 Payment

Account Name: CHESS GLOBAL CITIES PTE LTD

Address: 12 Woodlands Square #15-73, Woods Square Tower 1, Singapore 737715

Account Number: 11655880067

Bank Name: ANEXT BANK PTE. LTD.

Address: 128 Beach Road, Guoco Midtown #21-01, Singapore 189773

SWIFT Code: ANTPSGSGXXX

Correspondent/Intermediary Bank: JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Address: 383 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10179

SWIFT Code: CHASUS33XXX

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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NAME OF FEDERATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Contact & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD	NAME	FIDE ID	RATING
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
Captain:			

Please use more forms for additional teams.

**Registration Form to be submitted by email to Mr Ignatius Leong [fideleong@gmail.com](mailto:fideleong@gmail.com)**