



1ST BERJAYA GLOBAL CHESS OPEN, 7th to 14th September 2026

Total Prize Fund: MYR 240,000

Official Hotel & Playing Venue:

BERJAYA WATERFRONT HOTEL: 88 Jalan Ibrahim Sultan, Stulang Laut, 80300, Johor Bahru, Malaysia

1. There are two separate Sections. The Masters Section for players rated 1750 & above and the Challengers Section for players rated below 2000.
2. FIDE Laws of Chess apply. Mobile phones/Electronic devices are forbidden in the playing hall. The penalty is immediate loss of the game.
3. Format & Time Control: 9-round Swiss with Time Control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move. Tie Breaks are in the order as follows: Direct Encounter, Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger.
4. Any player who is not present within 30 minutes after the round is started shall lose by default. In the first round, the default is 10 minutes after which the players (whose opponents are absent) may be re-paired.

5. Schedule & 6. Entry Fee: Rates in Malaysian Ringgit MYR. RATING IS BASED ON DATE OF PAYMENT

Day 1 –7 th September (Monday)	RATING RANGE	MASTERS	CHALLENGERS
20:00 hr: Technical Meeting Players absent will not be paired	GM, IM >2450 WGM, WIM >2250	First 20: Free Entry Free Twin Room	No Entry
Day 2 – 8th September (Tuesday)	GM, IM <2450 WGM, WIM <2250	First 20: Entry Fee MYR 800 Free Twin Room	No Entry
09:00 hr – Round 1			
15:30 hr – Round 2	Above 2250	MYR 2000	
Day 3 – 9th September (Wednesday)			
09:00 hr – Round 3	2001 to 2250	MYR 2100	
Day 4 – 10th September (Thursday)			
09:00 hr – Round 4	1751 to 2000	MYR 2200	MYR 2200
15:30 hr – Round 5			
Day 5 – 11th September (Friday)	1501 to 1750		MYR 2100
09:00 hr – Round 6			
Day 6 – 12th September (Saturday)	Below 1501		MYR 2000
09:00 hr – Round 7			
Day 7 – 13th September (Sunday)	6.1 Entry Fee includes Twin-Share Room, Breakfast & Lunch (8 th to 14 th Sep)		
09:00 hr – Round 8			
Day 8 – 14th September (Monday)	6.2 Players who wish to upgrade to single room: Add MYR 700.		
09:00 hr – Round 9	6.3 For Triple-Share, add MYR 1000.		
13:30 hr – Room Check-Out	6.4 Malaysians who do not require accommodation/meals, less MYR 1000.		
14:30 hr – Closing Ceremony	6.5 After the Closing Date, there will be a surcharge of MYR 700.		

7. **Prize Fund:** In case of a tie, cash prizes are shared.
Masters Section (MYR 200,000): - 1st to 5th: 40,000 – 30,000 – 20,000 – 13,000 – 10,000; 6th to 10th: 7,000 each; 11th to 15th: 4,000 each; 16th to 25th: 2,000 each; Ladies 1st to 3rd: 6,000 – 4,000 – 2,000.
Challengers Section (MYR 40,000): - 1st to 5th: 8,000 – 6,000 – 4,000 – 3,000 – 2,000; 6th to 10th: 1,500 each; 11th to 15th: 1,000 each; Ladies 1st to 3rd: 2,000 – 1,500 – 1,000.
8. **Registration, Payment & Closing Date:** 31st July 2026, Malaysian Time 19:00 hour.
 8.1 Registration is to be done by email to fideleong@gmail.com or WhatsApp Tel: (65)96337946 with proof of payment. Provide details: Section, FIDE ID, Room Requirement.
 8.2 Bank Transfer to: PERSATUAN CATUR NEGERI JOHOR. RHB Bank, A/C No: 20101700234090. SWIFT Code RHBBMYKL or RHBBMYKLXXX, Lot G35, Ground Floor, Komtar JBCC, City Centre, 80000 Johor Bahru.
 8.3 The Players List will only be published after 15th August 2026.