



PUBLIC SERVICE CHESS COMPETITION 2026

EVENT INFORMATION

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| Date / Time | : | Saturday, 18 April 2026 / 9am to 5pm |
| Venue | : | Galaxy Ballroom, Level 4 Club CSC @ Tessensohn 60 Tessensohn Road, Singapore 217664 |
| Registration Fee | : | <u>\$24 per team (excluding GST)</u> |
| Closing Date | : | Monday, 6 April 2026 |

RULES & REGULATIONS

1 RULES OF THE GAME

- 1.1 The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with the World Chess Federation (FIDE) Law of Chess and supplemented by the following rules.

2 ENTRY & REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 2.1 Each team shall comprise 4 players and 2 reserves.
- 2.2 The team is allowed to make changes to the list of their players on the day of competition, but must be done at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the First Round, after which no changes to the list of players will be allowed.
- 2.3 Once the order of line-up is decided and registered, a higher board player CANNOT be placed on a lower board in subsequent rounds. Players can only move UPWARDS from a lower board. I.e. Player registered on board 1 cannot play on 2 and below. If Board 1 is sitting out, only Board 2 can take his spot, and the other boards have to move upwards to allow the reserve to play. Teams which flout this rule may be disqualified for that round.
- 2.4 The top 4 teams from 2025 shall be seeded respectively as the top 4 teams in the initial seeding order. The other teams shall draw lots for the seeding numbers.
- 2.5 A team with less than two players physically playing shall be defaulted and withdrawn
- 2.6 Registration must be accompanied by an online registration fee of \$24 per team otherwise it will be void. There shall be no refund of registration fee.

2.7 The schedule on Saturday, 18 April 2026 is as follows:

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| Registration for Round 1 Lineup | 9.00am - 9.30am |
| Arbiter's Briefing | 9.30am |
| Round 1 | 9.45am |
| Round 2 | 11.00am |
| Lunch | 12.00pm - 1.15pm |
| Round 3 | 1.15pm |
| Round 4 | 2.30pm |
| Round 5 | 3.45pm |
| *Prize Presentation and Closing | 4.30pm - 5.00pm |

*May be earlier, depending on when last board ends in final round

3 SYSTEM OF PLAY

- 3.1 Format: Rapid 15 minutes + 10s increment from move 1.
- 3.2 The First Round will commence at 9.45am. If the round-by-round line-up is not submitted to the Tournament Director (TD) 10 mins before the start of each round, the team is assumed to play with the original players listed as 1 to 4 in their final team list.
- 3.3 Captain shall place their players in board order from 1 to 4, then reserve 1 and 2, and the same order shall be retained in all matches (ie reserve will always play bottom boards). The players shall not be substituted in the midst of the game. A player may only play for one team. One captain shall represent one team.
- 3.4 Captains of winning teams or drawing teams must submit all detailed results to the TD after the games have completed, otherwise the results will not be recorded.
- 3.5 The Competition will be conducted on a maximum of 5 rounds Swiss System depending on the number of entries.
- 3.6 The result of a game shall be recorded as 1 game point for a win, 0.5 point for a draw and 0 for a loss. The results of the 4 games in a match will determine the result for the match. In the case of a Bye, the team shall be awarded 2 Game Points and 0.5 Match Point.
- 3.7 Other than advising their players to accept, decline or offer a draw, captains shall not be allowed to speak to their players unless with the permission of the TD.
- 3.8 Any two teams from the same agency cannot be paired against each other in the last round.
- 3.9 In the event of any dispute, resolution and decision made by Chief Arbiter is final.

4 TIE

4.1 In the event of tie in Match points, the following methods will be prioritized, in sequence, to determine placings:

- a) Game Points
- b) Direct Encounter (Results of team in same point group)
- c) Buchholz (Sum of Opponents Game Points)
- d) Sonneborn Berger
- e) Sudden-Death Playoff (Only for top 4 placings) - This will be played between one nominated player from each team. The players shall toss for colours, the player having White shall be given 6 minutes and the player with Black shall have 5 minutes. In the case of a draw, player Black wins the playoff.

5 GENERAL

5.1 All matters pertaining to the conduct of this Competition and the interpretation of the rules as well as all matters not mentioned in these rules shall be decided by the Tournament Director (TD) whose decision shall be final.

5.2 Lunch will not be provided. Teams have to arrange their own lunch.

5.3 No smoking is allowed in the competition hall. All electronics should be turned off/switched to silent mode and kept in bags or pockets during game play. A player whose phone rings during the tournament will forfeit that round.

6 PHOTOGRAPHY

6.1 The Civil Service Club reserves the right to use any photographs (including those of Participants), motion pictures, recordings, or any other media records of any STAR Games, for any legitimate purpose, including commercial advertising and distribution to sponsors and partners.

6.2 Photography and/or videography will be taken during the event for news and publicity purposes by the official photographer and/or videographer, and may be used for print and on online/electronic platforms of the Civil Service Club. The Organiser owns all rights to the photographs and video recordings. Any participants who do not wish to have their photographs or video recordings taken can notify the Organiser at the event site.

7 PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

7.1 All participants consent to their personal data being collected and processed for purposes of administration and communication in a particular event. Participants also agree to receive postings on other events organised by the Civil Service Club.

8 COVID-19 SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 8.1 All participating agencies and teams must comply with prevailing COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs) issued by Ministry of Health and Sport Singapore.
- 8.2 Players must exercise social responsibility and not show up for matches if feeling unwell or exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 infections.

Disclaimer

The Civil Service Club reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change the venue, date and/or time of the competition at its discretion due to inclement weather, facility problem or any other situation deemed as appropriate.

The Civil Service Club and its servants and/or agents will not be held responsible for any claims arising out of any death or injury, damage or loss, suffered or caused while attending this competition, and this includes all costs and expenses incurred as a result of such claims