

Chess For All Rapid Series- April Edition (Open and U12 Sections)

Venue:	Eurasian Heritage Gallery- Multi-Purpose Hall Level 2, 139 Ceylon Road Singapore 429744 Katong Area Less than 10 minutes from Dakota MRT Station (CC8)
Date:	5 April (Saturday), 9.30 am to 5.15 pm
Tournament Formats (NEW!):	Open Section (FIDE Rated) and U12 Section (NEW- FIDE Rated), 7 Rounds with 15+10 Rapid time control which will run concurrently.
URL to <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u>:	https://tinyurl.com/ChessForAllRapidSeriesReg
URL to <u>THIS</u> document:	https://tinyurl.com/ChessForAllRapidSeriesInfo

1. Tournament Formats (NEW!)

Open Section:

This is a **FIDE-rated** Rapid Tournament organised by **Chess For All**, targeted at competitive chess players at all levels. The objective of the tournament is to provide a high-quality, competitive, yet affordable event for players to come together and sharpen their skills.

Eligibility: Open to all. All participants must have a FIDE ID.

If you do not have a FIDE ID and are a Singapore Resident (Citizen/PR), you may register for a FIDE ID at <https://singaporechess.org.sg/fide-id/>. Do inform Samuel Benedict, 87258135 if you would like to play in the event but are in the process of signing up for a FIDE ID.

U12 Section:

This is a **FIDE Rated** Rapid Tournament open to all players below 1500 FIDE (Rapid or Classical), and the goal of introducing this section is to allow younger, newer players to have a fair chance to face opponents of similar strength and sharpen their skills. We sincerely hope that this would build young players' confidence and allow them to improve to eventually "graduate" to play in stronger fields.

Eligibility: Open to all players who are below 1500 FIDE Rating (Rapid or Classical) as of March 2025. All participants must have a FIDE ID.

Rules: FIDE's Laws of Chess shall apply. Swiss Dutch Pairing system will be used in conjunction with the Swiss Manager Program.

- 7 rounds
- 15 minutes, with 10 seconds increment from move 1
- Default time – **15 minutes (until clock runs to 0)**

2. Schedule for both sections

0900 onwards	Player registration + Chief Arbiter Briefing
0930 - 1030	Round 1
1030 - 1130	Round 2
1130 - 1230	Round 3
1230 - 1315	Lunch Break
1315 - 1415	Round 4
1415 - 1515	Round 5
1515 - 1615	Round 6
1615 - 1715	Round 7
After the conclusion of the last game	Prize Presentation

3. Registration

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/ChessForAllRapidSeriesReg>

Registration will close on 3rd April, Thursday, 2025, 11.59 pm.

Participant Category	Fees before 31st March 2025 (Monday), 2359 hours	Fees after that
U12 Section- All Players	\$30	\$35
Open Section- WIM/WGM/IM/GM	Free	
Open Section- Classical/Rapid Rating above 2000, or FM/CM/WFM/WCM	\$30	\$35
Open Section- All other Players	\$40	\$45

For any enquiries, please whatsapp 87258135 (Samuel).

Fees are payable via Paynow to 87258135 (Samuel Benedict) with your name as the reference number. Your registration is confirmed once you receive an acknowledgement through text from the organiser.

The organisers may accept any additional entries after the deadline, reserves the right to reject any entries without assigning any reason, and the right to select the final player list, should there be excess registration.

Players who do not make it to the final player list due to excess registration will be refunded in full. The tournament may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances and a full refund will also be provided.

4. Lunch Arrangements

Halal/ Indian Vegetarian Bento Lunch Boxes of a reasonable standard will be made available for players and accompanying persons at an **additional cost of \$6 per box**. Please indicate in the form if you would like to opt for it.

5. Prizes

Open Section: A record Prize Fund of \$1000!

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place	8th Place
\$250	\$200	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$50	\$50

Separate Category Prizes (e.g. Women and Senior Players) **will be considered**, should registrations for **each of these** cross 5 players.

U12 Section: Attractive trophies and Medals for minimally top 10 Participants (Will be adjusted based on final entries)

All other prizes will be announced before the start of Round 1, or after the close of registration, based on the final number of registrants and their profiles. The organiser retains the sole right to amend the prize lists at any point in time. The organiser will have the final say if there is a prize-sharing formula implemented.

6. Rankings

The final ranking is determined by the total number of points scored. Each player will be awarded 1 point for a win, ½ a point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. If two or more

players are tied for any place at the end of the tournament, the following tie-break criteria will be applied in the listed order:

- Direct encounter
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Sonnenborn Berger

7. Other Rules

All participants are to maintain high standards of conduct and sportsmanship at all times.

Statement on Electronic Devices

- The Player is not allowed to have in his possession or on his body, any mobile phones or electronic devices while his game is still on-going.
- Player's electronic device(s) must be switched off and kept in their bags beyond the reach of the player during the game.
- Any ring tone or sound coming from the player's device(s) during the game shall be an immediate loss for the device owner without appeal.

Disputes:

In the event of a dispute, the Chief Arbiter's decision is final. No further correspondence shall be entertained.

8. Administrative Matters

Attire

Participants are expected to be smartly attired.

Photos, Videos

Chess For All reserves the right to photograph or make video recordings of all players, or livestream the event for marketing, promotion, and use in other Chess For All's programmes.

Non-Compliance with Rules/Regulations

The Organiser reserves the right to remove anyone from the tournament with no refund of the registration fee in the event of non-compliance with the Tournament Rules and Regulations.

Enquiries – Please Whatsapp 87258135 (Samuel Benedict)