



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

July 13, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No 558 . S. 2026

**1st YCMC ALL STUDENTS RAPID CHESS TEAM DUO TOURNAMENT CHESS
DEVELOPMENT TOUR 2026**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief CID and SGOD
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Sports Coordinators
Heads of Athletic Delegation
All Others Concerned

1. The Young Chess Master's Club 002 will conduct the 1st YCMC All Students Rapid Chess Team 2026 Duo Tournament Chess Development Tour on July 18, 2026 at the Bohol Museum. The Tournament aims to:

- Develop youth chess enthusiasts and foster Teamwork and equal opportunity to all students. A registration Fee of 400/Team for Elementary and 500/Team for secondary. Participation to this chess tournament is **voluntary**.

2. For more details of the tournament mechanics, guidelines tournament format and scheduling as well as the prizes at stake please refer to the attached infographics.

3. For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

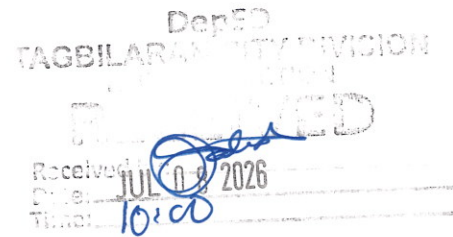
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Schools Division of Tagbilaran City
Department of Education



Subject: Request for Endorsement of the 1st YCMC All Students Duo Team Chess Tournament

Dear Dr. Bongalos:

Greetings!

On behalf of the Young Chess Masters Club (YCMC) and the organizing committee of the 1st YCMC All Students Duo Team Chess Tournament, I respectfully seek your kind endorsement of this event to all public and private elementary and secondary schools under the Schools Division of Tagbilaran City.

The tournament aims to promote critical thinking, discipline, sportsmanship, camaraderie and the holistic development of learners through chess. It also provides students with a meaningful avenue to enhance their analytical, problem-solving and decision-making skills while fostering healthy competition and friendship among participating schools.

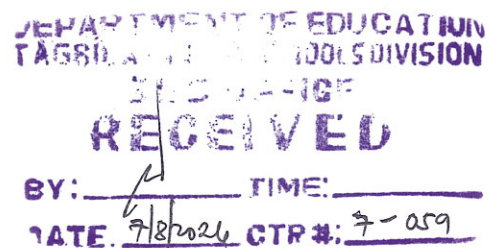
In this regard, we humbly request your good office to issue an endorsement encouraging schools within your division to participate in this worthwhile event. Attached are the tournament invitation, mechanics and other relevant information for your reference and dissemination.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support. Your endorsement will greatly contribute to the success of this initiative and encourage greater participation from schools across the division.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the development of our learners. We look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully yours,

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1st YCMC All Students Rapid Chess Team Duo Tournament

"Chessboard today, teammates forever."

Open to all student chess enthusiasts—even if you are still a beginner!

School chess teams, school chess clubs, and all student members of local chess clubs are highly welcome to join. Partner up and make your schools and clubs proud!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: July 18, 2026 (Saturday) 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Venue: Final Venue to be Announced

Format: 7 Rounds Swiss System (Team Duo)

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5-second increment per move

National Museum of the Phils. Bohol

ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES

Divisions

Elementary Category:

12 years old and below, or as long as the student is currently enrolled in elementary school.

Juniors Category:

Open to all high school and college students.

Note: Elementary players are permitted to team up with Junior players and compete up in the Junior Category.

1. Team Composition (Duo)

 A team must consist of exactly two (2) players.

 Teams can be composed of all boys, all girls, or mixed pairs.



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For school team, school chess clubs, and local chess clubs can field as many teams as they want—no limit on entries!

2. Rating Caps & Seedings

☐ No Average Rating Cap: No average rating limit will be set for this tournament. Players are entirely free to choose the composition of their teams.

☐ Provisional Ratings: Players without an official local rating will be assigned a provisional rating for pairing and average calculation purposes only

☐ High School / College Category: 1500 provisional rating

☐ Elementary Category: 1200 provisional rating

3. Tournament Format & Pairings

☐ System: 7-Round Swiss System.

Time Control: 15 minutes base time + 5 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.

4. Team Composition & Fixed Board Order

☐ Fixed Lineup: Prior to the start of Round 1, every team must submit their official roster designating exactly who will play on Board 1 (B1) and who will play on Board 2 (B2). There are no rating restrictions on who can be designated to either board.

☐ Strict Hierarchy: The designated Board 1 player is officially considered the team's primary player.

☐ The "No Switching" Rule: Once the tournament officially begins, the board order is



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completely locked. Under no circumstances can the Board 1 player move down to play on Board 2, nor can the Board 2 player move up to play on Board 1 for the remainder of the event.

Registration link

 <https://forms.gle/FBUerTQUkokGXoow8>

 Registration Payment Method

Secure your team slot early! Team slots are strictly limited.

Payment Channel: GCash

Account Number: 09673677136

Account Name: L M Tutor

 For Inquiries & Registration Confirmation:

Please message our official page directly Young Chess Masters Club (YCMC) or contact NM Elmer Sumngat FB account Elmer Sumngat



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CHESS DEVELOPMENT TOUR

**"CHESSBOARD TODAY,
TEAMMATES FOREVER."**

DATE:
JULY 18, 2026
(SATURDAY)

VENUE:
FINAL VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED.
7 ROUNDS SWISS SYSTEM
15MINS + 5 SEC INCREMENT.

PROGRAM INCLUDES:
• Certificates for all participants.

**DUO-SPECIFIC
DETAILS**

- TEAM STRATEGY & DYNAMIC PLAY

PROGRAM & DESIGN NOTES

- Swiss System Duo Format
- Enhanced Teamwork Focus
- Recognition for Top Scorers

**AIMING TO DEVELOP YOUTH
CHESS, FOSTER TEAMWORK,
AND GIVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
TO ALL STUDENTS.**

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 **LET'S BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHESS CHAMPIONS!**
EARLY REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED. TEAM SLOTS LIMITED.

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ELEMENTARY CATEGORY REGISTRATION & PRIZES

 Registration Fee: 400 / team

Champion: 2,000 + Trophy
2nd Place: 1,200 + Trophy
3rd Place: 800 + Trophy
4th Place: 600
5th Place: 400

- Top 3 Board 1: Medal
- Top 3 Board 2: Medal

JUNIORS CATEGORY REGISTRATION & PRIZES

 Registration Fee: 500 / team

Champion: 3,000 + Trophy
2nd Place: 1,800 + Trophy
3rd Place: 1,000 + Trophy
4th Place: 700
5th Place: 500

- Top 3 Board 1: Medal
- Top 3 Board 2: Medal



Sponsors

- YCMC Core
- Capt. Dexter Pinos and Family
- Ms. Anne Ancog
- Mr. Romy Ampusta and Family



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OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST

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LET'S CROWN THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHAMPIONS!
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