



RULANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Vision : Scholars Of Tomorrow

Mission : Nurturing Competencies, Inspiring Excellence, Empowering Individuals

Established since 1930

REF: 089/18

4 April 2018

Dear Parents of Primary 3 pupils

Invitation to join the Rulang Chess Interest Group

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to join the Rulang Chess Interest Group. We will be engaging external coaches to conduct training sessions (a total of 36 hours) for your child. These training sessions conducted in school are fully sponsored by the school. The pupils are expected to purchase a set of materials, for the training, which costs **\$22.70**. The cost of the set of materials will be borne by the parents.

Your child is also required to attend training at the Singapore Chess Federation (SCF) during the Term 4 (Nov/Dec) school holidays.

Below is the tentative training schedule for Primary 3 pupils (Refer behind for tentative dates):

Terms 2 and 3 (12 Sessions)	Number of Sessions: 4 (in Term 2) and 8 (in Term 3) Hours per session: 3 hours Venue: Rulang Primary School Training cost sponsored by school
Term 4 (Nov/Dec School Holidays) (5 days)	Number of sessions: 5 Hours per session: 2 or 3 hours Venue: Singapore Chess Federation (SCF at Bishan Community Club) Training cost will be paid by parents

In Term 4, pupils are required to attend the **intensive structured chess programme** organised by SCF during the November/December school holidays. Pupils should complete at least 1 grade level in the training within five days. This external training which allows our pupils to train alongside pupils from other schools will help them expand their chess playing repertoire beyond the school. Information on the training sessions conducted by the SCF can be found at this link: <http://www.singaporechess.org.sg/training-courses/scf-chess-courses>

Please note that the training fees (fully paid by parents) for the intensive structured chess programme ranges from \$180 to \$220 (subject to change). Parents should register at the SCF and make payment directly to SCF. Parents would also have to make their own transport arrangement for their children.

The school would like every player to participate in at least **one** external tournament in 2018 E.g. Other individual tournaments (e.g. organised by regional community clubs). We hope that your child will benefit from both the 36-hour training sessions conducted in school and the intensive structured chess programme conducted by SCF. We also hope that he/she can advance his/her interest beyond the school and be invited to join the National Junior Squad of the SCF and thereafter to play for Singapore.

For pupils who are on the Financial Assistance Scheme, please approach Mr Mazlan or Mr Zaini to request for partial or full sponsorship for training materials and training at SCF. You may contact Mr Mazlan at mazlan_ismael@moe.edu.sg or Mr Zaini at mohamad_zaini_ismail@moe.edu.sg should you have any queries pertaining to the chess programme.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mr Eugene Ong
Principal

Tentative Dates of the 36-hour Training Sessions:

Month	Dates	Day	Time
April	12 April 2018	Thursday	1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
	19 April 2018		
May	17 May 2018		
	24 May 2018		
June	28 June 2018		
July	5 July 2018		
	12 July 2018		
	19 July 2018		
	26 July 2018		
August	2 August 2018		
	23 August 2018		
	30 August 2018		

Additional Information

Dear Parents of P3 Pupils in the Chess Interest Group,

The Singapore Chess Federation has restructured their training programmes. There are only 4 grade levels in their training system. We would like our pupils to complete Grade 4 by the end of their Primary 5. Junior Preparatory Squad is for pupils who have missed the mark to get into the National Junior Squad. We hope that our P6 pupils can eventually be in the National Junior Squad after they have graduated from Rulang. Below is the printscreen of the SCF Chess Courses from the SCF Webpage:

<https://www.singaporechess.org.sg/component/content/article/25-trainings-courses/611-SCF-Chess-Courses>

SCF Chess Courses

An Overview of SCF Chess Courses

Programme		SCF Chess Courses	
Quarterly Chess Courses.	Holiday Intensive Chess Courses	Grade 1	Beginner Chess Course
	Consecutive 5 days	Grade 2	Elementary Chess Course
Weekly classes		Grade 3	Intermediate Chess Course
		Grade 4	Developmental Chess Course
8 lessons		On-going training	Junior Preparatory Squad

Upcoming Events

- TCA Junior Chess Open Championships 2018**
Sun. 8 Apr, 2018 (8:45 am - 6:15 pm)
- QCD SG CHESS LEAGUE 2018**
Fri. 13 Apr, 2018 7:30 pm
- World School Chess Championship**
Fri. 20 Apr, 2018 9:00 am - Sun. 29 Apr, 2018 6:00 pm
- 3rd SG City Chess Open 2018**
Mon. 28 May, 2018 10:00 am - Sun. 3 Jun, 2018 6:00 pm

SCF Chess Courses Holiday Intensive Nov/Dec 2018

SCF Chess Courses - Calendar 2018

During the holidays, the SCF offers an intensive structured chess programme which provide an opportunity for students to complete a chess grade in **JUST FIVE DAYS**.

Dates:	Week 1	27 Nov 2017 (Mon) to 01 Dec 2017 (Fri)
	Week 2	04 Dec 2017 (Mon) to 08 Dec 2017 (Fri)
	Week 3	11 Dec 2017 (Mon) to 15 Dec 2017 (Fri)
	Week 4	18 Dec 2017 (Mon) to 22 Dec 2017 (Fri)

Grade	Stage	Timing
1	Beginner S\$180	Morning - 10 am to 12 pm/1 pm (Mon to Fri)
2	Elementary S\$190	Afternoon - 2 pm to 4 pm/5 pm (Mon to Fri)
3	Intermediate S\$200	Evening - 6 pm to 8 pm/9 pm (Mon to Fri)
4	Developmental S\$220	

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SCF Free Initial Assessment - Schedule

Address: 51 Bishan St.13, #02-01A SIGC (Bishan CC), Singapore 579799

Period		Assessment Day	Assessment Time
Q1/2018 & Q2/2018	25 Dec 2017 - 25 May 2018	Saturday	15.00pm
May/Jun School Holidays 2018	26 May 2018 - 24 Jun 2018	Monday - Friday	13.00pm

*closed on Public Holidays

Note:

- The above schedule will be maintained & updated on a monthly basis.
- The recommended minimum age of student is **6 years old**.
- No appointment needed. It will be on a **'First come first serve'** basis.
- Duration: approx. **10-15mins per assessment**.
- The assessment will not be available during Public Holidays.

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For Initial Assessment to enrol in Nov and Dec Intensive Courses, please call SCF to ask for the available dates

Rulang Chess Interest Group has undergone a restructuring in its training programmes so as to align it with the SCF's training system.

Level	Programme	Additional Training Required by the School at SCF
Primary 3 2018	36-hour training in Rulang by FIDE Certified Coaches fully sponsored by School To play in 1 External Tournament* and 1 Internal Tournament (to be paid by parents*) Pupils can go for more tournaments if they want to	SCF Grades 1 and 2 Fees to be paid by Parents** <i>(Pupils may be able to skip Grade 1 after doing well in the initial assessment conducted by SCF)</i> Pupils can go for Grades 3, 4 & Junior Preparatory Squad (if qualified) as well

Level	Programme	Additional Training Required by the School at SCF
Primary 4 2019	36-hour training in Rulang by FIDE Certified Coaches fully sponsored by School To play in the 71 st National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2019, 2 External Tournaments* and 1 Internal Tournament (to be paid by parents*) Pupils can go for more tournaments if they want to	SCF Grade 3 Fees to be paid by Parents** Pupils can go for Grades 4 & Junior Preparatory Squad (if qualified) as well

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Primary 5 2020	36-hour training in Rulang by FIDE Certified Coaches fully sponsored by School To play in the 72 nd National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2020, 2 External Tournaments* and 1 Internal Tournament (to be paid by parents*) Pupils can go for more tournaments if they want to	SCF Grade 4 Fees to be paid by Parents** Pupils can go for Junior Preparatory Squad (if qualified) as well

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Primary 6 2021	24-hour training in Rulang by FIDE Certified Coaches fully sponsored by School To play in the 73 rd National Schools Individual Chess Championships 2021 and 1 Internal Tournament (to be paid by parents*) Pupils can go for more tournaments if they want to	Junior Preparatory Squad or National Junior Squad (if qualified) Fees to be paid by Parents**

**Parents, whose children are on the MOE / SAC and Alumni Financial Assistance Schemes, can approach the school for financial assistance.