

Sri Lankan medals bucket filled with 17 Asian Medals in 14th Asian Schools

Chess Championship 2018

14th Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 was concluded at Citrus Hotel, Waskaduwa, Sri Lanka on 14th July 2018. The event was held at beautiful beach resort with the total participation of 450 players from 15 Asian Nations. Participants from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, India, China, Iran, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Maldives and Sri Lanka competed in Under 07, 09, 11, 13, 15 and 17 Open and Girls Categories.

14th Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 was held as three different events. Blitz, Rapid and Standard. Asian Schools Rapid Chess Championship 2018 was held on 08th July 2018. Event was held as Swiss system with 7 rounds and 15 minutes +10 seconds increment time control. Sri Lanka won 05 Medals including 02 Gold Medals. Gold Medalists were FM Sasith Nipun Piyumantha in Under 17 Open Category and WCM Ehsha Mishela Pallie in Under 11 Girls Category. Details as follow.

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Medal Table-Rapid

S No	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
01	Sri Lanka	02	02	01	05
02	India	03	02	03	08
03	China	-	-	-	0
04	Bangladesh	-	-	01	01
05	Iran	-	-	-	-
06	Kazakhstan	02	02	01	05
07	Kyrgyzstan	-	01	01	02
08	Uzbekistan	04	04	03	10
09	Maldives	-	-	-	-
10	Saudi Arabia	-	-	-	-
11	Mongolia	01	01	-	02
12	Turkmenistan	-	-	-	-

13	Malaysia		01	01	02
14	Thailand	-	-	-	0
15	Hong Kong	-	-	-	0

14th Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 Standard event was held from 09th July 2018 to 14th July 2018. It was held as 09 rounds Swiss system event with time control of 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment. Uzbekistan secured 10 Medals including 07 Gold Medals. Sri Lanka had to satisfy with 06 Medals including one Gold medal. CM Kevin Ranidu Silva won the Gold Medal in Under 13 Open Category.

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Medal Table - Standard

S No	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
01	Sri Lanka	1	3	2	6
02	India	1	3	2	6
03	China	1			1
04	Bangladesh			1	1
05	Iran			2	2
06	Kazakhstan	2	1	2	5
07	Kyrgyzstan		1		1
08	Uzbekistan	7	2	1	10
09	Maldives				
10	Saudi Arabia				
11	Mongolia				
12	Turkmenistan				
13	Malaysia		1		1
14	Thailand				
15	Hong Kong				

Blitz event of the Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 was started on 14th July evening. It was held as 07 rounds Swiss system event. Time Control was 03 minutes + 02 Seconds increment. Sri Lankan medals bucket filled with 06 Medals including 01 Gold Medal. CM Kevin Ranidu Silva was the Gold medalist in Under 13 Open Category. Kevin was won 2 Gold Medals in Standard and Blitz event. Blitz event medals details as Follow.

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Medal Table-Blitz

S No	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
01	Sri Lanka	1	1	4	6
02	India	1	3	3	7
03	China				
04	Bangladesh	1			1
05	Iran			1	1
06	Kazakhstan	3	2		5
07	Kyrgyzstan			1	1
08	Uzbekistan	5	5	2	12
09	Maldives				
10	Saudi Arabia				
11	Mongolia		1	1	2
12	Turkmenistan				
13	Malaysia	1			
14	Thailand				
15	Hong Kong				

Winning teams' details lists as follow.

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Team Table-Rapid

S No	Country	First	Second	Third
01	Under 07 Open	India	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan
02	Under 07 Girls	Mongolia	India	Sri Lanka
03	Under 09 Open	India	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan
04	Under 09 Girls	India	Sri Lanka	Mongolia
05	Under 11 Open	India	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan
06	Under 11 Girls	Sri Lanka	India	Kazakhstan
07	Under 13 Open	Sri Lanka	-	-
08	Under 13 Girls	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	Kazakhstan
09	Under15 Open	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan	India
10	Under 15 Girls	Sri Lanka	-	
11	Under17 Open	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	-
12	Under 17 Girls	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan	India

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Team Table - Standard

S No	Country	First	Second	Third
01	Under 07 Open	India	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan
02	Under 07 Girls	Mongolia	Sri Lanka	India
03	Under 09 Open	India	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan
04	Under 09 Girls	Mongolia	India	Sri Lanka
05	Under 11 Open	Kazakhstan	India	Sri Lanka
06	Under 11 Girls	Sri Lanka	India	Kazakhstan

07	Under 13 Open	Sri Lanka	Maldives	
08	Under 13 Girls	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	Kazakhstan
09	Under15 Open	Sri Lanka	Kazakhstan	India
10	Under 15 Girls	Sri Lanka		
11	Under17 Open	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	Kazakhstan
12	Under 17 Girls	Sri Lanka	India	Saudi Arabia

Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 – Team Table - Blitz

S No	Country	First	Second	Third
01	Under 07 Open	Malaysia	India	Uzbekistan
02	Under 07 Girls	Uzbekistan	Mongolia	Mongolia
03	Under 09 Open	India	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan
04	Under 09 Girls	Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan	India
05	Under 11 Open	Uzbekistan	India	India
06	Under 11 Girls	Uzbekistan	India	Sri Lanka
07	Under 13 Open	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	Kyrgyzstan
08	Under 13 Girls	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	Iran
09	Under15 Open	Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	Sri Lanka
10	Under 15 Girls	Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	India
11	Under17 Open	Uzbekistan	Uzbekistan	Sri Lanka
12	Under 17 Girls	Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan	Sri Lanka

Closing Ceremony of the 14th Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 was held on 14th July 2018 night with the presence of the General Secretary of the Asian Chess Federation, Hisham Al Tahir as the Chief Guest. Geoffrey Borg - CEO of the World Chess Federation, Rashid Al Nazar – Legal Councilor of the Asian Chess Federation, Colonel Manjula Kariyawasam – Director General Sport of Ministry of Education, Mr. R.M.M Rathnayake –

Additional Secretary of Educational Quality Department, Mr. Upali Gunasekara – Former president of the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka, Mr. Luxman Wijesuriya – General Secretary of the Commonwealth Chess Association, Mrs. Buddhi Panagoda – Secretary of Chess Federation of Sri Lanka and Mr. Indika Jayawardena – Secretary of the Schools Chess Association graced the occasion.

14th Asian Schools Chess Championship 2018 was concluded in grand manner with lot of achievements for the Sri Lankan Chess.

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