



2024 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



15th to 23rd June 2024

Kopanong Hotel and Conference Centre

Ekurhuleni, Gauteng, South Africa

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1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), The Gauteng Chess Federation has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2024 African Youth Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre, from 15th June 2024 (Arrival) to 23rd June 2024 (Departure).

2. PARTICIPANTS

1. Age Group Categories

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited in the Open and Girls Sections:

- Under 08 - players born on or after January 1, 2016.
- Under 10 - players born on or after January 1, 2014.
- Under 12 - players born on or after January 1, 2012.
- Under 14 - players born on or after January 1, 2010.
- Under 16 - players born on or after January 1, 2008.
- Under 18 - players born on or after January 1, 2006.

2. Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2024 African Youth Chess Championships are open to all players from Federations within the African Continent which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

3. Official players

Each African Federation is entitled to register one official player in each category, totaling a maximum of 12 official players.

4. Additional players

In addition Each African Federation will be allowed to enter any number of titled players (GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM, WFM, CM, and WCM) plus up to 6 additional players in each category.

Those titled and additional players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging, in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

The host federation will be allowed to enter any number of titled players (GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM, WFM, CM, WCM) plus up to 9 additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging, in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

Each African FIDE Endorsed Academy will be allowed to enter 2 players in each category, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees. FIDE Endorsed Academy members must stay at the official accommodation without exception.

The Continental President may allow further additional players, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

The organizing federation reserves the right to invite additional players to make up an even number of participants in each age group, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

3. REGISTRATION AND ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

1. Registration must be completed by no later than **15th May 2024**. A copy of passport and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all participating players and officials must also be sent to the Organizers by the indicated deadline date.
2. An ACC Tournament Fee of **R1000** (about **US\$ 50.00**) is required to be paid for each player.
3. A Registration Fee of **R1200** (about **US\$ 60.00**) each must be paid by all players (official and additional), every accompanying person, all officials, and all other members of delegations, including the Head of Delegation.
4. The Registration Fee is to be utilized to provide, amongst other things, an accreditation badge and transportation from/to the airport (OR Tambo International airport) from/to the official accommodation venue on the official arrival date of **15th June 2024**, as well as on the official departure date of **23rd June 2024**.

4. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss tournament system.
2. The Time Control will be 90 minutes, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1);
3. The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com.
4. Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.
5. The default time will be **15 minutes** for all rounds.

5. TIE-BREAK

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) Direct encounter between the players in tie
- b) Buchholz Cut 1**
- c) Buchholz
- d) Sonneborn-Berger
- e) Most wins

* Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

6. AWARDS

Trophy & Medals

The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Trophy + Gold medal, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively.

7. QUALIFICATION

The winners of each age group category in both the Open and Girls Sections will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2025 World Youth Chess Championships and the 2025 World Cadets Chess Championships.

8. TITLES

Direct titles will be awarded according to the FIDE handbook. This can be found at <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>. For ease of reference, this is summarized in the table below. Where there is a discrepancy, the FIDE handbook will take precedence. Titles awarded after a minimum rating has been achieved.

The winners in each age group category will also be awarded conditional FIDE titles as follows (in the event of combined age groups, the titles will still be awarded to the winners of the age groups provided that the player scores at least 50% and there are at least five players from 3 different federations per age group):

U18 Open/Girls	Gold	IM/WIM title
Silver & Bronze		FM/WFM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded IM/WIM norms in addition to the FM/WFM title(s).</i>		
U16 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title plus IM/WIM norm
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded the FM/WFM title(s). However, the IM/WIM norm is only awarded to Gold.</i>		
U14+U12 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
U8+U10 Open /Girls	Gold, Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title

NB! In the event of Gold, Silver or Bronze already having the above titles, the titles will fall away (they do not shift down to lower places). Thus, only Gold, Silver and Bronze may and will qualify for Titles and/or Norms.

The order of the players in the ranking is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or other places, then a tie break will come into effect.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated below.

The schedule may however be changed should need arise.

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Date	Activity	Time
Saturday, 15 th June 2024	Arrival Opening Ceremony	18:00
Sunday, 16 th June 2024	Technical meeting Round 1	10:00 15:00
Monday, 17 th June 2024	Round 2 Round 3	09:00 16:00
Tuesday, 18 th June 2024	Round 4	15:00
Wednesday, 19 th June 2024	Round 5 Round 6	09:00 16:00
Thursday, 20 th June 2024	Round 7	15:00
Friday, 21 st June 2024	Round 8	15:00
Saturday, 22 nd June 2024	Round 9 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	09:00 16:00
Sunday, 23 rd June 2024	Departure	10:00

10. ARBITRATION TEAM

1. The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.
2. Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by African Chess Confederation President in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.
2. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President whilst the other 2 members and 2 reserves will be selected from amongst the participating Federation officials.
3. Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game.
4. A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of R2000 (approx US \$100) as a deposit from the signatory.
The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
Should the appeal be successful, the deposit shall be returned immediately.
However, should the appeal be found to be baseless by the Appeals Committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the Gauteng Chess Federation.

10. BOARD AND LODGING

1. All participants are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation (with the exception of those who are members of a chess region in Gauteng as at date of invitation distribution). There is more than one official accommodation property.
2. Participating Federations will receive free boarding and lodging for one player in each Category (Open and Girls).
3. Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at R1500 (about \$75) per person per day (sharing) or R1900 (about \$95) per person per day (single room). This cost includes meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper). There are a limited number of single rooms.
4. All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before 20th May 2024, which will be the deadline.
5. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before 15 June 2024 or depart after 23rd June 2024 must inform the organizer timeously.
6. All payments must be made to the account of the South African Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 14. Bank Details.
7. If payments are not received before the mentioned deadline, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.



11. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

1. In compliance with ACC Regulations, both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **R1000** (about **US\$ 50**)
2. One player in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as the Official Player while all others will be designated as Additional Players.
3. ACC Tournament Fees must be paid into the account of the Gauteng Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by 20th May 2024

12. REGISTRATION FEES

Bank: ABSA (Centurion)

Bank Account Name: Gauteng Province Chess

Account No: 4081482 433

Branch Code: 336345

1. The Registration Fee for each participating player is **R1200** (about **US\$ 60**). This must be paid into the account of the Gauteng Chess Federation before **20th May 2024**.
2. The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **R1200**
3. Only Federations and Fide endorsed academies can register players. Where registrations are emailed, they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title (If any), and passport number of each player (a scanned copy should be included). Kindly refer to the attached registration form.
4. No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the Registration Fees and/or ACC Tournament Fees.
5. Registration Forms for entries are attached herein. Federation officials must fill them in and return them to Gauteng Chess Federation before **20th May 2024** by e-mail to confirm entry.
6. All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) OR Tambo International Airport to the accommodation venue by protocols assigned at the airport.
7. All are requested to register early to help ease preparations.

13. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **20th May 2024**.

14. BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of Gauteng Chess Federation as listed below, and proof of payment should be emailed to: vickymagu@gmail.com and liezlbothma@hotmail.com

Bank: ABSA (Centurion, South Africa)

Bank Account Name: Gauteng Province Chess

Account No: 4081482433

Branch Code: 336345

SWIFT Code: ABSAZAJJ

NB: Amounts should reflect net of any charges levied by banks for transaction or currency fees.

15. LOCAL CURRENCY

Gauteng Chess has a South African Rand Bank Account. The local currency is the Rand (ZAR). An assumed Exchange Rate of 20.00 ZAR to 1.00 USD has been applied when showing approximate USD amounts above.

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at the OR Tambo International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance.

17. VISAS

The Gauteng Chess Federation will avail official invitation letters to participants that need copies for the processing of their Visas upon request.

18. DRESS CODE

All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

19. DEADLINE DATE

1. Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federations and returned to the host federation not later than **20 May 2024**. This date is the registration deadline.

2. Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **R1000** (about **US\$ 50**) **per person**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to either accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date.

3. All changes and late registration shall be accepted until **30 May 2024 (late registration Deadline)**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

20. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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21. WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION

Participants are encouraged to join the tournament Whatsapp Group by clicking on the link

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DT7eXWy6srXEtzBmoIMQb2>

This will be used for communication before and during the event.

22. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, eSwatini, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We look forward to welcoming you to Gauteng.

Yours in Chess,
GAUTENG CHESS FEDERATION

Vicky Magu

PRESIDENT

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REGISTRATION FORM–OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDE ID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

Duly completed registration forms, together with proof of all payments must be e-mailed to: vickymagu@gmail.com and liezlbothma@hotmail.com

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REGISTRATION FORM GIRLS

SECTION:

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME/SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDE ID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

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REGISTRATION FORM – OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME/SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDE ID	FIDE TITLE

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