2021 AFRICAN SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: 12th to 20th December 2021

Venue: Pride Inn Azure Hotel
Nairobi, KENYA

https://www.prideinn.co.ke/hotels-in-nairobi/prideinn-azure/

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The Championships will be held at the Pride Inn Azure Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya from **December 12, 2021** (arrival) to **December 20, 2021** (departure).

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Age Groups

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

- Under 7 – players born on or after January 1, 2014
- Under 9 – players born on or after January 1, 2012
- Under 11 – players born on or after January 1, 2010
- Under 13 – players born on or after January 1, 2008
- Under 15 – players born on or after January 1, 2006
- Under 17 – players born on or after January 1, 2004

2.2 Criteria

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

2.3 Official Players

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

2.4 Additional Players

Each African Federation will be allowed to enter up to five 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 one player in each section, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

Subject to agreement with the organisers, 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.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

3.1 The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament.

3.2 The Time Control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1).

3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com.

3.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.

3.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

3.6 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.

4. TIE-BREAK

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.

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

a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
b) Buchholz Cut 1**
c) Buchholz.
d) Direct encounter between the players in tie.
e) Drawing of lots

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.
** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

5. AWARDS

6.1 Medals

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

6.2 Qualification

The winners of each age group category (both Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2022 World Schools Individual Chess Championships**.**

6.3 Titles

The winners in each age group category will also be awarded conditional FIDE titles as follows:

U17 Open/Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
U15 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
U13 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
U11, U9 & U7 Open /Girls	Gold, Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title

NOTE1: 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)

NOTE2: In the event of Gold, Silver or Bronze medal recipients already having the above titles, the titles will fall away (they do not shift down to lower places).
Thus, only Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists may and will qualify for titles.

NOTE3: Award of the above titles is subject to achieving the following minimum ratings: FM 2100; WFM 1900; CM 2000; WCM 1800

6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below:

Date	Activity	Time
Sunday December 12, 2021	Arrival Opening Ceremony	 19.00 hrs
Monday, December 13, 2021	Technical Meeting Round 1	10:00hrs 15:00hrs
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Round 2 Round 3	10:00hrs 15:00hrs
Wednesday, December 15, 2021	Round 4 Round 5	10:00hrs 15.00 hrs
Thursday, December 16, 2021	Rest Day and Sightseeing	All Day
Friday, December 17, 2021	Round 6	15:00 hrs
Saturday, December 18, 2021	Round 7 Round 8	10:00hrs 15:00 hrs
Sunday, December 19, 2021	Round 9 Awards, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	10:00hrs 18:00hrs
Monday, December 20, 2021	Departure	All Day

This 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.

7. ARBITRATION TEAM

7.1 The Chief Arbiter, will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

7.2 Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by African Chess Confederation President in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

8.1 The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.

8.2 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.

8.3 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 ONE Hour after the completion of the respective game.

8.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of **US $50.00** as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by, the deposit will be forfeited to the Chess Kenya Federation.

9. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

9.1 The accommodation and playing venue will be at Pride Inn Azure Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

9.2 The Championships will be played in the Conference Hall of the Hotel.

9.3 All participants and all accompanying persons are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation venue. Bookings for the official accommodation for the event must be done through the Organising Committee.

9.4 All official players (one player per Federation in each category) are entitled to free full board and lodging for **8 nights**; checking in after 14.00 hrs on **December 12, 2021,** and checking out before 12.00 hrs on **December 20, 2021,** at the official hotel in shared twin rooms.

9.5 All officials, accompanying persons and additional players from participating federations will lodge at **US$ 65.00** per person per day shared (in a twin room) or **US$ 95.00** per person per day in a single occupancy room). These rates include full board (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). The first meal provided by the organisers will be dinner on the evening of **December 12, 2021,** whilst the last meal will be breakfast on the morning of **December 20, 2021.** Any additional meals will be charged separately.

10.6 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid before the **November 28, 2021,** which will be the deadline.

10.7 Scanned copies of documents confirming bank transfer of funds should be e-mailed to the General Secretary of Chess Kenya on e-mail secretarychesskenya@gmail.com with a copy to the Chairman on e-mail benard.wanjalaw@gmail.com

10.8 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before **December 12, 2021,** or depart after **December 20, 2021,** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation, or pay for the additional days.

10. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

10.1 In compliance with ACC Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **US$ 50.00** per player.

10.2 Please note that when paying by bank transfer, the amount received into the account of the African Chess Confederation must be the full ACC Tournament Fee.

10.3 Any bank charges/fees or currency charges/fees must be paid in addition by the player/sponsor at the time of transfer.

10.4 One player in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as an official player, whilst all others will be designated as additional players.

10.5 ACC Tournament Fees must be paid into the account of the African Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by **November 28, 2021.**

ACCOUNT NAME	AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	62789737396
BANK NAME	FNB ZAMBIA
BRANCH NAME	COMMERCIAL
BRANCH SORT CODE	260001
SWIFT CODE	FIRNZMLXX
BANK ADDRESS	PLOT NO. 22768, ACACIA BUSINESS PARK CNR OF GREAT EAST & THABO MBEKI ROAD, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

11. REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees must be paid for all players (official and additional), every accompanying person, all officials, and all other members of delegations, including the head of delegation.

11.1 Registration must be completed by no later than **November 28, 2021,** with copies of passport and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all participating players and officials being sent to the Organisers by the indicated deadline date.

11.2 The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US$ 60.00** and must be paid into the account of the Chess Kenya Federation before **November 28, 2021.**

11.3 The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person is **US$ 60.00**.

11.4 Please note that when paying by bank transfer, the amounts received into the account of the Chess Kenya Federation must be the full Registration Fees and Accommodation payments.

11.5 Any bank charges/fees or currency charges/fees must be paid in addition by the player/sponsor at the time of transfer.

11.6 As indicated, the submitted registration forms must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title (if any), and passport number of each player.

11.7 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.

11.8 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the Chess Kenya Federation before **November 28, 2021**, by e-mail to confirm entry.

11.9 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to their designated hotels by protocols assigned at the airport.

11.10 All are requested to register early to help ease preparations.

12. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **November 28, 2021.**

13. BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Chess Kenya Federation as listed below, and proof of payment can be email to: secretarychesskenya@gmail.com and benard.wanjalaw@gmail.com

ACCOUNT NAME	CHESS KENYA
ACCOUNT NUMBER	02120162629400
BANK NAME	COOPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA
BRANCH NAME	KIMATHI STREET BRANCH
BRANCH CODE	11045
SWIFT CODE	KCOOKENA
BANK ADDRESS	P.O. BOX 7512-00200, NAIROBI, KENYA

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Kenyan Shilling KES Sh. with an Exchange Rate of 110.40 KES Sh. to 1.00 USD and 129.45 to 1.00 EUR.

15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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

16. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Kenya, these can be obtained from Kenyan Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries. Chess Kenya Federation is also available to assist in arranging for visa upon arrival if requests are made three weeks before **November 28, 2021**.

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

17. DRESS CODE

All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore shorts, slippers, sunglasses, sports caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.

18. DEADLINE DATE

18.1 Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **November 28, 2021**. This date is the registration deadline.

18.2 Late registration will attract a penalty charge of **US$ 50.00**. 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.

18.3 All changes and late registration shall be accepted until the registration deadline of **November 28, 2021**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

19. ORGANISERS CONTACTS

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20. 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, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We look forward to welcoming all of you to our wonderful country.

Yours in Chess
CHESS KENYA FEDERATION



Benard Wanjala
PRESIDENT

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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM - OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:		
	FAX:	E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRY	PLACE OF BIRTH	FIDE ID NUMBER	TITLE

Duly completed forms to should be e-mailed to secretarychesskenya@gmail.com with a copy to benard.wanjalaw@gmail.com

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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM - GIRLS SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:		
	FAX:	E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRY	PLACE OF BIRTH	FIDE ID NUMBER	TITLE

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OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL FEDERATION:		
	FAX:	E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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