



2023 ZONE 4.2 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 24th - April 1st, 2023

Hotel MIRABELLE

Dimbokro, Cote d'Ivoire

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Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Ivorian Chess Federation has the honor of inviting all Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) in Zone 4.2 to participate in the **2023 ZONE 4.2 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS** to be held at the Hotel MIRABELLE, Dimbokro, Cote d'Ivoire, from **March 24th, 2023 (arrival) to April 1st, 2023 (departure)**

2. PARTICIPATION

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.2 region which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE).
- Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.
- The federation from the host country will be allowed to enter up to ten (10) players in each category and hold a player in reserve; that can be registered if there are an odd number of participants.
- The African Chess Confederation President has the right to nominate additional players.
- Players holding the titles of IM, WIM or WFM have a personal right to enter the tournament. Participation under this right is subject to payment of the required ACC registration and tournament fees as well as accommodation fees
- One player in the Open Category and one in the Women's Category from each federation will be recognized as Official players whilst all the others will be Additional players.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament.
- 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 the first move (move 1)

- The games will be played using *Digital Clocks*; and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com
- Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

4. TIE-BREAK

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

- Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
- Buchholz Cut 1**;
- Buchholz;
- Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- Drawing of lots

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

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

5. TITLE AWARDS

The winners of each category of the championships will be awarded the title of Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Champion 2023

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three players respectively in each section of each category of the championships.

6. PRIZES

	OPEN SECTION	WOMEN'S SECTION
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1 st PLACE	1 200 USD	500 USD
2 nd PLACE	900 USD	300 USD
3 rd PLACE	750 USD	200 USD
4 th PLACE	500 USD	100 USD
5 th PLACE	300 USD	50 USD

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below, but subject to some changes if need be.

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of Round 1.

Schedule of Tournament		
Friday March 24, 2023	08:00 a.m.	Arrival
	08:00p.m.	Opening Ceremony
Saturday March 25, 2023	10.00a.m.	Technical Meeting
	03:00p.m	Round 1
Sunday March 26, 2023	10:00a.m.	Round 2
	04:00p.m	Round 3
Monday, March 27, 2023	10:00a.m.	Round 4
	04:00p.m	Round 5
Tuesday, March 28, 2023	All day	Free Day, Sightseeing
Wednesday, March 29, 2023	03.00p.m.	Round 6
Thursday, March 30, 2023	10.00a.m	Round 7
	04.00p.m.	Round 8
Friday, March 31, 2023	09.00a.m.	Round 9
	02.00p.m.	Blitz (Round 1 to 9)
	08.00p.m.	Awards, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Saturday 01 April 2023	All Day	Departure

9. CHIEF ARBITER & APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter and other members of the Arbitration Team for the 2023 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the ACC President.

The other two members of the Appeals Committee and the two reserve members will be chosen from among the participating Federations.

Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a deposit of **US\$ 100**. The deposit is refundable if the appeal is successful.

10. BOARD AND LODGING

10.1 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each section of each rating category at the official accommodation venue of the Hotel MIRABELLE

10.2 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will be able to lodge at the official accommodation venue of the Hotel MIRABELLE at a rate of **US\$ 40 per person** per day (sharing in a twin room) or **US\$ 50 per person** per day (single occupancy in a single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper).

10.3 All payments related to board and lodging must be concluded before the start of the Technical Meeting on **Saturday 25th March**.

10.4 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **March 24th, 2023** or depart after **April 1st, 2023** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

10.5 All payments must be made either to the account of the Ivorian Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 13. Bank Details or upon arrival.

If payments are not received before the start of the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11. TOURNAMENT FEES

In accordance with ACC Tournament Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay **ACC Tournament fees of US\$ 50.00 per player**. Fees must be paid to the account of the African Chess Confederation, by the deadline date of **March 20th, 2023** or upon arrival before the Technical Meeting.

12. REGISTRATION FEES

12.1 The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US\$ 60** and must be paid into the Ivorian Chess Federation Account before **March 20th, 2023**, or upon arrival before the Technical Meeting.

12.2 The Registration Fee for each official and accompanying person will be **US\$ 60**.

12.3 Payments may also be made upon arrival, provided a request is made to the Organizers.

12.4 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.

12.5 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the Registration or ACC Tournament Fees.

12.6 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organizing Committee officials on or before **March 20th, 2023**, by e-mail zonal4.2dimbokro2023@gmail.com or physically to confirm entry.

13. CURRENCY

The local currency is the F CFA (XOF).

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 550 F CFRA: 1 Euro = 650 F CFA.

14. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons before the Technical Meeting on **March 20th, 2022.**

15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Aéroport International Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament; Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Aéroport International Félix Houphouët Boigny, Abidjan Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by **March 20th, 2022.**

16. VISAS

For participants requiring visas to enter Côte d'Ivoire, these can be obtained from the Côte d'Ivoire Embassies or Consulate Offices in the respective countries.

The Local Organizing Committee will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials applying for visas and for presentation upon arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

17. DEADLINE DATE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organizing Committee not later than **March 20th, 2022.**

18. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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20. ZONE 4.2 COUNTRIES

- i. Burkina Faso
- ii. Cape Verde
- iii. Cote d'Ivoire
- iv. Gambia
- v. Ghana
- vi. Liberia
- vii. Mali
- viii. Niger
- ix. Nigeria
- x. Senegal
- xi. Sierra Leone
- xii. Togo

We look forward to welcoming you to Côte d'Ivoire!

Yours Sincerely,

IVORIAN CHESS FEDERATION

Brou Justin

PRESIDENT

**2023 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships
REGISTRATION FORM**

Federation Name:
Contact Person:
E-mail
Telephone:

Open Section

Women's Section

Accompanying Persons

To be sent to the Ivorian Chess Federation by Email to: zonal4.2dimbokro2023@gmail.com
before March 20th, 2023.