



2023 African Individual Chess Championships

5th to 14th May 2023

Hor Moheb Hotel

Pyramids Street, Giza

EGYPT

*Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the
Egyptian Chess Federation has the honor of hosting the
2023 African Individual Chess Championships*

Dear Chess Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Egyptian Chess Federation is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the International Chess Federation, FIDE to the 2023 African Individual Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Eastern Company Sporting Club, Pyramids Street Giza, EGYPT from **5th May 2023 (arrival) to 14th May 2023 (departure)**.

The event will comprise an **Open** Section and a **Women's** Section

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Players holding the titles of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament. Participation under this right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as well as accommodation costs.

2.2. Each National Federation is entitled to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each Section.

2.3. The host country shall have the right to enter ten (10) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number, the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

2.4. One player in the Open Section and one in the Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as Official Players whilst all the others will be Additional Players. The Official Players will be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the Championships.

2.5. The Winners, in both categories, of the five 2023 African Zonal Championships are eligible to participate in the 2022 African Individual Chess Championship with free board and lodging. This right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees.

2.6. The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players.

3. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

The Official Players as well as Additional players from each member Federation in each category will be required to pay an ACC Tournament Fee of **US \$ 50 each**.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Entry Forms must be completed by and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **27th April 2023**

4.2. The completed registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying persons.

4.3. The completed form must also include the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Head of Delegation and of the person in charge of the federation.

4.4. All players and accompanying persons must pay a Registration Fee of **US \$ 60** to the Organizers to complete the registration process prior to the Technical Meeting.

5. TRAVEL

5.1. All travel expenses to the host country are for the account of the participants or their National Federations.

5.2. The organizers will provide transportation from Cairo International Airport to the accommodation venue upon arrival on **5th May 2023** and back to the Airport on the departure day of **14th May 2023**.

6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1. The accommodation for players and officials will be at Hor Moheb Hotel, Pyramids Street, Giza EGYPT. The tournament shall be played in the Eastern Company Sporting Club, **200** meters behind the Hor Moheb Hotel.

6.2. All participants (players, officials and accompanying persons) are required to lodge at the official hotel.

6.3. Participating federations will receive free board and lodging for the official players (one player in each category).

6.4. Additional players, officials and accompanying persons will be required to pay for accommodation at the following rates:

- a) In Twin rooms: **70 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.
- b) In single rooms: **90 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5 Payments should be made upon arrival prior to allocation of rooms.

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

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

The Registration Forms for entries is attached herein.

Officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organizing Committee officials on or before **27th April 2023** by e-mail to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) **Cairo** International Airport on arrival and departure.

Please note that participants, officials and accompanying persons arriving before **5th May 23** or departing after **14th May 2023** will have to pay for the extra nights to the LOC upon arrival to Cairo Egypt.

7. PAYMENTS

All payments for Registration Fees, ACC Tournament Fees and accommodation should be made upon arrival at the Registration Desk at the Tournament and Accommodation Venue.

Proof of Payment in the form of receipts should be obtained once payments are made.

8. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS

8.1. The Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.2. The games will be played using DGT clocks and the pairings will be published and displayed on the tournament notice board as well as on the chess-results.com website.

8.3. Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may not be paired together in the last two (2) Rounds.

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

8.5. Zero Tolerance time will be applied for default.

9. A: TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below but this 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.

Table 1: Tournament Schedule

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday, 5 th May 2023	ALL DAY	Arrival of Participants
Saturday, 6 th May 2023	11.00 hrs. – 11.30 hrs. 17:00 hrs 17.15 hrs.	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Round 1
Sunday, 7 th May 2023	10.30 hrs 17.00 hrs.	Round 2 Round 3
Monday, 8 th May 2023	17.00 hrs.	Round 4
Tuesday, 9 th May 2023	10.30 hrs 17.00 hrs.	Round 5 Round 6
Wednesday, 10 th May 2023	FREE DAY	Sightseeing and Excursions
Thursday, 11 th May 2023	17.00 hrs.	Round 7
Friday, 12 nd May 2023	17.00 hrs.	Round 8
Saturday, 13 rd May 2023	10.30 hrs 18.00 hrs.	Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Sunday, 14 th May 2023	ALL DAY	Departure

9. B: 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.

10. ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 10.1.** The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.
10.2. Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall
10.3. During the game players are not allowed to go to the analysing room or press room
10.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session
10.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.
10.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves
10.7. If the game is in progress a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
10.8. All players must read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.
10.9. During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession
10.10. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version

11. ARBITERS, ARBITRATION TEAM AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter for the African Individual Chess Championships 2022 will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of a Chairman + 2 members + 2 reserves are chosen from among the participating federations at the Technical meeting.

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 US \$ 50 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

12. PRIZE STRUCTURE 20,000 USD

	<i>Open Section (US \$)</i>	<i>Women's Section (US \$)</i>
1st Prize	5,000	2,000
2nd Prize	3,000	1,500
3rd Prize	2,000	1,000
4th Prize	1,500	750
5th Prize	1,000	500
6th Prize	750	250
7th Prize	500	
8th Prize	250	

In the case of equal positions, the HORT system will be used to distribute the money prizes.

13. TITLE AWARDS

The winners of the Open Section and the Women's Section will be awarded the FIDE titles of International Grand Master (GM) and Woman International Grand Master (WGM) respectively; subject to the players having attained the following minimum ratings at some time: GM (2300) and WGM (2100)

Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The winners in each category of the Championships will be awarded the title of 2023 African Individual Chess Champion

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section of each category of the Championships.

14. QUALIFICATION FOR 2023 FIDE WORLD CUP AND THE 2023 FIDE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

The **2023** African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the **2023 FIDE World Cup** and the **2023 FIDE Women's World Cup**. The **winner** in the Open Section will qualify for the **2023 FIDE World Cup** whilst the **winner** in the Women's Section will qualify for the **2023 FIDE Women's World Cup**.

15. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Egyptian Pound. The current Exchange Rate is: **US \$ 1 = 30.75 EGP** and **Euro 1 = 33.39 EGP**

16. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **27th April 2023**.

17. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

International travelling arrangements and costs to and from Cairo International Airport are to be taken care of by respective federations or players participating in the AICC. Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Cairo International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organizing Committee before or by **27th April 2023**

18. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Egypt, these can be obtained from Egyptian Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries.

The LOC will avail official invitation letters to delegations that need these for visa processing. The organizers will advise the nationalities that qualify to obtain their visas on arrival at Cairo International Airport.

19. DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the LOC not later than the registration deadline of **27th April 2023**.

20. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

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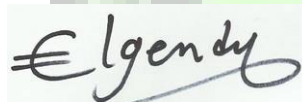
21. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

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 all to EGYPT

Yours Sincerely,

EGYPTIAN CHESS FEDERATION PRESIDENT



Dr. HESHAM ELGENDY



2023 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Giza, EGYPT 5th – 14th May 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

Federation name	
Contact person	
Email	
Telephone	

Open Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE rating	Title

Women Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE rating	Title

Accompanying Persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the LOC Tournament Director before or by **27th April 2023**

Federation Official Approval:

Name

Signature

Stamp