



2023 ZONE 4.4 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: 5th to 14th June 2023

Venue: Hotel AL-Trifie

Kassala – Sudan

INVITATION

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Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Sudan Chess Federation has the honor of inviting all Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) in Zone 4.4 to participate in the 2023 ZONE 4.4 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS to be held in **Hotel AL-Trifie, Kassala, Sudan**, from June 5th, 2023 (arrival to Khartoum) to June 14th, 2023 (departure from Kassala to Khartoum).

2. PARTICIPATION

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.4 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:

- 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. TITLE AWARDS:

- The winners of each category of the championships will be awarded the title of Zone 4.4 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:

Place	Open Section	Women's Section
1st place	1200 USD	500 USD
2nd place	900 USD	300 USD
3rd place	750 USD	200 USD
4th place	500 USD	100 USD
5th place	300 USD	50 USD

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

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

Schedule of Tournament

Date	Time	Event
Monday 5 th June	All Day	Arrival to Khartoum
Tuesday 6 th June	12:00	Departure to Kassala
	18:00	Arrival to Kassala
Wednesday 7 th June	10:00	Technical Meeting
	15:00	Opening Ceremony
	18:00	Round 1
Thursday 8 th June	09:00	Round 2
	15:00	Round 3
Friday 9 th June	09:00	Round 4
Saturday 10 th June	09:00	Round 5
	15:00	Round 6
Sunday 11 st June	09:00	Round 7
		Sightseeing and Excursions
Monday 12 nd June	15:00	Round 8
Tuesday 13 rd June	09:00	Round 9
	17:00	Awards, Prize Giving and Closing ceremony
Wednesday 14 th June	07:00	Departure from Kassala To Khartoum
Thursday 15 th June	All Day	Departure to the different countries

Blitz and Rapid Championship will be announced at the technical meeting

8. CHIEF ARBITER & APPEALS COMMITTEE

- The Chief Arbiter and other members of the Arbitration Team for the 2023 Zone 4.4 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 USD **(\$100.00)**. The deposit is refundable if the appeal is successful.

9. BOARD AND LODGING:

- i. Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each category, except Registration Fee for each participating player, and Services fee for officials and accompanying persons is USD **\$100.00**, which should be deposit into Sudan Chess Federation account before June 1st, 2023. In addition to the entry fee USD **\$50.00**, which should be deposit into the ACC account before June 1st, 2023.
- ii. All additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will pay USD **\$70.00**, per person per day (sharing in a twin room) and USD **\$100.00**, per person per day (single) in **Hotel AL-Trifie** in Kassala, Sudan. These indicated costs include 3 meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper) + (coffee breaks).

- iii. All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before June 1st, 2023 which will be the deadline.
- iv. All payments must be made either to the account of the Sudan Chess Federation or upon arrival.
- v. If payments are not received before the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- vi. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 5th, June 2023 or depart after 15th, June 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. TOURNAMENT FEES

In accordance with ACC Tournament Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament fees of USD **(\$50.00)** per player.

Fees must be paid to the account of the African Chess Confederation, by the deadline date of June 1st, 2023 or upon arrival before the Technical Meeting.

Please note that the fees paid must be the net amounts and that players who will not have been paid the ACC Tournament Fees will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11. REGISTRATION FEES

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is USD **(\$100.00)** and must be paid into the Sudan Chess Federation Account before June 1st, 2023, or upon arrival before the Technical Meeting.

- The Registration Fee for each official and accompanying person will be USD **(\$100.00)**.
- Payments may also be made upon arrival, provided a request is made to the Organizers.
- Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.
- 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.
- 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 June 1st, 2023, by E-mail sudanchessfederation@gmail.com or physically to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:

- Free Transfer (from and to) Khartoum International Airport on arrival and departure.
- Free lodging include 3 meals during the day of arrival in Khartoum, the day of transfer to Kassala, and the day of return to Khartoum before traveling to their countries.
- Arrival to Khartoum will be on June 5th, 2023 (all day). The departure time to Kassala city will be at (12:00 AM on June 6st, 2023). Participant who arrives after this appointment; the organizers were not responsible for traveling him to Kassala (the city in which the tournament will take place).

12. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

- i. All international traveling arrangements and costs to and from Khartoum International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament.
- ii. Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Khartoum's International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizers in advance, (not later than June 1st, 2023).

13. LOCAL CURRENCY:

The local currency is the Sudanese Bound (SDG). The current exchange rate is 1 Dollar for **600.00** SDG.

14. ACCREDITATION:

Each federation shall send names together with passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons on June 1st, 2023 or before the technical Meeting.

15. VISAS

For participants requiring visas to enter Sudan, these can be obtained from the Sudanese 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.

16. DEADLINE DATE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organizing Committee not later than June 1st, 2023.

17. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

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15. Countries affiliated to FIDE Zone 4.4 are:

1. Comoros Islands

8. Rwanda

2. Djibouti

9. Seychelles

3. Eritrea

10. South Sudan

4. Ethiopia

11. Somalia

5. Kenya

12. Sudan

6. Madagascar

13. Tanzania

7. Mauritius

14. Uganda

We look forward to welcoming you to Sudan!

Yours Sincerely,

SUDAN CHESS FEDERATION

OMER ABDULLAH DIAB

PRESIDENT

2023 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships REGISTRATION FORM

Federation Name:	
Contact Person:	
E-mail	
Telephone:	

Open Section

Women's Section

Accompanying Persons

To be sent to the Sudan Chess Federation by Email to: SudanChessFederation@gmail.com before June 1st, 2023.