



2023 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Dates: 1st to 9th September 2023 Venue:

Cairo, Egypt

<https://www.guardhotelcairo.website/>

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1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), The Egyptian Chess Federation has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2023 African Youth Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Guard Hotel, Cairo the Capital City of Arab Republic of Egypt, from 1st September 2023 (Arrival) to 9th September 2023 (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, 2015.

Under 10 - players born on or after January 1, 2013.

Under 12 - players born on or after January 1, 2011.

Under 14 - players born on or after January 1, 2009.

Under 16 - players born on or after January 1, 2007.

Under 18 - players born on or after January 1, 2005.

2. Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2023 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,WCM) plus up to 10 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 15 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 3 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.

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 **30th July 2023**. A copy of passport and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all participating players and officials must also be sent to the Organisers by the indicated deadline date.
2. An ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 50.00** is required to be paid for each player.
3. A Registration Fee of **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 from/to the official accommodation venue on the official arrival date of **1st September 2023**, as well as on the official departure date of **9th September 2023**.

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 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. The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com.
4. Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round (in case it's impossible only the first half or maximum possible number of top boards will come to this rule).
5. Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.
6. The default time will be 30 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) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
(This Tie System wont be used in case +50% of players are unrated)
- c) Buchholz Cut 1**
- d) Buchholz

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

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

6. AWARDS

Cups & Medals

The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Cup + 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 2024 World Youth Chess Championships and the 2024 World Cadets Chess Championships.

8. Titles

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.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here 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
Friday, 1 st September 2023	Arrival Opening Ceremony	19:00
Saturday, 2 nd September 2023	Technical meeting Round 1	10:00 15:00
Sunday, 3 rd September 2023	Round 2 Round 3	10:00 17:00
Monday, 4 th September 2023	Round 4 Round 5	10:00 17:00
Tuesday, 5 th September 2023	Rest Day and Sightseeing	All Day
Wednesday, 6 th September 2023	Round 6 Round 7	10:00 17:00
Thursday, 7 th September 2023	Round 8	15:00
Friday, 8 th September 2023	Round 9 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	10:00 17:00
Saturday, 9 th September 2023	Departure	12:00

8. 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.

8. 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.
- 9.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of 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 Egyptian Chess Federation.

10. BOARD AND LODGING

1. All participants are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation.
 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 **\$70** per person per day (sharing) or **\$90** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper)
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before **30th July 2023**, which will be the deadline.
4. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before **1st September 2023** or depart after **9th September 2023** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.
 5. All payments must be made to the account of the Egyptian Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 14. Bank Details.

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 **US\$ 50 per player**.
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 Egyptian Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by **30th July 2023**.

BANK NAME: *BANQUE MISR– Cairo branch 101*

ACCOUNT NAME: *Egyptian Chess Federation USD*

ACCOUNT No: 1010120000036324

BRANCH NAME: *Cairo branch 101*

BRANCH SORT CODE:

SWIFT CODE: *BMISEGCXXX_ OR_*

BMISEGCXTRF OR _ BMISEGCX101

BANK ADDRESS: 153 Mohamed Farid

St. Cairo – Egypt

IBAN (If applicable):

EG330002010101010120000036324

12. REGISTRATION FEES

1. The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US\$ 60** and must be paid into the account of the Egyptian Chess Federation before **30th July 2023**.
2. The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **US\$ 60**.
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 the Egyptian Chess Federation before **30th July 2023** by e-mail to confirm entry.
6. All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Cairo International Airport to the accommodation venue by protocols assigned at the airport.
7. 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 **30th July 2023**.

14. BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of Egyptian Chess Federation as listed below, and proof of payment should be emailed to: ahmed@adlychess.com, egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com and egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com

BANK NAME: *BANQUE MISR– Cairo branch101*
ACCOUNT NAME: *Egyptian Chess Federation USD*
ACCOUNT No: 1010120000036324
BRANCH NAME: *Cairo branch 101*
BRANCH SORT CODE:
SWIFT CODE: *BMISEGCXXXX_ OR_
BMISEGCXTRF OR_ BMISEGCX101*
BANK ADDRESS: 153 Mohamed
Farid ST. Cairo – Egypt
IBAN (If applicable):
EG330002010101010120000036324

15. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Egyptian Pound (EGP) with an Exchange Rate of 30.90 EGP to 1.00 USD and EGP 33.23 to 1.00 EUR.

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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

17. VISAS

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

The Egyptian 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 **30th July 2023** . This date is the registration deadline.

2.Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **US\$ 50**. 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 **7th August 2023 (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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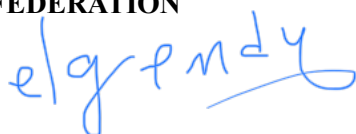
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21. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, 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 to Pharaohs Land!!

Yours in Chess,
EGYPTIAN CHESS FEDERATION



Dr. Hesham Elgendy
PRESIDENT

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REGISTRATION FORM–OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Duly completed registration forms, together with proof of all payments must be e-mailed to:
ahmed@adlychess.com and egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.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 BIRT H	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDE ID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

Duly completed registration forms, together with proof of all payments must be e-mailed to:
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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 BIRT H	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDE ID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

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