



2023 AFRICAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: 4TH DECEMBER 2023 – 12TH DECEMBER 2023

**VENUE: NOUAKCHOTT HOTEL 4 🌟
NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA**

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2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2023 African Junior Chess Championships are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) which comprise the African Chess Confederation who were born **on or after 1st January 2003**.

2.2 There will be separate Championships for the Open Category and the Girls Category.

2.3 The separate Championship for Girls shall be organized if there are at least 10 Girls entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise, the Girls' event will be merged into the Open Section.

2.4 Each Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of four (01 Official + 03 Additional) players in each Category (Open and Girls).

2.5 The host will be allowed to enter six (01 Official + 05 Additional) players in each Category and in case of an odd number one additional player could be added.

2.6 Subject to agreement with the organizers, the African Chess Confederation President may allow additional participants for the Tournament.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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

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 Championship, 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

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

5.1 Medals and Trophies:

The players taking the first three places in each category will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals respectively in addition to trophies.

5.2 Qualification:

The winners in each category (Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the 2024 World Junior Chess Championships.

5.3 Titles:

- a) Gold Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will be awarded IM and WIM Titles respectively; subject to attaining the following ratings: IM 2200; WIM 2000
- b) Gold Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will also be awarded GM and WGM Norms respectively.
- c) Equal first place in the Open and Girls Sections will qualify for the award of IM and WIM Titles; subject to the attaining the following ratings: IM 2200; WIM 2000. However, they will not be awarded the GM or WGM Norms respectively.
- d) Silver and Bronze Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will qualify for the award of FM and WFM Titles respectively; subject to the attaining the following ratings: FM 2100; WFM 1900

- e) Silver and Bronze Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will also be awarded of IM and WIM Norms.

6. 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
Monday, 4 th December 2023	Arrival from 10:00hrs	10:00hrs
Tuesday, 5 th December 2023	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Round 1	10:0hrs 16:00hrs 17:00hrs
Wednesday, 6 th December 2023	Round 2 Round 3	9:00hrs 16:00hrs
Thursday, 7 th December 2023	Round 4 Round 5	09:00hrs 16:00hrs
Friday, 8 th December 2023	Round 6	16:00hrs
Saturday, 9 th December 2023	Round 7 Beach Visit	09:00hrs 15:00hrs
Sunday, 10 th December 2023	Round 8	16:00hrs
Monday, 11 th December 2023	Round 9 Closing ceremony	09:00hrs 18:00hrs
Tuesday, 12 th December 2023	Departure	12:00hrs

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 **30 minutes** after the completion of the respective game.

8.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of **100 € (Euros)** 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 appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the FERIM.

9. BOARD AND LODGING

9.1 All participants are expected to lodge at the official accommodation.

9.2 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each Category (Open and Girls);

9.3 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **70 € (Euros)** per person per day (sharing) or **90 € (Euros)** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner); All payments related to board and lodging must be affected before the **10th November 2023**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers);

9.4 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 4th December 2023 or depart after 12th December 2023 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

9.5 All payments must be made to the account of the Mauritania Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 13. Bank Details or upon arrival subject to a specific request to the Organizers. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.





10. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

- 10.1 In accordance with ACC Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **50 € per player**.
- 10.2 One player in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as official player while all others will be
- 10.3 additional players;
- 10.4 Fees must be paid into the account of the African Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by **10th November 2023**.

Beneficiary Account Number	02990410181 83
Beneficiary Name	Fédération Mauritanienne des jeux d'échecs
Beneficiary Address	B119 Stade olympique B.P 2598 Nouakchott-Mauritanie
Beneficiary Bank	Banque Mauritanienne pour le Commerce International
SWIFT CODE	MBICMRMR
IBAN (If applicable)	/MR1300010000010299041018183
Intermediary Bank Name (If applicable)	NATIXIS (Currency EUR)
Intermediary Bank Swift Code (If applicable)	NATXFRPPXXXX
Intermediary Bank Address (If applicable)	68/76 Quai de la rapée 75012 Paris-France

11. REGISTRATION FEES

The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 € (Euros)**. This payment includes transportation from and to the airport, accreditation, identification badges and organization costs and must be paid into the Mauritania Chess Federation account before **10th November 2023**.

- 11.1 The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **100 € (Euros)**;
- 11.2 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 in the tournament.
- 11.3 Only Federations 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. All registrations should be sent to mtncchess@yahoo.fr
- 11.4 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;
- 11.5 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Mauritania Chess Federation officials on or before **10th November 2023** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- 11.6 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Nouakchott Oum Tounsi International Airport
- 11.7 All are requested to register early to help ease preparations.

10. ACCREDITATION

10.1 Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **10th November 2023**.

11. BANK DETAILS

13.1 Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Mauritania Chess Federation as listed below, and proof of payment forwarded to smtajidine@yahoo.fr

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Present details of payment to the official federation address.

12. LOCAL CURRENCY

12.1 The local currency is the Mauritania Ouguiya (MRU) with the current exchange rate at **1 Euro = 40.71 MRU** and **US\$1 = 37.94 MRU** (There may be slight changes)

13. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All travel arrangements and costs to and from Nouakchott Oum Tounsi International Airport are covered by us; the organizers will meet the participants and the accompanying persons at the international airport of Nouakchott Oum Tounsi provided that the complete itinerary of each participant and their accompanying persons is communicated in advance to the organizer.

14. VISAS

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

Most countries can also obtain Visas on arrival at the Airport (please crosscheck this before setting off).

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

15. DRESS CODE

- 15.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.
- 15.2 The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.

16. DEADLINE DATE

- 16.1 Entry forms must be filled by the respective federation and returned to the host federation not later than **10th November 2023**. This date is the registration deadline.
- 16.2 Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 € (Euros)**; 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.
- 16.3 All changes and late registration shall be accepted until **10th November 2023 (late registration Deadline)**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

17. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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18. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, 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 you to Nouakchott!!

Yours in Chess,

MAURITANIA CHESS FEDERATION



Tajedine Sidi Mohamed
PRESIDENT



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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM–OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME/SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDEID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

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PLAYER REGISTRATIONFORM – GIRLS SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

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REGISTRATION FORM – OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

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Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

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