



**2024 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 12th -21st March
2024 ACCRAGHANA**



**Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Ghana Chess Association has the honour of hosting the 2024 African Chess Individual Championships.
Dear Chess Friends,**

1. INVITATION

1.1 Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Ghana Chess Federation is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the International Chess Federation, FIDE to the 2024 African Individual Chess Championships.

1.2. The Championships will be held at the Accra International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana from **12th March, 2024 (arrival) to 21st March, 2024 (departure)**.

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

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Players holding the titles of GM, WGM, or WIM have personal rights 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 5 players in each section.

2.3. The host country shall have the right to enter up to 10 players in each section. In the event the total number of players in any section is an odd number, the host country has the right to add an additional player.

2.4. Each participating federation shall nominate one player in each section as an Official Player whilst the remaining players shall be Additional Players. The Official players shall be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the championship.

2.5. The winners of the 2023 African Zonal Championships are eligible to participate in the championships with free board and lodging for the duration of the tournament. This is also subject to paying the required Registration and ACC 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. All players and accompanying persons/officials are to pay a Registration Fee of **US \$ 60** to the Organizers to complete the accreditation process by the stipulated deadline.

4.2. Entry Forms (attached) must be completed by and returned to the

Organizing Committee not later than **20th February, 2024**. Email entries should be sent to christianaashley1984@yahoo.com and copied to ghanachess@gmail.com

4.3. 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.

4.4. 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.

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

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 Kotoka International Airport, Accra to the accommodation venue upon arrival on **12th March, 2024** and back to the Airport on the departure day of **21st March, 2024**.

6. ACCOMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1. The accommodation for players and officials will be at (to be announced later), Accra, Ghana. The tournament shall be played at the Accra International Conference Centre.

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

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

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

a) In Twin rooms: **US \$ 80** per person per day, 3 meals included.

b) In single rooms: **US \$ 95** per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5. Accommodation payments should be made into the Ghana Chess Association account provided in item 7. Federations/players whose fees remain by the stipulated deadlines risk not being allowed to participate in the championships.

6.6. Refunds will not be made for Registration or ACC Tournament Fees in case of a no-show.

6.7. Please note that participants, officials and accompanying persons arriving before **12th March, 2024** or departing after **21st March, 2024** will have to pay for the extra nights to the LOC upon arrival to Accra, Ghana.

7. PAYMENTS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Ghana Chess Association as listed below, and proof of payment should be emailed to: eddiesosu@gmail.com and copy ghanachess@gmail.com

ACCOUNT NAME	GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	904000410012
BANK NAME	STANBIC BANK GHANA
BRANCH NAME	Spintex-Road Branch
BRANCH SORT CODE	190103
SWIFT CODE	SBICGHAC
BANK ADDRESS	PLOT NO.43, SPINTEX ROAD, OPPOSITE PAPAYE RESTAURANT, ACCRA, GHANA

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.

8.2. Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with additional of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.3. The game 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.

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

8.5. Zero Tolerance time will be applied for default.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

9.1. The tournament schedule is as indicated here below but this may however be changed should the need arise.

9.2. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Table 1.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
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Tuesday March 12, 2024	All day	Arrival of Participants
Wednesday March 13, 2024	11.00hrs – 11.30hrs 17:00hrs 17.15hrs	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Round 1
Thursday March 14, 2024	10:30 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 2 Round 3
Friday March 15, 2024	15:30hrs	Round 4
Saturday March 16, 2024	Free day	Sight Seeing
Sunday March 17, 2024	15:00hrs	Round 5
Monday March 18, 2024	10:30hrs 17:30hrs	Round 6 Round 7
Tuesday March 19, 2024	10:30hrs	Round 8
Wednesday March 20, 2024	10:30hrs 18:00hrs	Round 9 Awards

9. B. TIE BREAKS

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 (AROC1)*
- b. Buchholz Cut 1**
- c. Buchholz
- d. Direct encounter between the players in tie:
- e. Drawing of lots

*Average Rating of Opponent, 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. Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

10.3. During the game players are not allowed to go to the analyzing 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

11.1. The Chief Arbiter for the African Individual Chess Championships 2024 will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

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

11.3. 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. TITLES & MEDALS

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

12.2. Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations. The winners in each category of the Championship will be awarded the tile of 2024 African Individual Chess Champion.

13. PRIZE STRUCTURE

OPEN SECTION	CASH PRIZE (US \$)	WOMEN SECTION (US \$)	
1 st Prize	5,000	1 st Prize	2,000

2 nd Prize	3,000	2 nd Prize	1,500
3 rd Prize	2,000	3 rd Prize	1,000
4 th Prize	1,500	4 th Prize	750
5 th Prize	1,000	5 th Prize	500
6 th Prize	750	6 th Prize	250
7 th Prize	500		
8 th Prize	250		

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

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

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Ghana Cedis. The exchange rates for payments is : US\$ 1 = 12.50 GHC and Euro 1 = 15.20 GHC.

15. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **20th February, 2024.**

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

International travelling arrangements and costs to and from Kotoka 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 Kotoka International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organizing Committee before or by **20th February, 2024.**

17. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Ghana, these can be obtained from Ghana Embassies or Consulate Officers 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 visas on arrival at Kotoka International Airport.

18. DEADLINE

18.1. Entry forms must be filled by the respective federation and returned to the LOC not later than the registration deadline of February 20, 2024. All fees must

be transferred to the Ghana Chess Association Accounts by 23rd February, 2024.

18.2. Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **US\$ 50** whereby the host nation shall reserve the right to accept or not.

19. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

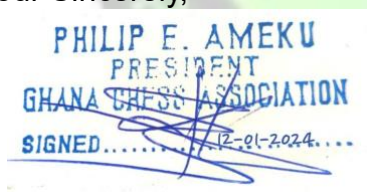
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Angela Ayiku

20. 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 Ghana.

Your Sincerely,



PHILIP E. AMEKU
PRESIDENT
GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
SIGNED..... 12-01-2024.....

PRESIDENT-GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FORMS

**2024 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS ACCRA,
GHANA, 12TH – 21ST MARCH, 2024 REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:	
Federation:	
Email:	

Mobile:					
OPEN SECTION					
	Surname	Other Names	FIDE ID	Rating	Title
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
WOMEN SECTION					
	Surname	Other Names	FIDE ID	Rating	Title
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
PLAYERS WITH PERSONAL RIGHTS					
	Surname	Other Names	FIDE ID	Rating	Title
1					
2					
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