



# 2024 ZONE 4.2 INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



May 9-18, 2024

SINKOR PALACE HOTEL

CONGO TOWN | MONROVIA, LIBERIA

# Sponsors' corner

# 1. Welcome/Invitation

## 1.1. Dear Friends,

The Liberia Chess Federation (LCF), under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC) and in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Liberia, has the honor of inviting all federations within the Zone 4.2 region that are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2024 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships.

## 1.2. The event will comprise an Open Section and a Women's section.

## 1.3. The Championships will be held from May 9, 2024 (arrival) to May 18, 2024 (departure) at the Sinkor Palace Hotel in Congo Town, Monrovia, Liberia.

# 2. Participants

## 2.1. In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.2 region which are affiliated to FIDE.

## 2.2. Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.

## 2.3. The host federation reserves the right to field up to seven (7) players in each category and also hold a player in reserve; that can be registered if there are an odd number of participants.

## 2.4. Subject to agreement with the organizers, the Zone 4.2 President and ACC President may allow additional participants for the tournament.

## 3. Tournament Regulations

- 3.1. It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament.
- 3.2. 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 Boards, Digital Clocks; and pairings will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> move.
- 3.6. The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.

## 4. Tie-Break

- 4.1. In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - 4.1.1. By the results between the players involved in the tie
  - 4.1.2. Buchholz, the highest number wins;
  - 4.1.3. Number of wins by black, the highest wins
  - 4.1.4. The highest rating



## 5. Prizes

5.1. General prizes will be provided for the Open and Women sections based on the below spread. These prizes will be improved based on support from sponsors. The Top 5 best performing Juniors (players aged 20 and below) in the Open Section will get cash prizes as well.

5.2. Table of prizes for Open and Women sections:

GENERAL CASH PRIZES			
FINAL RANKING	OPEN	WOMEN	BEST JUNIORS (Open/Women)
FIRST	\$1,200	\$800	\$300
SECOND	\$800	\$600	\$250
THIRD	\$650	\$400	\$200
FOURTH	\$450	\$200	
FIFTH	\$300	\$150	

5.3. Special cash prizes will also be available to promote homegrown talents and to encourage competition in rating bands.

5.4. Note: Prizes may be increased based on actualization of commitments from sponsors.

5.5. Table of prizes for special categories:

SPECIAL CATEGORY CASH PRIZES			
FINAL RANKING	BEST U1800	BEST U2000	BEST U2200
FIRST	\$250	\$250	\$250

## 6. Tournament Schedule

6.1. The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However, any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

EVENT SCHEDULE   MAY 1-18, 2024		
DATE	TIME (GMT+0)	ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024	ALL DAY	ARRIVAL
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024	10:00	TECHNICAL MEETING
	15:00	ROUND 1
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024	10:00	ROUND 2
	15:00	ROUND 3
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024	10:00	ROUND 4
	15:00	ROUND 5
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024	ALL DAY	REST DAY
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024	15:00	ROUND 6
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024	15:00	ROUND 7
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024	15:00	ROUND 8
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024	10:00	ROUND 9
	18:00	CLOSING CEREMONY
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024	ALL DAY	DEPARTURE

## 7. Arbitration & Appeals

- 7.1. The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and other members of the Arbitration Team for the 2024 Zone 4.2 Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the Zonal President in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- 7.2. The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating federations.
- 7.3. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Zonal President.
- 7.4. 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 ONE Hour after the completion of the respective game.
- 7.5. A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of US\$50.00 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 LCF.

## 8. Participation & Registration

- 8.1. All official players and additional players shall be required to pay a Zonal fee of \$50 per player.
- 8.2. The Registration Fee for each participating player and accompanying persons is \$60 and must be paid into the Liberia Chess Federation's account before April 30, 2024.
- 8.3. Late registration attracts a penalty charge of \$20. The host federation will

thereafter reserve the rights to accept or reject any player.

- 8.4. Payments may be made also upon arrival; provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players whose Fees remain unpaid at the end of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- 8.5. One player in the Women Category and one in the Open category from each federation will be recognized as official players while all others will be additional players.
- 8.6. Only Federations can register players.
- 8.7. No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying Registration or Zonal fees.
- 8.8. Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Liberia Chess Federation officials on or before April 30, 2024 by email to confirm entry.
- 8.9. All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:
- 8.10. Transportation to and from Roberts International Airport on the arrival and departure dates.
- 8.11. For players, free bottled water, coffee or tea and snacks during time of play.

## 9. Boarding and Lodging

- 9.1. All additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at \$70 per person per day (sharing) or \$95 per person per day (single room). This payment (\$70 for sharing and \$95 for single room)



- is for full boarding, which includes 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- 9.2. All payments related to board and lodging must be made before the **DEADLINE DATE**, which is April 30, 2024.
  - 9.3. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the official arrival date or depart after the official departure date will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.
  - 9.4. Participating Federations will receive free full boarding for one player in each section.

## 10. Total Cost of Participation

COST OF PARTICIPATION SUMMARY: REGISTRATION, BOARDING AND LODGING					
	PARTICIPANTS CATEGORY	REG	DAYS	FULL BOARD/ DAY	TOTAL
A	Official Players (sharing)	\$110	9	\$0	\$110
A1	Official Players (single)	\$110	9	\$75	\$785
B	Additional Players (sharing)	\$110	9	\$70	\$740
B1	Additional Players (single)	\$110	9	\$95	\$965
C	Accompanying persons (sharing)	\$60	9	\$70	\$690
C1	Accompanying persons (single)	\$60	9	\$95	\$915

- 10.1. All payments must be made to the account of the Liberia Chess Federation using the bank details as indicated below 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.

# 11. Accreditation

11.1. Each federation should send names together with Passport size photos for all their players, officials and accompanying persons by April 30, 2024.

# 12. Bank Details

## BANK TRANSFER INFORMATION (US DOLLAR ACCOUNTS)

ACCOUNT NAME	LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	6100000092
BANK NAME	ECOBANK LIBERIA
BRANCH NAME	HEAD OFFICE
SWIFT CODE	ECOCLRLM
BANK ADDRESS	10TH STREET SINKOR, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

ACCOUNT NAME	LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	53030550012132
BANK NAME	UBA LIBERIA
BRANCH NAME	HEAD OFFICE
SWIFT CODE	UNAFRLM
BANK ADDRESS	BROAD & NELSON STREETS, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

## 13. Local Currency

13.1. The legal tenders in Liberia are the Liberian Dollar and the United States Dollar.

## 14. Travel Arrangements

14.1. All traveling arrangements and costs to get to or depart from the Roberts International Airport (or other points of entry at the various land borders) are to be taken care of by respective federations or respective players participating in the tournament.

14.2. Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Roberts International Airport or at a Bus Terminal in Monrovia provided that the full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer by April 30, 2024.

## 15. VISA & VACCINE CARDS

15.1. For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas, these can be obtained from Liberian embassies or consulate offices in your respective countries. Most countries can also process e-visas in advance and obtain Visas on arrival at the airport.

15.2. We will avail an official invitation to delegations that need a copy for VISA processing.

15.3. It's compulsory in Liberia for travelers to have a Valid Yellow Fever Vaccine Book and could be asked for COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate.

## 16. Deadline

16.1. Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than April 30, 2024. This date is the registration deadline.

## 17. Organizers' Contacts

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## 18. Zone 4.2 Countries

- 18.1. Burkina Faso
- 18.2. Cape Verde
- 18.3. Côte d'Ivoire
- 18.4. Gambia
- 18.5. Ghana
- 18.6. Liberia
- 18.7. Mali
- 18.8. Niger
- 18.9. Nigeria
- 18.10. Senegal
- 18.11. Sierra Leone
- 18.12. Togo

Yours Sincerely,



Thomas Karyah  
President  
Liberia Chess Federation (LCF)



# 19. Registration Form

2024 ZONE 4.2 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS REGISTRATION FORM			
FEDERATION NAME			
CONTACT PERSON			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
PHONE NUMBER			
OPEN SECTION PLAYERS			
SURNAME	NAME	FIDE ID	RATING
WOMEN SECTION PLAYERS			
SURNAME	NAME	FIDE ID	RATING
ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S)			
SURNAME	NAME	DESIGNATION	

19.1. This form should be filled by zone 4.2 federations and emailed to the Liberia Chess Federation ([federationchessliberia@gmail.com](mailto:federationchessliberia@gmail.com)) before April 30, 2024.

## 20. About the Republic of Liberia

- 20.1. Liberia is the oldest republic in Africa, established in 1847. It was founded by freed African-American slaves and became an independent state. The country's capital, Monrovia, was named after James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States, who supported the establishment of Liberia.
- 20.2. Liberia is home to some of the richest biodiversity in Africa, with extensive rainforests and a variety of wildlife, including elephants, chimpanzees, and pygmy hippos.
- 20.3. Guests in Liberia can explore beautiful natural beaches along a very long stretch of the Atlantic Ocean, such as Robertsport and Buchanan where professional surfers visit regularly every year for training.
- 20.4. Sapo National Park, located in southeastern Liberia, is one of the largest tropical rainforests in the world and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- 20.5. Liberia has a strong sports culture with football being the leading sport. That said, Chess has grown in popularity since the civil wars because it offered many Liberians a form of solace during the country's dark years and recently so many young Liberians have taken to chess for entertainment, socioeconomic and educational reasons.

# 21. The Liberia Chess

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