



2025 African Individual Chess Championships

12th May to 21st May

EGYPT

Under the patronage of the **African Chess Confederation**, the **Egyptian Chess Federation** is proud to host the **2025 African Individual Chess Championships**



Dear friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the patronage of the African Chess Confederation, the **Egyptian Chess Federation** is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to the **2025 African Individual Chess Championships**

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Players holding the titles of GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM and WFM have a personal right 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 five (5) players in each Section. Players qualifying under Clause 2.1 are not included in this allocation.

2.3 The host country shall have the right to enter ten (10) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number, the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

2.4 One player in the Open Section and one in the Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as Official Players, whilst all the others will be Additional Players. The Official Players will be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the Championships. Double Rooms

2.5 The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players. Participation of the nominated players is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as well as accommodation costs.

3. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

All players participating in the 2025 African Individual Chess Championship will be required to pay an ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 60** per person.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Entry Forms must be completed and returned to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) not later than 30th April 2025. Email Entries:

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4.2 The completed registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying people.

4.3 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.

4.4 All players and accompanying people must pay a Registration Fee of **US\$ 50** per person to the LOC to complete the registration process prior to the Technical Meeting.



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 Cairo International Airport to the accommodation venue upon arrival on 12th May 2025 and back to the Airport on the departure day of 21st May 2025.

6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1 The accommodation for players and officials will be at Elite Hotel. The tournament will be held at Police Union Club.

6.2 All participants (players, officials, and accompanying people) are required to lodge at the official venue.

6.3 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for the Official Players (one player in each category).

6.4 Additional players, officials and accompanying people will be required to pay for accommodation at the following rates:

- Single rooms: 100 US\$ per person per day, 3 meals included.
- Double rooms: 80 US\$ per person per day, 3 meals included.
- Triple rooms: 70 US\$ per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5 Payments must be made prior to, or upon arrival, before the allocation of rooms.

6.6 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

6.7 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying Registration or ACC Tournament Fees.

Officials must fill in the form and return it to the designated Local Organizing Committee officials on or before 30th April 2025 by e-mail to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying people are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Cairo International Airport on the arrival and departure dates, respectively.

❖ Please note that participants, officials, and accompanying people arriving before 12th May 2025 or departing after 21st May 2025 will have to either pay for the extra nights at the official accommodation venue or make separate accommodation arrangements for the indicated period outside the tournament schedule.

7. PAYMENTS

ACC Tournament Fees must be paid directly to the Egyptian Chess Federation's account either online or by bank transfer and proof of payment provided when registering for the event.

All ACC Tournament Fees, net of bank charges, must be paid by 30th April 2025 to the ECF account indicated here below:



Bank Name	Banque Misr – 153 Mohamed Farid St. Cairo - Egypt
SWIFT Code	BMISEGCXXXX – OR – BMISEGCXTRF
IBAN Account Number	EG33000201010101012000036324
Account Number	1010120000036324
ID	14969987
Account Name	الاتحاد المصري للشطرنج دولار

- Delegations opting to make their hotel and other payments upon arrival in Cairo should obtain prior approval from the Local Organizing Committee and will be responsible for ensuring that all payments are made in accordance with applicable rates on the date of payment.
- The Local Organizing Committee will advise on the applicable rates on the applicable date of payment.
- It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that Proof of Payment is made available to the Local Organizing Committee.
- For ease of identification, Bank Transfers or Deposit Slips should have the reference of 2025 African Individual Chess Championships with the Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered with the referenced payment.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

Any changes to the schedule will be made during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday, 12 th May 2025	All day	Arrival
Tuesday, 13 th MAY 2025	10.00 4.30 5.00	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Round 1
Wednesday, 14 th May 2025	11.00 6.00	Round 2 Round 3
Thursday, 15 th May 2025	11.00 6.00	Round 4 Round 5
Friday, 16 th May 2025	All day	Rest day
Saturday, 17 th May 2025	5.00	Round 6
Sunday, 18 th May 2025	5.00	Round 7
Monday, 19 th May 2025	5.00	Round 8
Tuesday, 20 th May 2025	11.00 6.00	Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Wednesday, 21 st May 2025	All day	Departure

9. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS

9.1 The Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The Time Control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.



9.2 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.

9.3 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may not be paired together in the last two (2) Rounds.

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

9.5 The default time is 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the round.

10. TIE BREAK

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- **Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1)**
- **Buchholz Cut 1**
- **Buchholz.**
- **Direct encounter between the players in tie**
- **Drawing lots**

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

Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

11. ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

11.1 The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.

11.2 Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall.

11.3 During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room.

11.4 Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session.

11.5 Only the participating players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

11.6 Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves.

11.7 If the game is in progress, a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the FIDE Laws of Chess.

11.8 All participating players **MUST** read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.

11.9 During the play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

11.10 The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version

12. ARBITERS, ARBITRATION TEAM AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

12.1 The Chief Arbiter and the Arbitration Team for the 2025 African Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.



12.1 The Appeals Committee will consist of a chairman and 2 members appointed by the ACC President, with 2 reserves chosen from amongst 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 US\$ 100 deposit. The deposit is refundable if the appeal is successful.

13. PRIZE STRUCTURE

PRIZE	Open Section	Women's Section
1 st Prize	US\$ 5000	US\$ 2000
2 nd Prize	US\$ 3000	US\$ 1500
3 rd Prize	US\$ 2000	US\$ 1000
4 th Prize	US\$ 1500	US\$ 750
5 th Prize	US\$ 1000	US\$ 500
6 th Prize	US\$ 750	US\$ 250
7 th Prize	US\$ 500	—
8 th Prize	US\$ 250	—

In the case of equal final positions, the HORT system will be used to distribute the prizes.

14. TITLE AWARDS

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

14.2 Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations. The winners in each category of the Championships will be awarded the title of 2025 African Individual Chess Champion.

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

15. QUALIFICATION FOR FIDE WORLD CUP 2025

The 2025 African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the FIDE World Cup 2025. The **top 1** placed player in both the **Open** and **Women** sections will qualify for the **FIDE World Cup 2025**.

16. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the **Egyptian Pound (EGP)** The current Exchange Rate is: US \$ 1 = **50.27** EGP and Euro 1 = **54.68** EGP.

This rate is variable according to the Central Bank of Egypt.

17. ACCREDITATION

Each federation must send names for registration together with passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying people by 30th April 2025.



18. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

International travelling arrangements and costs to and from Cairo International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or the players participating in the tournament.

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying people at Cairo International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organizing Committee by 30th April 2025.

19. VISAS

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

The Local Organizing Committee will avail of official invitation letters to delegations that need these for processing visas. The organizers will advise the nationalities that qualify to obtain their visas on arrival at Cairo International Airport.

20. DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled in by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organizing Committee not later than the registration deadline of 30th April 2025

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

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

22. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

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We look forward to welcoming you to the land of history and civilization, Egypt!

Best Regards,

Tournament Director

Kareim Wageih



Registration Forms

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OPEN SECTION							
Surname	Other Names	Country	FIDE ID	Passport ID	CURRENT FIDE Rating	Title	Passport Copy

<https://forms.gle/3nLpHiWrG3TKPhcy9>

WOMEN SECTION							
Surname	Other Names	Country	FIDE ID	Passport ID	CURRENT FIDE Rating	Title	Passport Copy

<https://forms.gle/yiwNqzbzHGGZzDF9Y7>

Players Information							
Surname	Other Names	Country	FIDE ID	Passport ID	CURRENT FIDE Rating	Title	Passport Copy

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