




## 2025 AFRICAN SUPER ZONAL INVITATION AND REGULATIONS

   Under the auspices of the  
**NATIONAL SPORTS  
COMMISSION**

# **SUPER ZONAL CHESS**

## **CHAMPIONSHIP 2025**

Featuring All African 2024  
& 2025 Zonal Champions

**Round Robin System**

90 mins for the first 40 moves  
30 mins for the rest of the game  
30 secs increment from move 1

**date:**  
**10th - 16th  
April, 2025**

 **Ikeja, Lagos**

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## **INVITATION**

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## **1. INVITATION**

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- 1.2 The Championships will be held at Citiheight Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria from the 10, April, 2025 to 16, April, 2025. 9, April 2025 is Arrival while 17, April 2025 is Departure.

## **2. PARTICIPATION**

- 2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the African Super Zonal Chess Championship 2025 are strictly opened to all champions of each zone from 2024 and 2025.
- 2.2. Participants are Champions of Zone 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 for 2024 and 2025 under both Opens and Women categories.
- 2.3 There will be separate Championships for the Open Category and the Women Category.
- 2.4 Each Zonal Champion (both male and female) from 2024 and 2025 would be allowed to participate in the Super Zonal Chess Championship.  
In a situation where a player is the champion of the zone in both 2024 and 2025, the first runner up in 2025 will qualify to be the second player.
- 2.5 The Registration Fee for each participating player and accompanying persons is \$100.

## **3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

- 3.1 The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a Round Robin 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.
- 3.3 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.
- 3.4 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.
- 3.5 Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the principals are allowed in the playing area. For the purpose of this clause, the Sponsors/Partners shall be treated as a Principal with the approval of the organizer. During a game, a player can only communicate with a Principal, any Sponsor/Official of the event.

- 3.6 During playing session, players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player will lose the current game.
- 3.7 Whilst his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the chief arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. If this is violated, the player gets the very first warning and if violated the second time, his/she's current game would be declared lost.
- 3.8 The Organizer has to fulfil the requirements of the medical protocol as per standards of the FIDE Medical commission and host country requirements.

#### 4. **TIE-BREAK**

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

- a) Sonneborn-Berger
- b) Number of wins including byes (WIN)
- c) Direct Encounter
- d) Greater number of wins as Black

#### 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:**

5.2.1 The winners in each category (Open and Female) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the **FIDE World Cup 2025**.

5.2.2 The winners in each category (Open and Female) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the **FIDE Grand Swiss Event 2025**.

5.2.3 **Titles:** The winner in the Open category will be awarded an IM title if not one.

Note that Direct Titles will be awarded according to FIDE handbook and the link to the table <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>

And respectively FIDE Title Regulations effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 is as below;  
<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B012024>

## 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.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Arrivals</b>	<b>12:00 Pm</b>
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Technical Meeting</b>	<b>8:30 Am</b>
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>9:00 Am</b>
<b>Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>4:00 Pm</b>
<b>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 3</b>	<b>9:00 Am</b>
<b>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 4</b>	<b>4:00 Pm</b>
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 5</b>	<b>9:00 Am</b>
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>4:00 Pm</b>
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>REST DAY</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 7</b>	<b>9:00 Am</b>
<b>Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 8</b>	<b>4:00 Pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Round 9</b>	<b>9:00 Am</b>
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Closure</b>	<b>4:00 Pm</b>
<b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>All Day</b>

## 7. ARBITRATION TEAM

- 7.1 The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation.
- 7.2 Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by African Chess Confederation in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.

## 8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 1 reserve.
- 8.2 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation while the other 2 members and 1 reserve 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 (NCF).

## **9. BOARD AND LODGING**

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

9.2 ACC will receive free board and lodging for all the players.

9.3 The Host will provide boarding and lodging for technical team.

9.4 Accompanying individuals or officials from participating Federations will lodge at

60 £ (Euros) per person per day (Sharing in triple room).

75 £ (Euros) per person per day (sharing in double room).

95 £ (Euros) per person per day (single room).

This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

9.5 All payments related to board and lodging must be affected before the immediately on arrival.

9.6 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the agreed arrival date or depart after the agreed 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.

9.7 All payments must be made to the Nigerian Chess Federation official representative.

9.8 No refunds will be made for any individual, official, or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying for lodging/accommodation.

9.9 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer to and from Muritala Mohammad Airport, Lagos to the hotel and venue.

## **10. ACCREDITATION**

10.1 Each zone shall register names together with Passport size photos and all registration. requested documents for all the qualified player, Officials and Accompanying persons by

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.**

## **11. VISAS**

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

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

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

## **12. DRESS CODE**

12.1 All players are required to be smartly dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

12.2 The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.

12.3 Traditional outfit can also be allowed.

## **PRINCIPALS**

1. FIDE President
2. FIDE Deputy President
3. ACC President
4. ACC Vice President
5. Zonal Presidents
6. Fair-play officers
7. Press Officer
8. Member of FIDE medical Commission
9. All African Delegates
10. Sponsors/Partners

Yours Sincerely,

**Prince Adeyinka Adewole**  
**Chairman,**  
**Local Organizing Committee,**

**Tshepiso Lopang,**  
**President**  
**African Chess Confederation**