



Africa Junior Chess Championships 2025

INVITATION



17 - 25
SEPTEMBER

HOTEL VULCÃO
CIDADE VELHA

1- INVITATION

- 1.1 Under the auspices of the **African Chess Confederation (ACC)**, the **Cape Verde Chess Federation (FCX)** has the honor of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** to participate in the **2025 African Junior Chess Championships**.
- 1.2 The Championships will be held at **HOTEL VULCÃO, Cidade Velha—Santiago Island - Cape Verde**, from **Wednesday 17th September** (official arrival date), to **Thursday 25th September 2025** (official departure date). <https://hotel-vulcao.cape-verdehotels.com/pt/>

2 - PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 In accordance with **FIDE** regulations, the **2025 African Junior Chess Championships** are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** which comprise the **African Chess Confederation** who were **born on or after 1st January 2005**.
- 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 participate a maximum of (3 Open + 3 Girls) players.
- 2.5 Each Fide endorsed academy will be allowed to participate a maximum of (1 Open + 1 Girl).
- 2.6 All titled players (titled players, GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM and WFM) are allowed to play (Not included in each federation or Academy allowed Quota).

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.
- 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.

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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.*

*** Bulchholz 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 **2026 World Junior Chess Championships**.

5.3 Titles:

direct titles will be awarded according to FIDE handbook" and the link to the table <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>

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

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communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

DAY	DATE	LOCAL TIME	ACTIVITY
1	17 SEP 2025	10:00 18:00	Arrival of delegations Opening ceremony
2	18 SEP 2025	11:00 15:00	Technical meeting Round 1
3	19 SEP 2025	10:00 15:00	Round 2 Round 3
4	20 SEP 2025	10:00 15:00	Round 4 Round 5
5	21 SEP 2025	All day	Free day (Touristique program)
6	22 SEP 2025	15:00	Round 6
7	23 SEP 2025	10:00 15:00	Round 7 Round 8
8	24 SEP 2025	10:00 15:00	Round 9 Awards cremony
9	25 SEP 2025	09:00	Departure

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 **2** reserves.

8.2 The **Chairman** of the **Appeals Committee** will be appointed by the **African Chess Confederation** while 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 FCX.

9 - BOARD AND LODGING

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

9.2 **Two previous champions** will receive free board and lodging in (Double shared room).

9.3 ACC will receive free board and lodging for **10 Highest rated juniors (Girls & Boys)** in (one boy + one girl in **each zone**) or **ACC wildcard** in **each zone**.

9.4 The Host will provide boarding and lodging for technical team (a maximum of five guests including Chief Arbiter and Fairplay officer). As well as the payment of Chief Arbiters and Fairplay officer stipend.

9.5 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at

♙70 € (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)

9.6 All payments related to board and lodging must be affected before the **31th August 2025**, which will be the deadline.

9.7 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **17th September 2025** or depart after **25th September 2025** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.



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9.8 All payments must be made to the account of the Cape Verde Chess Federation as indicated in Clause (13) Bank Details, if payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.



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10 - AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION 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 Euros per player;

a) ACC Fees must be paid at the tournament venue before the start of the first round.

b) 10 Invited Players plus 2024 Champions in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as official player while all others will be additional players.

11 - REGISTRATION FEES

The Registration Fee for each participating player is 60 € (Euros). This payment includes transportation from and to the airport, accreditation, identification badges and organization costs and must be paid into the Cape Verde Chess Federation account before **31th August 2025**.

11.1 The Registration Fee for invited officials and each accompanying person will be 60 € (Euros)

11.2 **LATE REGISTRATION FEE** will be Extra 100 € (160 Euros total) and will be strictly applied according to Cape Verde legislation.

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

11.4 Only Federations and endorsed academies can register players.

11.5 Only registrations made online using the official form

(<https://www.fcvx.org/registration-form-ajcc-2025/>) will be accepted 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 filled online before **31th August 2025**.

(Registration will be open starting from 1st July 2025)

11.6 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 for any reason.

11.7 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Praia International Airport [RAI]

All are advised to register early to help ease preparations.

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12.1 Each federation shall register names together with Passport size photos and all registration requested documents for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **31th August 2025**.

13 - BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Cape Verde Chess Federation as listed below, and proof of payment Registered to the Form.

Beneficiary Account Number	35518409.10.1
Beneficiary Name	Federação Cabo-verdiana de Xadrez
Beneficiary Address	R. Liceu Ludgero Lima Mindelo—S. Vicente Cabo Verde
Beneficiary Bank	CAIXA ECONÓMICA DE CABO VERDE
SWIFT CODE	CXECCVCV
IBAN	CV64 000200003551840910125
Intermediary Bank Name	(Not Available)
Intermediary Bank Swift Code	(Not Available)
Intermediary Bank Address	(Not Available)

14 - LOCAL CURRENCY

14.1 The local currency is the Cape Verdean Escudo (CVE).

14.2 Current exchange rate at 1 Euro = 110,265 CVE (Fixed exchange rate).

15 - TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

15.1 All travel arrangements and costs to and from Praia International Airport (International Airport Nelson Mandela) are covered by us, the organizers will meet the participants and the accompanying persons at Praia International Airport.

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15.2 Provided that the complete itinerary of each participant and their accompanying persons is communicated (registered in the registration form) in advance to the organizer.

16 - VISAS

16.1 For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Cape Verde, these can be obtained from Cape Verdean Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries.

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

<https://portalconsular.mnec.gov.cv/vistos>

<https://www.passportindex.org/comparebyPassport.php?p1=cv&y1=2024>

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

17 - DRESS CODE

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

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

18 - DEADLINE DATE

18.1 Entry forms must be filled by the respective federation or Academy not later than **31TH AUGUST 2025**. This date is the registration deadline.

18.2 Late registration attracts a penalty charge of additional 100 € (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.

18.3 All changes and late registration shall be accepted until **7th September 2025** (late registrationDeadline). Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

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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 Cidade Velha, the first city built by Europeans in the tropics and the first capital of the Cape Verde archipelago.

Yours in Chess,

Cape Verdean Chess Federation

Francisco Carapinha

President

