FEDERAÇÃO MOÇAMBICANA DE XADREZ
Mozambican Chess Federation

2015 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

INVITATION

1. **Invitation**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Mozambican Chess Federation has the honor of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE), to participate in the **2015 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS,** to be held at the **Spiros Hotel**, **Maputo (Matola) City, Mozambique**, from **July 31st (arrival) to August 10th (Departure).**

2. **Participation**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2015 African Amateur Chess Championships are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to FIDE and in good standing, which comprise the African Chess Confederation (FIDE Zones 4.1 to 4.4), who have a published FIDE rating **BELOW 2000** for at least two years as at **January 1, 2015**.

- Players must also have no FIDE title above **Candidate Master (CM)** or **Woman Candidate Master (WCM)**.

- Each Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category (Open and Women).

- 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 in the event that there are an odd number of participants.

- Subject to agreement with the organizers, the African Chess Confederation President may allow additional participants for the Tournament.

3. **Tournament Regulations**

- It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament;

- 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);

- The games will be played using DGT clocks; and pairing will be published on www.chess-results.com;

- Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round;

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

4. **Tie-Break**

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

(a) Average rating of the opponents cut-1, the highest number wins (unplayed games and byes are not calculated);

(b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;

(c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;

(d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of unplayed games, for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c), the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

(a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;

(b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;

(c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

5. **Main Prizes**

- **Open Section**:

  1st Prize: US$ 500
  2nd Prize: US$ 400
  3rd Prize: US$ 300
  4th Prize: US$ 200
  5th Prize: US$ 100

- **Women Section**:

  1st Prize: US$ 300
  2nd Prize: US$ 200
  3rd Prize: US$ 100

  In cases where players are tied, the prize money will be shared according to the Hort System

The winner of the Open Section of the Championships be designated the title of "**2015 African Amateur Individual Chess Champion"** whilst the winner of the Women's Section will be designated the **"2015 African Women Amateur Individual Chess Champion"**.

The players taking the first three places in each section of the championships will be awarded trophies and medals.

- The players taking the first three places in the Open Section and will also be personally invited to participate in the **2016 World Amateur Chess Championships** with free board and lodging in a shared double room.

6. Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below. The schedule can 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.

DATE	Time	Activities
Friday, July 31, 2015	-	Arrival of Participants
Friday, July 31, 2015	18:00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, August 01, 2015	10h00	Technical meeting
Saturday, August 01, 2015	16:00	1st Round
Sunday, August 02, 2015	9:00	2nd Round
Sunday, August 02, 2015	15:00	3rd Round
Monday, August 03, 2015	14:00	4th Round
Tuesday, August 04, 2015	14:00	5th Round
Wednesday, August 05, 2015	-	Free
Thursday, August 06, 2015	14:00	6th Round
Friday, August 07, 2015	14:00	7th Round
Saturday, August 08, 2015	14:00	8th Round
Sunday, August 09, 2015	9:00	9th Round
Sunday, August 09, 2015	16:00	Closing Ceremony
Monday, August 10, 2015	-	Departure of Participants

7. Chief Arbiter, Match Arbiters

- The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters for the 2015 Amateur Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

8. **Appeals Committee**

- The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among 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.

9. **Board and Lodging**

- Participating Federations will receive **free board and lodging for one player in each category**;

- Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **€70** per person per day (sharing) or **€85** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper);

    - Delegations may apply for an upgrade of the room type. The upgraded accommodation will be charged as follows: **€85** per person per day (sharing) or **€100** per person per day (single room):

- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before the **24th July 2015,** which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers);

- Players, officials and accompanying persons **who arrive before the 31st July 2015 or depart after 10th August 2015 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging** venue(s);

    - **Note:** all payments must be made to the account of the Mozambican Chess Federation as indicated in nr 13. Bank Details 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.

10. **FIDE Fees**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay FIDE fees of **€25 per player**;

- One player in the Open Section and one in Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as official player while all others will be additional players;

- Fees must be paid into Mozambican Chess Federation Account by **24th July 2015.**

11. **Registration Fees**

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **€50** and must be paid into the Mozambican Chess Federation account before **24th July 2015.**

- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **€50**;

- Payments may also be made upon arrival, provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.

- Only Federations can register players.

- No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying registration or FIDE fees;

- Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Mozambican Chess Federation officials on or before **24th July 2015** by e-mail to confirm entry.

- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Maputo International Airport and any bus/train terminal on arrival and departure.

12. **Accreditation**

- Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **24th July 2015.**

13. **Bank Details**

Bank:	**Banco Comercial e de Investimentos**
Branch:	**Agência da Sede**
Account Name:	**Federação Moçambicana de Xadrez-FMX**
Account number:	**5 971 806 10 001**
IBAN:	**MZ 59 0008 0000 05 971 806 101 80**
Account type:	**Current (Cheque)**
Swift Code:	**CGDIMZMA**

14. **Local Currency**

The Local Currency is the **Mozambican Metical (MZN)**, and these are the exchanges rates for the main currencies in use:

- 1 EUR = 42,15 MZN
- 1 USD = 38.08 MZN
- 1 ZAR = 3.06 MZN

15. **Travel Arrangements**

- All participants travelling by air are supposed to enter thorough the Maputo International Airport, located about 10 min from the City Center;

- All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Maputo International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament;

- Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Maputo International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and

their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance, (not later than 24th July 2015).

16. **Visas**

- Players, Officials and Accompanying persons **other than citizens of SADC countries** will need entry visas to Mozambique;

- For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Mozambique, these can be obtained from Mozambican Embassies or Consulate offices in your country; we will issue an official invitation for delegations requiring the same for Visa processing. **All participants will need invitation letters to enter to Mozambique.**

For any clarifications please contact:

Mozambican Chess Federation

Email: fmxdireccao@gmail.com ; **or** evita_sitoe@hotmail.com

17. **Deadline Date**

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **24th July 2015**. This date is the registration deadline.

- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **€25**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the rights to accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date;

- Players who arrive unannounced or later than **24th July 2015** will cover all their costs.

18. **Organizers Contacts**

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We look forward to seeing all of you in Maputo, the City of Acacias!

Yours in Chess.

Selma Simango
President of the Mozambican Chess Federation

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31st July to 10th August, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM

Federation :		
Address :		
Telephone :	Fax :	E-mail :

Open Section						
Family Name	First Name	Rtng	Title	FIDE ID #	Passport No.	Validity

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED X

Twin?	
Single?	

Women's Section						
Family Name	First Name	Rtng	Title	FIDE ID #	Passport No.	Validity

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED X

Twin?	
Single?	

Flight Details

Arrival Date:	Time:
Arriving From:	Flight No.:

Accompanying Persons						
Family Name	First Name	Rtng	Title	FIDE ID #	Passport No.	Validity

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED X

Twin?	
Single?	

Flight Details

Arrival Date:	Time:
Arriving From:	Flight No.:

Name of Responding Official:

Entry forms are to be sent to Mozambican Chess Federation