



ZONE 4.4 YOUTH UNDER-16 TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

**5 December 2019
To
12 December 2019**

Luke Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

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1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Chess Kenya Federation has the honor of inviting all Zone 4.4 African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the Zone 4.4 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships 2019.

2. VENUE AND DATES

The Zone 4.4 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships 2019 will be held from **5th December (Arrival) to 12th December (Departure) 2019** at the **Luke Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya**. (<https://thelukehotel.co.ke/>) The Luke Hotel will serve as the Official Playing Venue and Accommodation for participants, officials and accompanying persons.

3. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Each Zone 4.4 member federation has the right to send up to 3 teams but only **One Team will have free board and lodging** from 5th – 12th December.

Each team shall comprise 4 players and 1 reserve (**at least two of them must be girls**) and 1 captain (or Manager/Trainer).

In accordance with ACC regulations, entitled participating teams should comprise of players born **on or after 1st January 2003**.

Additional teams may be accepted on application subject to a maximum of three Teams per federation. Additional teams will pay **(US\$ 45) per person per day** inclusive of all meals in shared rooms and **(US\$50) per person per day** in single rooms accommodation; inclusive of all meals.

The additional teams will be required to pay Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as stipulated in Clause 4.

Heads of Delegation, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will be required to lodge at the **Luke Hotel**, and will be required to pay **(US\$ 45) per person per day** inclusive of all meals in shared rooms and **(US\$ 50) per person per day** in single rooms accommodation; inclusive of all meals.

4. REGISTRATION FEES AND ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

The Registration Fee of **(US\$ 60) per person** for the Official Team of 5 players and 1 Captain has been waived. Players will be required to pay the ACC Tournament Fee of **(US\$ 50) per player**.

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Payments for Registration Fees and Accommodation Fees should be paid to the Chess Kenya Federation by **15th November 2019**. The account details of which are indicated at Article 5.

Payments for the ACC Tournament Fee should be paid into the account of the African Chess Confederation as indicated in Article 6.

5. CHESS KENYA FEDERATION BANK DETAILS

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank Name: Cooperative Bank of Kenya

Bank Code: 11

Branch Name: Upperhill

Branch Code: 037

Account Name: Chess Kenya

Account number: 01134162629400

SWIFT CODE: KCOOKENA

NOTE: Please note that proof of payment should be sent to the Treasurer of the Chess Kenya Federation on Email: otieno.wandera@gmail.com indicating the reference as Zone 4.4 Under 16, your federation name and the names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered.

6. AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

ACCOUNT NUMBER 62789737396

BANK NAME FNB ZAMBIA

BRANCH NAME COMMERCIAL

BRANCH SORT CODE 260001

SWIFT CODE FIRNZMLXX

BANK ADDRESS PLOT NO. 22768, ACACIA BUSINESS PARK CNR OF
GREAT EAST & THABO MBEKI ROAD, LUSAKA,
ZAMBIA

NOTE: Please note that proof of payment for the ACC Tournament Fees should be sent to the ACC Treasurer on Email: ansukam@yahoo.com, with a copy to the Treasurer of the Chess Kenya Federation on Email: otieno.wandera@gmail.com indicating the reference as Zone 4.4 Under 16, your federation name and the names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered.

7. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of traveling to Kenya and returning home again shall be the responsibility of each team or federation.

The Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizers not later than **18th November 2019**.

Transport from the terminals to the venue and back is provided free of charge by the organizers.

8. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND TIE BREAK

The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations on a 7 Round Swiss System basis. However, in the event that the number of participating teams is less than twelve, the tournament will be adjusted to a Round Robin (all-play-all) event.

The games will be played using DGT Digital chess clocks.

The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 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 starting from move one. The final positions of the teams shall be established by the number of game points scored by each team.

When the Swiss System is used, the position of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tiebreaking procedures, in sequence:

- a. By the game points;
- b. By the game scores of all the team`s opponents;
- c. By the result of the matches between teams in contention.

When the Round Robin system is used, the following tie-breaking apply, in sequence:

- a. The game points;
- b. The match result between teams in question;
- c. The Sonnenborn-Berger points;

9. PRIZES

I. The Organizing Committee will award **Gold, Silver and Bronze medals** to the 6 members of the teams taking the first three places respectively.

II. Certificates of participation will be awarded to all participating teams.

10. TRAVEL GRANT TO 2020 WORLD YOUTH U-16 CHESS OLYMPIAD

The 6 members of the winning team will receive travel grants to the 2020 World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad.

11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as provided here below, but subject to some changes if need be. However, any change to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of Round 1.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Thursday, December 5 th	10:00am 18:00pm	Arrival Opening Ceremony
Friday, December 6 th	10:00am 15:00pm	Technical Meeting Round 1
Saturday, December 7 th	9:00am 15:00pm	Round 2 Round 3
Sunday, December 8 th	9:00am 15:00pm	Round 4 Round 5
Monday, December 9 th	All Day	Free Day/Touring
Tuesday, December 10 th	15:00pm	Round 6
Wednesday, December 11 th	9:00am 17:00pm	Round 7 Closing Ceremony
Thursday, December 12 th	All Day	Departures

12. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local Currency in Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (KES)

The current Exchange Rate is US\$ 1 dollar = 103 KES

13. VISAS

Participants who require entry visas into Kenya, may obtain them from Kenyan Embassies or Consulates.

The host Federation will arrange for Official Invitations to facilitate applications for those countries that need special invitations.

Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas; the intending travelers should immediately contact John Mukabi at jwomukabi@gmail.com or Duke Michieka d12duke@gmail.com

14. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter and Arbiters for the Zone 4.4 Youth Under 16 Team Chess Championships 2019 will be appointed by the ACC President.

15. APPEALS' COMMITTEE

The Appeals' Committee will consist of 5 Members and 2 Reserves chosen from among the participating delegations.

16. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee for the Zone 4.4 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships 2019 will be as follows:

President: Benard Wanjala
Email: benard.wanjala@gmail.com
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Vice President: Duke Michieka
Email: d12duke@gmail.com
Tel: +254 720 475 116

General Secretary: John Mukabi
Email: jwomukabi@gmail.com
Tel: +254 721 653 040

Treasurer: Gilebert Wandera
Email: otieno.wandera@gmail.com
Tel: +254 722 784 194

17. REGISTRATION FORM

The closing date for entries is **15th November 2019**. This date is the registration deadline.

Kindly e-mail the attached completed registration forms and flight details to the e-mail:
d12duke@gmail.com jwomukabi@gmail.com

18. ZONE 4.4 COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE ACC

Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

We look forward to hosting you in the Green City in the Sun.

Yours in Chess,

CHESS KENYA FEDERATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benard Wanjala".

Benard Wanjala
PRESIDENT

