



# **INVITATION!!!**

**2015 AFRICA SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**VENUE: OASIS MOTEL, GABORONE, BOTSWANA**

**DATES: 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST- 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015**

***Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, Botswana Chess Federation cordially invites all African Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE to the 2015 Africa Schools Individual Chess Championships***

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Gaborone, Botswana, 21st to 30th August 2015

Categories for Open & Girls (under -7), (under -9), (under -11), (under -13), (under -15) & (under -17)

Organizer: Botswana Chess Federation

## **GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **1. INVITATION**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Botswana Chess Federation has the honour to invite all FIDE affiliated African National Chess Federations to participate in the 2015 African Schools Individual Chess Championships (under-7, under-9, under-11, under-13, under-15 & under-17 Open and Girls) in Gaborone, Botswana from 21st August 2015 (arrival) to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (departure).

### **2. PARTICIPATION**

2.1 Invited official players: Every African National Chess Federation is entitled to register one official player in each category (under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 & 17 years old, Open and Girls), totaling a maximum of twelve (12) invited players.

2.2 The players must be below the respective age groups on or before 1st January 2015.

Under-07: Born on or after 1 January 2008;

Under-09: Born on or after 1 January 2006;

Under-11: Born on or after 1 January 2004;

Under-13: Born on or after 1 January 2002;

Under-15: Born on or after 1 January 2000;

Under-17: Born on or after 1 January 1998.

2.3 Additional players: Additional players are welcome to participate in the championships. All additional players are responsible for all their own costs.

### 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 game for each player, 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](http://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.

Should the number of participants in any section be 10 players or less (Minimum 8 Players), the affected section will be adjusted to a Round Robin tournament.

If need be, some age groups could be merged if there are very few participants.

### 4. REGISTRATION AND FEES

4.1 Registration forms must be filled and returned to the Organizers by the National Federations by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

4.2 An Entry Fee of **70USD** is required for each Invited Player whilst each Additional player is required to pay an Entry Fee of **140 USD**. Entry Fees are non refundable.

4.3 Every player and every accompanying person is each required to pay a Registration Fee of **100 Euro** to the Organizing Committee.

4.4 The Registration Fee includes Accreditation Badges and Transport from the airport to the official hotel (21<sup>st</sup> August 2015) and return on the departure day (30<sup>th</sup> August 2015).

4.5 For the production of the Accreditation Badges, all players and accompanying persons are each required to provide an electronic color photograph taken within the last 6 months.

4.6 Penalty for Late Entries: After 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015, all applications will be subject to a penalty of **USD 50**. This amount can be paid to the organizers upon arrival.

4.7 All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federation.

4.8 Players will not be paired until all payments of their Federation have been fulfilled.

4.9 Players will not be paired if they don't arrive at the Official Accommodation Venue at least one hour before the Technical Meeting.

4.91 The Organizing Committee reserves the right of not accepting any entries after the deadline.

## **5. ACCOMMODATION**

5.1 Accommodation and full board will be provided by the Organizers

5.2 All participants and all accompanying persons are obliged to lodge at the official hotel.

5.3 All Invited players, one (1) player per country in each category and one (1) Coach/Captain per country are entitled to free Board and Lodging for 9 days starting from 21<sup>st</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at the Official Accommodation Venue on double room or triple room basis. Arrangement of rooms is on first register first served basis. Four-person room can be assigned to invited players if double and triple rooms are all assigned already.

5.4 All officials and accompanying persons, extra players from participating federations will lodge at **Euros 50** per person per day (sharing) or **Euros 70** per person per day (single room). These tariffs include full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

If the specified room type is not available when organizer received the payments, organizer has the right to modify the room type according to the availability.

Accommodation will be available from the arrival date (21<sup>st</sup> August) to the 29<sup>th</sup> August. Earlier arrivals or late departures will be at the sole cost of the player/coach and or official.

5.5 Accommodation payments for ALL players and accompanying persons must be made on or before August 1, 2015 to the Botswana Chess Federation. Intending participants wishing to make payments upon arrival should get the necessary clearance and agreement with the Botswana Chess Federation.

## **6. BANK PAYMENT DETAILS**

All payments in full amount, free of bank charges, should be wired to the following account

Bank:	<b>STANDARD CHARTERED BANK</b>
Bank Account Name:	<b>BOTSWANA CHESS FEDERATION</b>
Bank Account Number:	<b>0100151117600</b>
Branch Name:	<b>MALL BRACH</b>
Branch No:	<b>662167</b>
SWIFT Code:	<b>SCHBBWJX</b>

## 7. SCHEDULE

Dates	Time	Activities
August 21, 2015 : Friday	From 10h00	Official arrival date
	18h00 – 20h00	Opening Ceremony
August 22,2015 : Saturday	11h30 – 12h30	Technical Meeting
	15h00 – 19h00	Round 1
August 23, 2015 : Sunday	10h00 – 14h00	Round 2
	17h00 – 21h00	Round 3
August 24, 2015 : Monday	10h00 – 14h00	Round 4
	17h00 – 21h00	Round 5
August 25, 2015 : Tuesday	Free day	
August 26, 2015: Wednesday	15h00-19h00	Round 6
August 27, 2015 : Thursday	15h00-19h00	Round 7
August 28, 2015 : Friday	15h00-19h00	Round 8
August 29, 2015 : Saturday	16h00 – 18h00	Round 9 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
August 30, 2015 : Sunday	Departure	

## **8. TIE BREAKS**

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken as in accordance to the following:-

1. Direct Encounter
2. Buchholz Cut 1
3. Buchholz
4. Greater Number of Wins with Black Pieces
5. Greater Number of Wins

If Round Robin, 2nd Tiebreak will be: Sonneborn-Berger, the highest number wins;

## **9. PRIZES**

The Organizer shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each category.

All players who attain positions 1 – 3, in each section, will each receive a medal.

## **10. AWARD OF TITLES**

In the Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, players finishing first (after tiebreak) shall be awarded the **FM/WFM** title.

The Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the **CM/WCM** title.

In the Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, players finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the **CM/WCM** title.

Certificates of Participation shall also be given to players, FIDE accredited trainers, Managers, and the appointed Technical Officials.

## **11. QUALIFICATION FOR WORLD SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In accordance with FIDE regulations, each of the winners in the Open (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) and the Girls (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, and U17) will qualify to play as invited players in the 2016 World Schools Individual Chess Championships to be held in Sousse, Tunisia.

## **12. APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee will consist of five (5) members and two (2) reserve members. The ACC President shall appoint three (3) members. Other members will be appointed at the Technical Meeting. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be

submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within two hours after the end of the playing session.

A protest fee of USD 100 shall be payable to the Organizer which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding.

### **13. TRAVEL AND TOUR INFORMATION**

All of participants arriving by international flights should take planes to Sir Seretse Khama International Airport, Gaborone, Botswana.

The host federation will arrange the transportation from the airport to the accommodation venue for arrival and departure during the schedule dates.

### **14. VISA INFORMATION**

Whoever needs help for visa application, please contact Botswana Chess Federation as early as possible (at least 4 weeks before departure is advised)

### **15. CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

#### **The Technical Director**

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We look forward to hosting all of you in this inaugural event for our future continental young chess ambassadors !!

Yours in Chess

**BOTSWANA CHESS FEDERATION**



Tshenolo Maruatona

**PRESIDENT**



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## REGISTRATION FORM

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

### **List of players:**

Family Name	First Name	FIDE ID	Category	Passport No.	Validity

\*Category: U7 (Open), U9 (Open), U11 (Open), U13 (Open), U15, (Open), U17 (Open), U7 (Girls), U9 (Girls), U11(Girls), U13(Girls), U15(Girls), U17(Girls)

## Accompanying Persons:

Family Name	First Name	*Designation	Nationality	Passport No.	Validity

\*Designation: Head of Delegation, Trainer, Parent, Other

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Twin?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single?	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Flight Details

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

Name of Responding Official:
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Please send this form by email to: [rabrandon@gmail.com](mailto:rabrandon@gmail.com) and [vinmasole@yahoo.com](mailto:vinmasole@yahoo.com)

