



2016 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Tick Hotel, Off Bombo Road, Kampala, Uganda

Dates: 16th July – 27th July, 2016.

INVITATION

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Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation the Uganda Chess Federation (UCF), is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2016 African Individual Chess Championships. The Championships will be held in Kampala from 16th July (arrival) until 27th July, 2016 (departure).

The event will comprise an Open Section and a Women's Section, each section of the Championship will have THREE Time Control formats:-

- The Classic
- The Rapid
- The Blitz

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Players holding the title of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament.

- 2.2 Each National Federation can enter a maximum of THREE (3) players in each Section.
- 2.3 The host country shall have the right to enter FIVE (5) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number; the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.
- 2.4 The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players.
- 2.5 Each National Federation is entitled to free board and lodging for one player in each section.
- 2.6 All entries must be registered with the Ugandan Chess Federation.

3. FIDE/ACC ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The first nominated player by each Federation in each category is required to pay a FIDE entry fee of 70 € each. Additional players will each be required to pay a FIDE entry fee of 140 € each.
- 3.2 Payment of entry fees must be made to the organizers at the time of registration. The organizers will issue a receipt for the payment, which is a precondition for entry into the event.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Entry Forms must be completed by the National Federations and should be returned to the Organizing Committee not later than 30th June 2016.
- 4.2 The complete registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying persons. The completed form must also include the name and telephone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the federation.
- 4.3 All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federations.
- 4.4 The organizers will provide transportation from Entebbe International Airport to the hotel on 16th July and back to the Airport on 27th July 2016.
- 4.5 All players and accompanying persons must pay the Organizers a Registration Fee of 100 € when registering upon their arrival. This payment

is mandatory and confirms participation. Late entries will be accepted till 7th July, 2016 with a penalty for late registration of 50 € for each player.

The Registration Fee entitles participants to the following:

- Bus transfer from airport to the official hotel and back
- Free drinks (coffee, tea, water) for all participants in the playing venue ◦

Hiring of the playing hall

4.6 Entry for participation in the Rapid Championships will attract an entry fee of USD 20 per person. The same fee will be charged for entry in the Blitz Championship. Entries shall be submitted to UCF in the official entry form appended.

4.7 Players will not be put on the pairing list until all required payments have been made.

5. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

5.1 The accommodation for players and officials will be at Tick Hotel, off Bombo Road in Kampala, Uganda. The tournament shall also be played at the same Hotel

5.2 All participants (players, officials and accompanying persons) are required to lodge at Tick Hotel.

5.3 The cost of lodging for all players and accompanying persons shall be as follows:

- a) In single rooms: US Dollars 60 per person per day, 3 meals included.

N.B.: Early arrivals and late departures will be at the participants charge.

5.4 Each participating federation is entitled to free board and lodging for one player in each section.

5.5 All additional players (including nominated or those qualified by right) and accompanying persons are required to meet the costs of their accommodation in line with 5.3 above. Kindly, note that all payments should be net of bank charges (in cases where payments are made through the bank).

5.6 Hotel payments for players and accompanying persons can be made in cash upon arrival. In cases where preference is to pay by bank transfer the required amounts should be transferred to the following account:

Uganda Chess Federation Bank Account Details Account

Name: Uganda Chess Federation.

Bank Name: KCB (Uganda) Limited

Bank Account Number: 2200274548

Swift Code: KCBLUGKA

Note from KCB (Uganda) Limited:

FOR PURPOSES OF SETTLEMENTS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN YOUR SELVES AND KCB, HERE BELOW ARE THE KCB SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS.

CURRENCY BANK'S NAME SWIFT CODE ACCOUNT NO.

USD Deutsche Bank Trust Co-New York BKTRUS33 04438106

EURO Deutsche Bank A.G-Frankfurt DEUTDEFF 958024200EUR

KES Kenya Commercial Bank - Kenya KCBLKENX 234820380

GBP Deutsche Bank A.G-Frankfurt DEUTDEFF 958024200GBP

For all payments kindly send proof of payment (preferably in scanned form), with reference of Africa Individual Chess, your Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered

5.7 Delegations opting to make their hotel payments upon arrival in Uganda should ensure that all payments are made in accordance with the indicated rates.

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Saturday	16 TH July, 2016		Arrival of participants
Sunday	17 TH July, 2016	1000 hrs	Technical meeting

		1430 hrs	Opening ceremony
		1500 hrs	1 st round
Monday	18 TH July, 2016	1500 hrs	2 nd round
Tuesday	19 TH July, 2016	0900 hrs	3 rd round
		1600 hrs	4 th round
Wednesday	20 TH July, 2016		Free day – Social excursion
Thursday	21 ST July, 2016	0900 hrs	5 th round
		1600 hrs	6 th round
Friday	22 ND July, 2016	1500 hrs	7 th round
Saturday	23 RD July, 2016	1500 hrs	8 th round
Sunday	24 TH July, 2016	1500 hrs	9 th round
Monday	25 TH July, 2016	0900 hrs	1 st – 4 th rounds – Rapid
		1500 hrs	5 th – 9 th rounds – Rapid
Tuesday	26 TH July, 2016	0900 hrs	Blitz Tournament
		1700 hrs	Closing ceremony
Wednesday	27 TH July, 2016		Departure of participants

7. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

7.1 The Classic Championship format will be a Swiss System tournament played over 9 (Nine Rounds) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.

7.2 The Rapid Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (Nine Rounds) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 15 minutes for the game with addition of 10 seconds per move from move one for each player.

7.3 The Blitz Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (Nine Rounds) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 5 minutes for the game with addition of 3 seconds per move from move one for each player.

7.4 The games will be played using DGT clocks; and the pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com under the Ugandan (UGA) section.

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

7.6 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move for games in the Classic format.

8. TIE BREAK

Should there be a tie for the medal winners and/or the qualifiers for the African Grand prix, these ties will be resolved in the following order;

8.1 By the results between the players involved in the tie

8.2 Buchholz, the highest number wins;

8.3 Number of wins, the highest number wins;

8.4 Number of wins by black, the highest wins

8.5 The highest rating

Note: There will be no tie break matches

9. QUALIFICATION FOR 2017 FIDE AFRICAN GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT

The 2016 African Individual Championship is also a qualification event for the 2017 African Chess Confederation Grand Prix Circuit.

The top three (3) placed players in each section will qualify for the 2017 African Chess Confederation Grand Prix Circuit.

10. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION RULES

10.1. **Important:** in these championships the new regulation 6.6a of the FIDE Laws of chess will be used. **Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the session shall lose the game OR as shall be agreed in the Technical meeting.**

10.2. Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall

10.3. During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room

- 10.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session
- 10.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- 10.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves.
- 10.7. As long as the game is in progress a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- 10.8. All the players MUST read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them. 10.9. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.
- 10.10. During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

11. ARBITERS AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the President of ACC.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating delegations.

12. PRIZES:

A) Classic Championship Open

1 st	USD 3,000
2 nd	USD 2,500
3 rd	USD 2,000
4 th	USD 1,500
5.	USD 1000
6.	USD 750
7.	USD 500

Women

1 st	USD 2,000
2 nd	USD 1,500
3 rd	USD 1,000
4 th	USD 750
5 th	USD 500
6 th	USD 350
7 th	USD 250

B) Rapid Championship Open

1 st	USD 300
2 nd	USD 200
3 rd	USD 100

Women

1 st	USD 250
2 nd	USD 150
3 rd	USD 50

C) Blitz Championship Open

1 st	USD 200
2 nd	USD 150
3 rd	USD 100

Women

1 st	USD 150
2 nd	USD 100
3 rd	USD 50

13. TITLE AWARDS

The winner of the Open Section will be awarded title of International Grand Master (GM) whilst the winner of the Women's Section will be awarded the title of Woman International Grand Master (WGM).

Other titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section.

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Ugandan shilling (UGX), which currently stands at an Exchange Rate of about:

1 EUR = 3,828 UGX

1 USD = 3,325 UGX

You are advised to change any foreign currency through official banks or at foreign exchange bureaus.

15. INFORMATION ABOUT VISA

Participants from countries requiring entry visas into Uganda may obtain them from respective Ugandan Embassies in their countries. The host Federation will arrange for official invitations to facilitate applications for those countries that

need special invitations. Ugandan visas are also issued (for most countries) on arrival at Entebbe International Airport on payment of a Visa fee of 100 US Dollars. Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas the intending travelers should immediately contact the UCF for assistance by email ugandachess@yahoo.com or luggyavianney@gmail.com

It is advisable the issued invitation letter be carried by participants when crossing through the Ugandan border area as this will help in case of any queries being raised.

Note: It is now a requirement for all persons entering Uganda to have proof of Yellow Fever Vaccination (Certificate) on arrival at Entebbe International Airport.

16. ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Uganda is 240 Volts. Electric sockets (outlets) all supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC.

17. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE ORGANISERS

The full contact details of Uganda Chess Federation are as follows:

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We look forward to welcoming you to Uganda, the Pearl of Africa for a wonderful event.

Yours Sincerely,

UGANDA CHESS FEDRATION



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