



**2016**

**AFRICAN AMATEUR**

**INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**NOVELA STAR HOTEL, LOME, TOGO**

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## 2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2016 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) which comprise the African Chess Confederation who have a published FIDE rating **BELOW 2300** for at least one year as at **January 1, 2016**.

2.2 There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700.

2.3 In order to participate in the U-2300 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year as at **January 1, 2016**.

A player entering the U-2300 section must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.4 In order to participate in the U-2000 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year as at **January 1, 2016**.

A player entering the U-2000 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.5 In order to participate in the U-1700 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year as at **January 1, 2016**.

A player entering the U-1700 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.6 A separate championship for women shall be organised in each rating section, only if there are at least 10 women entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise the women's event will be merged into the Open Section.

2.7 Each Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of three (3) players in each category (Open and Women) of each rating section.

2.8 The host Federation reserves the right to field up to five (5) 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.

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

### **3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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

3.2 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);

3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairing will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com);

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

3.5 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

### Under 2300

#### Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 350  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 250

#### Women Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 100

### Under 2000

#### Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 400  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 250  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 150

#### Women Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 250  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 150  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 100

### Under 1700

#### Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 200  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 100

#### Women Section:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: US\$ - 200  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: US\$ - 50

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

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

The winners in the Open Section of each rating section will also be personally invited to participate in the **2017 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.

| <b>DATE</b>                 | <b>Time</b> | <b>Activities</b>         |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday , August 10, 2016 | -           | Arrival of Participants   |
| Wednesday , August 10, 2016 | 18:00       | Opening Ceremony          |
| Thursday , August 11, 2016  | 10:00       | Technical meeting         |
| Thursday , August 11, 2016  | 15:00       | 1st Round                 |
| Friday, August 12, 2016     | 9:00        | 2nd Round                 |
| Friday, August 12, 2016     | 15:00       | 3rd Round                 |
| Saturday, August 13, 2016   | 15:00       | 4th Round                 |
| Sunday, August 14, 2016     | 15:00       | 5th Round                 |
| Monday, August 15, 2016     | 15:00       | 6th Round                 |
| Tuesday, August 16, 2016    | 15:00       | 7th Round                 |
| Wednesday , August 17, 2016 | 15:00       | 8th Round                 |
| Thursday, August 18, 2016   | 9:00        | 9th Round                 |
| Thursday, August 18, 2016   | 16:00       | Closing Ceremony          |
| Friday, August 19, 2016     | -           | Departure of Participants |

## **7. ARBITRATION TEAM**

The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters for the 2016 African 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 section of each rating category;

- Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **€50** per person per day (sharing) or **€65** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper);
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before the **27th July 2016**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers);
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016 or depart after 20<sup>th</sup> August 2016 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue;
- **Note:** all payments must be made to the account of the Togolese Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 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 **€70 per player**;
- One player in each category of 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 Togolese Chess Federation Account by **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

## **11. REGISTRATION FEES**

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **€100** and must be paid into the Togolese Chess Federation account before **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **€100**;
- 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 Togolese Chess Federation officials on or before **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Lome 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 **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

## **13. BANK DETAILS**

Bank Name: ECOBANK-TOGO  
 Branch Name : Agence Rond-Point Port  
 Branch Number : TG 055  
 SWIFT CODE : ECOCTGTG  
 Account Number : 7100141417719901  
 IBAN: TG055 0171014141771990103

## **14. LOCAL CURRENCY**

The local currency is CFA Franc. The current Exchange Rate is 1 Euro = 656 CFA Francs; 1 US Dollar = 590 CFA Francs

## **15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

- All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Lome 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 Lome International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance.

## 16. VISAS

All visas will be issued upon arrival at Lome International Airport. The Togolese Chess Federation will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials must present on arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

## 17. DEADLINE DATE

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **€50**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the rights to accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date;

## 18. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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We look forward to seeing all of you in Lome!!

Yours in Chess,



Frederic Mawuvi Koue KOUEVI  
President of the Togolese Chess Federation





| Under 2300 Women's Section |            |      |       |           |              |          |
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| Family Name                | First Name | Rtng | Title | FIDE ID # | Passport No. | Validity |
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| Single? |  |

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| Under 2000 Women's Section |            |      |       |           |              |          |
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| Under 1700 Women's Section |            |      |       |           |              |          |
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| Family Name                | First Name | Rtng | Title | FIDE ID # | Passport No. | Validity |
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| Accompanying Persons |            |      |       |           |              |          |
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| Family Name          | First Name | Rtng | Title | FIDE ID # | Passport No. | Validity |
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Name of Responding Official:

*Entry forms are to be sent to Togolese Chess Federation*