



2016 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, 21 August 2016, to Monday, 29 August 2016

The Boardwalk Hotel, Convention Centre and Spa

Nelson Mandela Bay
Port Elizabeth
Eastern Cape
South Africa

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2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Age group categories

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited:

- Under 8 - players born on or after January 1, 2008
- Under 10 - players born on or after January 1, 2006
- Under 12 - players born on or after January 1, 2004
- Under 14 - players born on or after January 1, 2002
- Under 16 - players born on or after January 1, 2000
- Under 18 - players born on or after January 1, 1998

2.2 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2016 African Youth Chess Championships are open to all players from Federations within the African Continent which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

2.3 Official players

Each African Federation is entitled to register one official player in each category, totalling a maximum of 12 official players.

2.4 Additional players

Each African Federation will be allowed to enter up to four additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and all FIDE/ACC Entry Fees.

The LOC will be allowed to enter up to six additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and all FIDE/ACC Entry Fees.

Subject to agreement with the Organising Committee (LOC), the Continental President may allow further additional players, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and all FIDE/ACC Entry Fees.

The LOC reserves the right to invite additional players to make up an even number of participants in each age group, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as all other prescribed fees.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The registration forms must be completed for all players, accompanying persons, all officials and all other members of delegations, including the head of delegation.
- 3.2 The registration forms must be completed and returned to the LOC by each Federation by no later than Friday, 22 July 2016. A copy of each passport (for each non-South African citizen), and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all people, must also be sent to the LOC by such date.
- 3.3 Duly completed registration forms must be emailed to the LOC for the attention of Nina Joubert on nina@2016africanyouth.com by no later than Friday, 22 July 2016.
- 3.4 A FIDE/ACC Entry Fee of 70 Euro is required to be paid for each official player and 140 Euro for each additional player.
- 3.5 A Registration Fee of 100 Euro each must be paid by all players (official and additional), every accompanying person, all officials and all other members of delegations, including the head of delegation.
- 3.6 The Registration Fee is to be utilised to provide, amongst other things, an accreditation badge and transportation from/to the airport from/to the official accommodation venue on the official arrival date of Sunday, 21 August 2016, as well as on the official departure date of Monday, 29 August 2016.
- 3.7 Entries received after Friday, 22 July 2016, will be subject to availability and at the discretion of the LOC. If accepted by the LOC, late entrants will have to pay a penalty fee of 50 Euro per person.
- 3.8 Federations of the respective participants must arrange for the funds to be sent to the account of the LOC as indicated below.
- 3.9 Players will not be paired until all payments have been settled.
- 3.10 All travel expenses to and from Nelson Mandela Bay, Port Elizabeth, South Africa will be for the account of the participants or their Federations.
- 3.11 Players may not be paired if they do not arrive at the official venue before the scheduled start of the Technical Meeting.
- 3.12 No refunds of any nature will be made in respect of any player, accompanying person and any other member of a delegation, including an official, after payment has been made of any monies.
- 3.13 If a specific Federation fails to pay any fees due, such player will not be permitted to participate in the tournament.

4. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

- 4.1 The accommodation and playing venue will be at The Boardwalk Hotel, Convention Centre and Spa, Nelson Mandela Bay, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape, South Africa (the official accommodation and playing venue).
- 4.2 Board and lodging will be provided by the LOC at the said complex.
- 4.3 All participants, all accompanying persons and all other members of delegations, including the head of delegation, are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation venue. Bookings for accommodation of the event may only be done through the LOC.
- 4.4 All official players (one player per Federation in each category) are entitled to free full board and lodging for 8 nights starting from Sunday, 21 August 2016, at the official complex, on the basis of three players sharing a room.
- 4.5 All officials, accompanying persons and additional players from participating federations will lodge at 60 Euro per person per day (two persons sharing) or 110 Euro per person per day (single room). These rates include full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). This is a 5-star rated establishment.
- 4.6 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid in full to the LOC before Friday, 22 July 2016, which will be the deadline. If payment is not made by the deadline, players will be disqualified from playing in the tournament and, in the case of any other people, from being part of the tournament.
- 4.7 Scanned copies of documents confirming bank transfer of funds should be emailed to nina@2016africanyouth.com, before Friday, 22 July 2016.
- 4.8 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before Sunday, 21 August 2016, or depart after Monday, 29 August 2016, will be expected to arrange their own accommodation, transport and pay for the additional days, etc.
- 4.9 Failure to utilise the official accommodation will automatically disqualify players from playing in the tournament and, in the case of any other people, from being part of the tournament.
- 4.10 All queries regarding accommodation must be made to Nina Joubert on +27 82 686 9842 (international) or nina@2016africanyouth.com.

5. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

- 5.1 All payments should be remitted to the bank account of the LOC, which is indicated here below:

Account name: **VZR ACCOUNT A2 t/a 2016 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
 Bank: **ABSA**
 Account Number: **4067761128**
 Account Type: **Current**
 Branch Code: **632005**
 SWIFT Code: **ABSAZAJJ**
 Reference: **2016AYCC followed by the name of the Federation**
 Bank address: **2nd Floor, ABSA House, Corner William Moffet and Overbaakens Roads, Fairview, Port Elizabeth, 6070**

5.2 Proof of payment of any monies, indicating the required reference as indicated above, must be sent to Nina Joubert (email: nina@2016africanyouth.com or telefax transmission: +27 (0)41 373 4323) before Friday, 22 July 2016.

5.3 Proof of payment of any monies must also be produced on Sunday, 21 August 2016, upon arrival at the official venue.

6. **DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 22 JULY 2016**

Friday, 22 July 2016, is the deadline for all the following in respect of all players, accompanying persons, and all other members of delegations, including the head of such delegations:

- 6.1 per 3.2 and 3.3 - the LOC to receive the completed registration forms;
- 6.2 per 3.2 and 3.3 - the LOC to receive a copy of the passport(s) and ID photo(s) of all people;
- 6.3 per 3.4 and 5.2 - payment of FIDE/ACC Entry Fee of 70 Euro for each official player AND proof of payment provided to the LOC;
- 6.4 per 3.4 and 5.2 - payment of FIDE/ACC Entry Fees of 140 Euro for each additional player AND proof of payment provided to the LOC;
- 6.5 per 3.5 and 5.2 - payment of Registration Fee of 100 Euro by all players (official and unofficial), every accompanying person and all other members of delegations, including heads of delegations AND proof of such payment to the LOC;
- 6.6 per 4.4, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 - payment of all accommodation AND proof of such payment to the LOC; and
- 6.7 per 12 - full travelling itinerary to be provided to the LOC, so that the LOC can make the necessary arrangements for picking people up at the Nelson Mandela Bay International Airport (in Port Elizabeth) and dropping people at such airport at the end of the tournament.

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

7.1 Format and time control

It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament. The 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 standard tournament chess sets and DGT clocks, and pairing will be published on www.chess-results.com.

Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships, 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 fewer, the affected section will be adjusted to a Round Robin tournament or could be merged with another section.

If need be, some age groups could be merged if there are not enough participants (minimum of 5 players required per section).

Draw offers are not permitted before the thirteenth move of Black.

7.2 Tie Break

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- (a) by the results between the players involved in the tie;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) number of wins, the highest number wins; and
- (d) the highest rating.

In case of a Round Robin, the tie break will be broken as follows:

- (a) by the result of the players involved in the tie;
- (b) Sonneborn-Berger;
- (c) highest number of wins; and
- (d) highest rating.

8. AWARDS

8.1 Medals

The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

8.2 Qualification

The winners of each age group category (both Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2017 World Youth Chess Championships.

8.3 Titles

The winners in each age group category will also be awarded FIDE titles as follows (in the event of combined age groups, the titles will still be awarded to the winners of the age groups provided that the player scores at least 50% and there are at least five players per age group):

U18 Open/Girls	Gold	IM/WIM title
	Silver & Bronze	FM/WFM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded IM/WIM norms in addition to the FM/WFM title(s).</i>		
U16 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title plus IM/WIM norm
	Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded the FM/WFM title(s). However, the IM/WIM norm is only awarded to Gold.</i>		
U14+U12 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
	Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title
U8+U10 Open /Girls	Gold, Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title

NB! In the event of Gold, Silver or Bronze already having the above titles, the titles will fall away (they do not shift down to lower places). Thus, only Gold, Silver and Bronze may and will qualify for Titles and/or Norms.

The order of the players in the ranking is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or other places, then a tie break will come into effect.

9. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter for the 2016 African Youth Chess Championships will be nominated by the ACC President. The Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters will be appointed in consultation with the LOC.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for the 2016 African Youth Chess Championships will be nominated by the ACC President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of three members.

The other two members and two reserves will be chosen from among officials from the participating Federations.

Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two (2) hours after the end of the round, with a 100 Euro deposit.

If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded.

11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as follows 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 the first round.

Dates	Time	Activities
Sunday, 21 August 2016	From 10h00	Official arrival
	18h00 - 19h00	Opening Ceremony
Monday, 22 August 2016	11h30 - 12h30	Technical Meeting
	15h00 - 19h00	Round 1
Tuesday, 23 August 2016	10h00 - 14h00	Round 2
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 3
Wednesday, 24 August 2016	10h00 - 14h00	Round 4
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 5
Thursday, 25 August 2016	Free day	
Friday, 26 August 2016	15h00 - 19h00	Round 6
Saturday, 27 August 2016	10h00 - 14h00	Round 7
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 8

Sunday, 28 August 2016	10h00 - 14h00	Round 9
	17h00 - 19h00	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Monday, 29 August 2016	From 10h00	Official departure

12. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All travelling arrangements and costs are the responsibility of the respective Federations or, alternatively, the respective players participating in the tournament.

Members of the LOC will meet participants and accompanying persons at the Nelson Mandela Bay International Airport (in Port Elizabeth) provided that the full itinerary for each participant and their accompany persons are communicated to the LOC before Friday, 22 July 2016 (to Nina Joubert per email: nina@2016africanyouth.com).

Only those people who have provided such full itinerary will be permitted to receive free transportation from the airport to the official venue and back to the airport, on Monday, 29 August 2016.

13. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into South Africa, these can be obtained from the South African Embassy or Consulate Offices in the respective countries. The LOC will supply an official invitation to delegations that require it in order to facilitate applications for those coming from countries that need special invitations.

Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas, the intending traveller should urgently contact the LOC for assistance, either by phone or email, in this regard - the LOC contact person being Nina Joubert (+27 (0)82 686 9842 or nina@2016africanyouth.com).

It is advisable that travellers carry the invitation letter and visa documents while travelling.

14. ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACT DETAILS

Physical address

13 McLean Road
Mill Park
Port Elizabeth
South Africa 6001

Contact person and details

Nina Joubert

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Fax (international): +27 (0)41 373 4323

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LOC Members

1. Dr Brian van Zyl (convenor) - FIDE Events Commission
2. Ms Nina Joubert - FIDE Events Commission
3. Mr Winston Dalpat - CHESSA Vice-President

15. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon Central African Republic, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.