



2017 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, 2 December to Sunday, 10 December 2017

Golden Tulip Zoser Pyramids Hotel, Giza - EGYPT

INVITATION

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Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), Egyptian Chess Federation (ECF) has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2017 African Youth Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at **Golden Tulip Zoser Pyramids** Hotel, 252 Pyramids road, Giza, Egypt from Saturday, 2 December 2017 (official arrival date), to Sunday, 10 December 2017 (official departure date).

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Age group categories

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited in the Open and Girls Sections:

- Under 8 - players born on or after January 1, 2009
- Under 10 - players born on or after January 1, 2007
- Under 12 - players born on or after January 1, 2005
- Under 14 - players born on or after January 1, 2003
- Under 16 - players born on or after January 1, 2001
- Under 18 - players born on or after January 1, 1999

2.2 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2017 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 the payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and all FIDE/ACC Entry Fees.

The host federation 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 federation, 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 organizing federation 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 organizing federation by each Federation by no later than Saturday, **11 November 2017**. A copy of each passport (for each non-Egyptian citizen), and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all people, must also be sent to the ECF by such date.
- 3.3 Duly completed registration forms must be emailed to the ECF for the attention of IA Hassan Khaled on haskh@yahoo.com , egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com by no later than Saturday, **11 November 2017**.
- 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 Saturday, 2 Dec. 2017, as well as on the official departure date of Sunday, 10 Dec. 2017.
- 3.7 Entries received after Saturday, **11 November 2017**, will be subject to availability and at the discretion of the ECF. If accepted by the ECF, 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 ECF as indicated below.
- 3.9 Players will not be paired until all payments have been settled.
- 3.10 All travel expenses to and from Cairo airport, Egypt 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 venue is the **Golden Tulip Zoser Pyramids** Hotel, 252 Pyramids road Giza, Egypt (the official accommodation and playing venue).
- 4.2 Board and lodging will be provided by the ECF at the hotel.
- 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 ECF.
- 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 Saturday, 2 Dec. 2017, on the basis of three players sharing a room.
- 4.5 All officials, accompanying persons and additional players from participating federations will lodge at **50 Euro** per person per day (two persons sharing) or **68 Euro** per person per day (single room). These rates include full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). This is a 4-star rated hotel.
- 4.6 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid in full to the ECF before Saturday, 11 November 2017, 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 haskh@yahoo.com , egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com, before Saturday, 11 November 2017.
- 4.8 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before Saturday, 2 Dec. 2017, or depart after Sunday, 10 Dec. 2017, will be expected to pay for the extra nights of their own accommodation.
- 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 IA Hassan Khaled haskh@yahoo.com , egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com

5. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

All payments should be remitted to the following bank account of the ECF:

Bank Name : BANQUE MISR
Branch Name : Cairo
Branch number : 101
SWIFT CODE : BMISEG CX10
Address : 151 Mohamed Faired str., Cairo – Egypt
Euro Account : 101/130/3446
Beneficiary name: Egyptian Chess Federation

Note: The total amount can also be converted to US\$, and sent to our Bank account, as above but to the US\$ account number: **101/120/36324**.

- 5.1 Proof of payment of any monies, indicating the required reference as indicated above, must be sent to haskh@yahoo.com , egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com before Saturday, 11 November 2017.
- 5.2 Proof of payment of any money must also be produced on Saturday, 2 Dec. 2017, upon arrival at the official venue.

6. **DEADLINE: Saturday, 11 November 2017**

Saturday, 4 November 2017, 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 ECF to receive the completed registration forms;
- 6.2 per 3.2 and 3.3 - the ECF 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 ECF;
- 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 ECF;
- 6.6 per 4.4, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 - payment of all accommodation AND proof of such payment to the ECF; and
- 6.7 per 12 - full travelling itinerary to be provided to the ECF, so that the ECF can make the necessary arrangements for picking people up at Cairo Airport 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 from 3 federations).

Draw offers are not permitted before the 30th 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) Median Buchholz (deduct the highest and the lowest Opponent), the highest number wins;
- (c) number of wins, the highest number wins; and
- (d) The younger in age

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) the younger in age

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 2018 World Youth Chess Championships.

8.3 Titles

The winners in each age group category will also be awarded **conditional** 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 2017 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 ECF.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee will consist of three members plus two reserves

The chairperson, 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
Saturday, 2 December 2017	From 11h00	Arrival
Sunday, 3 December 2017	11h00 - 12h30	Technical Meeting
	16h00 - 16h30	Opening Ceremony
	16h30 - 20h30	Round 1
Monday, 4 December 2017	10h00 - 14h00	Round 2
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 3
Tuesday, 5 December 2017	10h00 - 14h00	Round 4
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 5
Wednesday, 6 December 2017	Free day	
Thursday, 7 December 2017	10h00 - 14h00	Round 6
	17h00 - 21h00	Round 7
Friday, 8 December 2017	17h00 - 21h00	Round 8
Saturday, 9 December 2017	10h00 - 14h00	Round 9
	18h30 - 20h00	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Sunday, 10 December 2017	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 ECF will meet participants and accompanying persons at Cairo International Airport provided that the full itinerary for each participant and their

accompany persons are communicated to the ECF before Saturday, 4 Nov. 2017
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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 Sunday, 10 December 2017.

13. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Egypt, these can be obtained from the Egyptian Embassy or Consulate Offices in the respective countries. The ECF 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 ECF for assistance, by email, in this regard - haskh@yahoo.com , egyptian.chess.fed@gmail.com

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

14. ORGANISING Federation (ECF) CONTACT DETAILS

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15. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, 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