



INVITATION

2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships



**8th to 17th April 2017,
Gaborone, Botswana**

Dear Friends,

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Botswana Chess Federation has the honour of inviting African Zone 4.3 Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships. Details of the event are as follows;

1. 2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships

The event will comprise an Open Section and a Women's section.

The Championships will be held from April 8, 2017 (arrival) to April 17, 2017 (departure) in Gaborone, Botswana

2. Participants

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.3 region which are affiliated to FIDE.
- Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.
- The host federation reserves the right to field up to seven (7) players in each category and also hold a player in reserve; that can be registered if there are an odd number of participants.
- Subject to agreement with the organizers, the Continental President may allow additional participants for the tournament.

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 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)
- The games will be played using Digital Clocks; and pairings will be published on 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.
- Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

4. 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 of wins;
- c) Number of wins by black, the highest wins
- d) The highest rating

5. Title Awards

The winner in the Open Section will be awarded International Master (IM) title whilst the winner in the Women's Section will be awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title.

Other titles will be awarded depending on performance in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

6. Qualification for the 2017 FIDE World Cup

The 2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championship is a qualification event for the 2017 FIDE World Cup which will take place in Batumi, Georgia from September 1 to 25, 2017.

The winner of the Open Section will qualify to represent the African Continent at the 2017 FIDE World Cup.

7. Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of 1st round.

Table 1: Schedule of Tournament

Dates	Time	Activities
Saturday, 8 April	19:00 – 20:00hrs	Arrival Opening Ceremony
Sunday, 9 April	10:00 – 11:00 15:00 hrs	Technical Meeting 1 st Round
Monday, 10 April	10:00 hrs 17:00 hrs	2 nd Round 3 rd Round
Tuesday, 11 April	15.00 hrs	4 th Round
Wednesday, 12 April	ALL DAY	Free Day
Thursday, 12 April	10.00 hrs 17:00 hrs	5 th Round 6 th Round
Friday, 14 April	15:00hrs	7 th Round
Saturday, 15 April	15:00hrs	8 th Round
Sunday, 16 April	10:00hrs 18:00 hrs	9 th Round Awards and Closing ceremony
Monday, 17April		Departure

9. Chief Arbiter & Appeals Committee

The Chief Arbiter for the 2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

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 deposit of US\$ 100. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

10. Board and Lodging

- 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).
- All additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at Oasis Hotel with fees of **EURO50** per person per day (sharing) or **EURO70** per person per day (single room). This cost includes **3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)**.
- All payments related to boarding and lodging must be effected before the **DEADLINE DATE**, which will be **March 25, 2017**.
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **official arrival date** or depart after **official departure date** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days.
- Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for **One player in each category**.
- Important note: all payments must be made to the account of the Botswana Chess Federation as indicated in item 14. 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

11. 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 the Women Category and one in the Open category from each federation will be recognized as official players while all others will be additional players.

Fees must be paid to Botswana Chess Federation Account by the deadline date of **March 25, 2017.**

12. Accreditation

Each federation should send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **March 25, 2017.**

13. Registration Fees

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 Euros** and must be paid to the Botswana Chess Federation account before **March 25, 2017.**
- Payments may be made also upon arrival; provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players' fees remained unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- Only Federations can register players.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **100Euros.**
- 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 Botswana Chess Federation officials on or before **March 25, 2017** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:-
 - Free Transfer to and from **Sir Seretse Khama International Airport or the Gaborone Bus Rank** on the arrival and departure dates.
 - Free bottled water, coffee or tea and snacks during time of play for players are part of the all-inclusive package.

- Free Bulletins after each round for players and coaches.

14. Bank Details

Name: Botswana Chess Federation
Bank :Standard Chartered Bank
Branch: Mall Branch
Account Number : 0100151117600
CITY / COUNTRY: Gaborone, Botswana
Swiss Code :SCHBBWJX
Branch code:662167
ACCOUNT CURRENCY: BWP

15. Travel Arrangements

- All necessary travelling arrangements and costs to/from **Sir Seretse Khama International Airport** or **Gaborone Bus Rank** are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament.
- Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at **Sir Seretse Khama International Airport** or **Gaborone Bus Rank** provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer by **March 31, 2017**.

16. VISA

- For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Botswana, VISAS can be obtained from Botswana Embassies or Consulate Offices in your country.
- We will avail an official invitation to delegations that need a copy for VISA processing.

17. Deadline

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **March 25, 2017**. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 USD**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the rights to accept or reject any player.

19. Organizing Committee Contacts

1. Tournament Director : IA/ IO Vincent Masole

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4. Botswana Chess Federation Public Relations Director

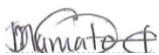
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20. Zone 4.3 Countries

- 1 Angola
- 2 Botswana
- 3 Comoros Islands
- 4 Democratic Republic of Congo
- 5 Lesotho
- 6 Madagascar
- 7 Malawi
- 8 Mauritius
- 9 Mozambique
- 10 Namibia
- 11 South Africa
- 12 Swaziland
- 13 Zambia
- 14 Zimbabwe

Yours Sincerely,



BOTSWANA CHESS FEDERATION PRESIDENT

Tshenolo Maruatona

2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships Registration Form

Federation name	
Contact Person	
Email	
Telephone	

Open Section:

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Women's Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Accompanying Persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the Botswana Chess Federation: bcf@ vinmasole@yahoo.com -
 ----- before March 25, 2017