



## **2017 ZONE 4.4 Individual Chess Championships**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

**Corina Hotel, Sinkor-Monrovia, Liberia**

# **INVITATION**

*Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Liberia Chess Federation has the honor of inviting Zone 4.4 Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2017 Zonal Chess Championships.*

## 1. **2017 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Liberia Chess Federation (LCF) has the honor of inviting all chess federations in Zone 4.4 that are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2017 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships.

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

The Championships will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 (arrival) to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017 (departure) at Corina Hotel in Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia.

## 2. **Participants**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.4 Individual Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.4 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 twelve (12) 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.
- 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.
- The 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 DGT clocks; and pairing will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com)
- The Swiss Manager Administration and Pairing Programme 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- d) Number of wins by black, the highest wins

e) The highest rating

## 5. **Title Awards**

The winner in the Open Section will be awarded the 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 in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

## 6. **Prizes**

### **Open Section**

Winner: US\$ 1,000  
Second Place: US\$ 750  
Third Place: US\$ 500  
Fourth Place: US\$ 300  
Fifth Place: US\$ 200

### **Women Section**

Winner: US\$ 600  
Second Place: US\$ 400  
Third Place: US\$ 200

## 7. **Qualification for the 2017 FIDE World Cup**

The 2017 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships is a qualification event for 2017 FIDE World Cup.

The Winner in the Open Section will qualify to represent the African Continent at the 2017 FIDE World Cup in Batumi, Georgia..

## 8. **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 1<sup>st</sup> round.

**Table 1: Schedule of Tournament**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday</b>	18:00 19:00	Arrival Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday</b>	10:00 18:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Round 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday</b>	18:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March, Friday</b>	18:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Round
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday</b>	18:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Round
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday</b>	18:00	6 <sup>th</sup> Round
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March, Monday</b>	18:00	7 <sup>th</sup> Round
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March, Tuesday</b>	18:00	8 <sup>th</sup> Round
<b>22<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday</b>	10:00 19:00	9 <sup>th</sup> Round Closing Ceremony
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March, Thursday</b>		Departure

## 9. Chief Arbiter & Appeals Committee

The Chief Arbiter for the 2017 Zone 4.4 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.

Protests 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

## 10. Board and Lodging

- All players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at **USD 55.00 per person per day (sharing)** in the Old Corina Building), **USD 65 per person per day (sharing)** in the New Corina Building. Other rates will be **USD 92.00 per person per day (single room)** in the Old Corina Building and **USD 114.00 per person per day (single)** in the New Corina Building. These indicated costs include 3 meals per day (breakfast, Lunch, and Supper).  
**Note:** (The two buildings are adjacent to each other).
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017** which will be the deadline.  
Participants and officials needing to make payment on arrival must make a formal specific request to the Organizers.
- If payments are not received before the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 or depart after 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue, Corina Hotel.
- 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 Liberia Chess Federation as indicated in item 11.

## 9. FIDE Fees

- In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry fee of **70 Euros** is required for each player.
- Federations are expected to pay entry fees for all their players and the fees must be paid directly to FIDE. Players whose fees will not have been paid will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.

## **10. Registration Fees:**

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 Euros** and must be paid into Liberia Chess Federation account before **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**.
- 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 in the tournament.
- Only Federations can register players.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **100 Euros**.
- 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 Liberia Chess Federation officials on or before **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:-
  - Free Transfer (to and from) Robert International Airport on arrival and departure.
  - Shuttle to various places in the city depending on the *Shuttle schedule*.

## **11. Bank Details**

**Account Title:** LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION

**Account Number:** 0011034724512901

**SWIFT Code:** ECOCLRLMA

**Currency:** USD

**Beneficiary Address:** FRONT STREET, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

**Bank Name:** ECOBANK LIBERIA LIMITED

**Bank Address:** RANDALL & ASHMUN  
STREETS, MONROVIA, LIBERIA

*(For all payments do send **proof** of payment, with reference of Zone 4.4, your Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered)*

## **12. Travel Arrangements**

- All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Robert 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 Robert International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance, (*not later than 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017*).

## **13. Visas**

Visas for none ECOWAS countries will be paid for by the organizing committee. Participant of said countries will have to send their Data page of passport three weeks before arrival for processing

## **14. Local Currency**

The local currency is Liberian Dollar. Current Exchange Rate is 1Euro for 99 Liberian Dollar.

## **15. Deadline**

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 Euros**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to accept or reject any player.
- **Players who arrive unannounced will cover all their costs.**

## **16. Organizers Contacts**

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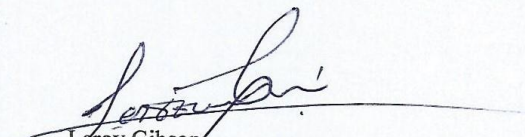
**17. Zone 4.4 Countries**

**Countries affiliated to FIDE Zone 4.4 are:**

1. BURKINA FASO
2. CAMEROON
3. CAPE VERDE
4. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
5. COTE D'IVOIRE
6. GABON
7. GAMBIA
8. GHANA
9. NIGERIA
10. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
11. SIERRA LEONE
12. TOGO
13. LIBERIA

We look forward to hosting all of you in our historic country for a feast of exciting chess games.

Yours Sincerely,  
**LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION**

  
Leroy Gibson  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

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REGISTRATION FORM**

Federation name	
Contact person	
Email	
Telephone	

**Open Section**

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

**Women Section**

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

**Accompanying persons**

Surname	Name	Designation

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