



**2017 African Amateur  
Individual Chess  
Championships**

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**to**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**New Fairmount Hotel**

**Livingstone, Zambia**

**INVITATION**

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## 1. INVITATION

Under the Patronage of the National Sports Council of Zambia, the African Chess Confederation has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE), to participate in the **2017 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**, to be held at the New Fairmount Hotel, Livingstone, Zambia, from **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (arrival) to March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Departure)**.

## 2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2017 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, 2017.

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

2.3 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, 2017.

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

2.4 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, 2017.

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

2.5 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, 2017.

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 Federations will be allowed to enter unlimited number of players in each category provided full payment of the required fees is observed.

### **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 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);
- 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:

1st Prize: US\$ 500  
2nd Prize: US\$ 350  
3rd Prize: US\$ 250

#### Women Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 300  
2nd Prize: US\$ 200  
3rd Prize: US\$ 100

### Under 2000

#### Open Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 400  
2nd Prize: US\$ 250  
3rd Prize: US\$ 150

#### Women Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 250  
2nd Prize: US\$ 150  
3rd Prize: US\$ 100

### Under 1700

#### Open Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 300  
2nd Prize: US\$ 200  
3rd Prize: US\$ 100

#### Women Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 200  
2nd Prize: US\$ 100  
3rd 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 EACH CATEGORY will also qualify by personal right to participate in the 2018 World Amateur Chess Championships in Cagliari-Sardegna in Italy from April 21 to 30, 2018 with free board and lodging in a shared double room (if they do not reach or exceed the category rating by the registration deadline).

This qualification by personal right is not transferable and therefore the winners' places cannot be substituted.

## 6. TITLES

Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations

## 7. 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.

DATE	Time	Activities
Saturday, February 24, 2018	14.00 Hrs.	Arrival of Participants
Sunday, February 25, 2018	10.00 Hrs.	Technical Meeting
	14.00 Hrs.	Opening Ceremony
	15.00 Hrs.	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
Monday, February 26, 2018	9.00 Hrs.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round
	15.00 Hrs.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	9.00 Hrs.	4 <sup>th</sup> Round
	15.00 Hrs.	5 <sup>th</sup> Round
Wednesday, February 28, 2018		Free Day and Sightseeing
Thursday, March 1, 2018	15.00 Hrs.	6 <sup>th</sup> Round
Friday, March 2, 2018	9.00 Hrs.	7 <sup>th</sup> Round
	15.00 Hrs.	8 <sup>th</sup> Round
Saturday, March 3, 2018	9.00 Hrs.	9 <sup>th</sup> Round
	17.00 Hrs.	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Sunday, March 4, 2018	10.00 Hrs.	Departure

## 8. ARBITRATION TEAM

The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters for the 2017 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

## 9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee and 2 members will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

The 2 reserves will be chosen from among the officials of 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.

## 10. BOARD AND LODGING

Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each section of each rating category at the official accommodation venue of the New Fairmount Hotel;

- Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will be able to lodge at the official accommodation venue of the New Fairmount Hotel at a rate of **US\$ 45 per person per day (sharing in a twin room)** or **US\$ 60 per person per day (single occupancy in a single room)**. This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper);
- Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations opting to lodge away from the official accommodation venue of the New Fairmount Hotel will be required to pay a **Venue Access Fee of US\$ 20 per person in addition to the indicated other required Registration and FIDE Fees**
- All payments related to board and lodging must be concluded before the February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers);
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 or depart after March 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue;
- All payments must be made either to the account of the National Sports Council of Zambia 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.

## 11. FIDE FEES

In accordance with FIDE regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay FIDE fees of **€40 per player**.

Fees must be paid into National Sports Council of Zambia Account by February 17th 2018.

## 12. REGISTRATION FEES

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is €60 and must be paid into the National Sports Council of Zambia Account by February 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be €60;
- 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 Local Organising Committee officials on or before February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport on arrival and departure.

## 13. BANK DETAILS

**Account Name:** National Sports Council of Zambia

**Bank Name:** ZANACO

**Branch Name:** Acacia Park

**Branch Code:** 086

**Account Number:** 1555096400149

**SWIFT Code:** ZNCOZMLU

## 14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMW).

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 9.94 ZMW; 1 Euro = 11.56 ZMW

**15. ACCREDITATION**

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport in Livingstone are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament;

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Harry Mwaanga International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**17. VISAS**

For participants requiring visas to enter Zambia, these can be obtained in the following manner:

- i. these can be obtained from the Zambian Embassies or Consulate Offices in the respective countries
- ii. visa applications can also be made online utilizing the following internet links:  
<http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/> and  
<http://evisa.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm>
- iii. Visas will be issued upon arrival at Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport for participants whose port of entry is Livingstone and Kenneth Kaunda International Airport for those entering Zambia.

The Local Organising Committee will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials applying for visas and for presentation upon arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

**18. DEADLINE DATE**

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organising Committee not later than February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This date is the registration deadline.



## 19. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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We look forward to welcoming you to the home of one of the Seven Wonders of the World;  
the Victoria Falls!!

Yours Sincerely,

**LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE**



IA Chanda Nsakanya

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**



Under 1700 Open Section


Under 1700 Women's Section


Accompanying Persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the Tournament Director: [chandaboydnsakanya@gmail.com](mailto:chandaboydnsakanya@gmail.com) before **February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**